

Hill County Board of Health (HCBOH)
Friday April 3rd, 2020
GoToMeeting
1:00 pm

Present

Members:

Mark Peterson
Mike Wendland
Erica McKeon-Hanson
Kristi Kline

Advisors

Jessica Sheehy
Megan Wilkie
Nicole Hungerford
Karen Alley
Kim Larson
Clay Vincent
Will Loret
Bridget Kallenberger

Recorder:

Cortney Detrick

Absent:

Christen Obresley
Diane McLean

Public:

Brittany Pfeifer
400
No name
No name
Barbara
BCR
BK
Caller 07
Caller 10
Caller 11
Caller 12

Caller 13
Caller 15
Caller 16
Caller 17
Caller 18
Caller 20
Caller 21
Caller 22
Caller 23
Charlie Steinmetz
Craig Tilleman
Desiree Norden
Diona Buck
Gal Phillips
Jamie Ross
Janet Runnion
Jessica Kennedy-Stiffarm
Jim
Jody Hellegaard
Julie Miller
Karla Geda
Kyndra Hall
Julianne LaSmith
Lauren Bunton
News Production
Rachel
Sandra Friede
Stan Martin
Tammy Barkus

Kim L. discussed the current Governor's Directive that Hill County is following and is in effect until April 10th. As the Health Department is closed to the public, she and her staff have been communicating with local businesses through phone calls and emails. She highlighted links to CoVid-19 information are available on their website and Facebook pages.

Kim also discussed a National Guard staff member is in town, under Governor's Directive, and will be screening passengers getting off Amtrak at Havre station.

Karen A. discussed the health directives are a learning curve for everyone and has been very appreciative of the public's patience and compliance.

Jessica S. reported that Montana has 243 cases (last week 108) and 5 deaths. Hill County still has only 1 case reported. Currently in Hill County, 24 tests have been completed and 2 tests are pending. Trying to be diligent on following testing protocol, not everyone is being tested.

Rocky Boy has their own test kits.

Kim reported that federal funding through PHEP grant would be available throughout the next year for Counties dealing with CoVid-19 response.

Question from Public: “Rocky Boy’s Reservation has checkpoint stops at all of their entrances and only allowing tribal members to enter. There are some tribal members from out of state (Washington) coming back to MT reservation. Is Hill County conducting checkpoints at County Lines?” Karen A. replied that Hill County was not stopping or conducting any check points. Jessica S. stated that the National Guard staff’s presence in Hill County was to assist with aide and be ambassadors of Public Health. They are not armed, nor going to forcibly have people comply with questions and temperature readings.

Kim reported that she is communicating with county “snowbirds” as they come back to the area through HCHD Facebook and other information.

Next GoToMeeting is scheduled for April 10th at 1pm