

Hill County Board of Health (HCBOH)
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Health Department Meeting Room
Noon – 1:30pm

Present

Members:

Diane McLean
Mark Peterson
Mike Wendland
Erica McKeon-Hanson
Kristi Kline

Advisors

Megan Wilkie
Sadie Johnson
Nicole Hungerford
Karen Alley
Kim Larson
Dave Sheppard
Clay Vincent
Jessica Sheehy

Recorder:

Cortney Detrick

Public

Absent

Members:

Advisors

Karrie Lien
Bridget Kallenberger
Christen Obresley

Chairman Mike Wendland opened the meeting at 12:07 pm

Minutes from April 17, 2019 were reviewed. Mark Peterson motioned to approve minutes, Diane seconded, minutes approved.

Old Business:

Follow up on July 24th table top on Board of Health Training detailed good feedback and turnout.

New Business:

2019 Toxic Algae bloom – Beaver Creek Reservoir – Discussion on possible ways to test the nutrients in the water. Water testing at MSU- Northern College was also discussed along with improving communication for health concerns.

Jay Schuschke reported on the upcoming ban on E-cigarettes/Vaping devices.

Compliance has been high, haven't had too many problems. Citizens' complaints go to Jay Schuschke and are followed up with Clay Vincent. Once online system is up and running, public can go online to

file a complaint. Press release 1st death in Montana who was a teenager. Will assist the county with the information, when it comes available. State will release press releases. Kim will be putting out information on how to make a complaint. Not expecting local health officials to be the informant on customers complaints that are filed.

Question on Service Dogs in retail stores (one person had 2 in Walmart). Clay reported that those identified animals are OK to be there.

Question on area Food truck inspection schedule. Clay reported a good relationship with staff, regular inspections conducted and all must have a license.

Reported that Sadie has resigned as Sanitarian. Clay is filling in as interim. It was discussed that an updated Health Board flow chart should be developed and reflect how the lead local health official and Sanitarian will work together in the future.

Department Reports:

Health and Immunization:

Kim Larson reported the Health Department van was in the Festival Day's parade. The Health Department's Fall Wellness fair was held October 1, with 105 attending. Future health fairs are up in the air since Western Health Screening is retiring their services. Will reach out to MACo and others around our community for ideas. We have a PAT (Parent as Teachers) program job opening, HIV/EIS (Early Intervention services) testing events are scheduled with Harlem and Hays/Lodgepole. We have a new partnerships with the Hill County jail offering HIV, HepC testing along with immunizations HepA, HepB, Flu and Tdap. No influenza cases in Hill County yet, two confirmed in Yellowstone County.

Family Planning: Megan Wilkie was introduced as the new Family Planning Coordinator

WIC: Nicole Hungerford reported that Montana WIC numbers have decreased, but Hill County numbers have stayed the same.

Environmental Health:

Communicable Disease & Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

No report - Bridget Kallenberger was absent

DES:

Dave Sheppard reported on a couple of planning exercises with NorthWestern Energy and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). The BOR exercise included a review of the Emergency Response plan for Fresno Reservoir and included discussion of various agency roles and expectations during an emergency. Agencies represented included, National Weather Service, BOR, Army Corp of Engineers, local law enforcement, EMS and various state departments.

Dave is working on the Safety of Dams project. Nothing is finalized yet, but he does not expect a draw down to occur. Work will start in 2020 on proposed 2-year Fresno Road project. Kristi Kline discussed that municipalities (including the City of Havre) are required by a new EPA rule to update their Emergency Response Plans by December 2021. These ERP plans need to be coordinated with local DES and local LEPCs and should dove-tail into any County ERP plans. As the City of Havre's public water source is the Milk River, coordination with the recent updates on the Fresno Dam ERP will be important tool to update the City's ERP plan.

Public comment -None heard

Chairman Mike Wendland adjourned meeting at 1:18 pm
Meeting adjourned