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**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County  
Board of Health Meeting Agenda**

Thursday May 28, 2020 at 5 pm

Board Members - Anaconda Community Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room  
conference call for public- phone number: 425-436-6356 access code 204098

**Present:** Karan Kunz (BOH), Rebecca Clark (BOH), Angie Galetti (BOH), Tami Martin (BOH), Leigh Ann Holmes (Public Health Director), Chad Lanes (Sanitation), Mike Huotte (ADLC Commission)

**Absent:** Megan Rediske (BOH)

We had a quorum at the beginning of the meeting.

Angie made a motion to approve the last 3 months of minutes with the corrections amended. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The minutes for the past 3 months were approved unanimously.

Leigh Ann to be appointed through 2020 was suggested by Mike H. Karan agreed. Motion to appoint Leigh Ann as the interim Health Officer through end of 2020. Tami made motion and Becky 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Heide Applegate appointment was made through fiscal year. Leigh Ann will talk to her about continuing as the Medical Advisor.

A discussion occurred that Heide could perhaps do both Medical Advisor and Health Officer. Karan see Heide as an asset to the health department. Leigh Ann reported everyone is very busy right now. Leigh Ann will negotiate Heide continuing after fiscal year. Heide is in place, department has her order and is on insurance.

Karan will reach out to Dr. Cromwell to see if he would be interested in being on the board. It would be beneficial to have a dentist.

PHD Update – COVID – We have no active cases. Have only had 3 and they are all resolved. 222 tested with State Lab and 113 at the hospital for a total of 335 and all were negative with exception of the 3.

Community COVID meetings are now biweekly. Community working well knowing what to do. The tent is still up at the hospital but not being used. Linda Best is continuing to work for the health department at \$35 an hour. Her pay will be reimbursed by FEMA. Nursing homes have testing. New Horizons is waiting for results. Nursing home opted out. Governor is not letting up on the visitors. Job Corp is operating on a skeleton crew. Day cares are now open. PPE was received – State & Federal. Phone or video options for programs in the department. Family Planning is open for STD testing and birth control. Working to increase telehealth services. iPad & camera was provided by the State.

BH grant received 2021 \$80,000 for Deer Lodge and Granite Counties. Mental Health coordinator, crisis respond team, training and telehealth.

Have access to ACES training and Granite has some free trainings available.

Leigh Ann and Deb R only in the department with ACES training. Leigh Ann believes everyone working in the public should have the training. Leigh Ann gave an overview of ACES and the impact on health.

Staffing update: Tobacco Prevention – had an excellent applicant and they hired that person. They start June 8, 2020. Has been in Anaconda since 1996 and from Philipsburg. Have a health degree.

Department is making headway with Powell nurse.

Request to hire 1 more nurse, LPN. Leigh Ann has had conversations with Deb R about what she would like to continue to do and what to give to the LPN. Deb would let go of WIC and the LPN could help with vaccines.

Granite County contract – They love Deb R. Deb will get set up there and put in 15 hours wherever there is need thru end of fiscal year. Hospital place for PH is not appropriate but they are willing to work with Deb to get an appropriate office.

Angie left at 5:31 and we no longer had a quorum.

Behavioral health grant discussion.

CARES Act funding \$54,000 is conditionally approved. Purchasing a vehicle. Will be able to use for immunizations. They purchased a cooler to carry immunizations.

Granite County 20/21 – 20 hours a week for Granite oversight.

Staff are good and happy. Working on budgets would like to offer pay to Health Officer and Medical Advisor.

Set goals & objectives with Bill to continue to improve the department

Chad reporting – Discussion on sanitation department reporting quarterly. Chad stated he would like to report on a quarterly basis that coincides with the fiscal year budget.

Chad continuing to report - FYI to Leigh Ann update on Lucky Lils. Follow up from gaming. PHD is working closely and cooperative with sanitation. They are taking appropriate cleaning and distancing measures. Gaming had concern about how one machine was separating 2 chairs. Chad did not have concern because of the facing of the chairs.

Noticed a lot of places have done deep cleaning during closure.

Karan brought to Chad's attention Washoe Park restrooms are closed and there are a lot of people at the park. Suggested to open with a "use at your own risk" sign. Being closed is another sanitation problem.

Chad now has an office in Granite County.

Budget is in good shape and not looking to make a change.

Karan commented that bringing in revenue makes the department sustainable and having Deb R in the tri county area is beneficial.

Meeting ended at 5:57.

The next Board of Health Meeting will be on Thursday June 25, 2020 at 5:00 in Anaconda Community Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room. People may use the conference call phone number to access the meeting remotely (phone number: 425-436-6356 access code 204098)

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