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ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 23, 2019

Anaconda Community Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Present: Karen Kunz (BOH), Derek O'Brien (BOH), Audrey Mattson (BOH), Chad Lanes (ADLC Sanitarian), Angie Galetti (BOH), Megan Rediske (BOH), Mike Huotte (ADLC Commission), William Reiter (BOH)

Absent: Mandy Boyer (BOH), Becky Clark (BOH)

Excused: Nilda Zacher (BOH)

Guests: Debbie Robinson (ADLC Public Health), Deb Colbert (ALDC Public Health), Melissa Roseleip (ADLC Public Health), Tammi Martin (ADLC Public Health)

1. Meeting called to order - *Karen Kunz called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm*
2. Public comment for any agenda items - *No public comment*
3. Board of Health Business
 - A. Approval of minutes from March 28, 2019 - *Motion to approve by Dr. Reiter seconded by Audrey Mattson*
 - B. Review MT Code Annotated, 2015 - *Karen Kunz provided a superficial overview of the role of the Board of Health in ADLC, indicated the State is interested in visiting Anaconda to provide training to board members*
 - C. Brief discussion on need for Board of Health to appoint Medical Officer - *Dr. Reiter is a potential candidate for this role as he currently serves as medical advisor to the board*
4. Sanitarian Update
 - D. *Karen Kunz provided a report from the state of Montana the indicated we did not complete all of the required inspections for last year*
 - E. *Chad Lanes stated he was aware of the situation, this was due to changes in staffing and training requirements of last year. He indicated that we are on track to complete all inspections for 2019; with 40-50% already complete*
 - F. *Angie Galetti asked for a commitment the Sanitarians office to have someone from that department attend all/most of the future board meetings, which Chad indicated they would be willing and able to oblige*
5. Public Health Department Update
 - G. *Karen Kunz notified the board that the current Director of ADLC Public Health has taken an indefinite leave of absence*
 - H. *Staff from ADLC Public Health discussed some concerns with their department, notably a lack of leadership and accountability, inadequate RN staffing, potential HIPAA violations, incomplete and inaccurate record keeping, and other general unprofessional behavior*

- 1. It was noted by Dr. Reiter that all future concerns of this nature should be well documented*
- I. Deb Robinson reported that during this absence, ADLC Public Health is still moving forward on Opiate mini grant with Dr. Reiter, the Butte Silver Bow Health Department has offered to take over management of the Parents as Teachers program, will continue to complete lead testing, and the Family Planning office may be willing/able to take over car seat installations*
- J. Staff from ADLC Public Health discussed how they are still working with other counties on emergency preparedness programs, but noted there has not been any training of this sort offered by ADLC in recent years*
- K. Board of Health members and ADLC Public Health staff discussed the potential for restructuring ADLC Public Health moving forward, Megan Rediske noted that Nursing students at MT Tech have done research on the most effective models for the delivery of Public Health and this data would be available to the board upon request, Karen emphasized the Board of Health should have a role in future structuring and hiring at ADLC Public Health*
- L. 2020 Grants - Deb Robinson is working to prepare the grants for next year, but indicated this will be due to poor record keeping over last year, Melissa Roseleip has been helping to collect and organize the 2019 records, Deb Robinson also indicated the state may be willing to help provide data from previous years*
- M. Deb Robinson informed the board that there has been a chicken pox outbreak at the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge and ADLC Public Health may need to assist in vaccinating prison staff*
- N. Mike Huotte stated that he is continuing to work on a new ordinance for ADLC, more clearly defining the role and by laws of the Board of Health, he also discussed the possibility of collaborating with neighboring health departments to help with the staffing, particularly RN, shortage at ADLC Public Health*
- O. General discussion on progress and spending for current grants, Fiscal Report prepared and provided by Artha Whealon of the ADLC Clerk and Records office*
- 6. Public Comment - No public comment**
- 7. Meeting Adjournment - Meeting ended at 6:35 PM**