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

Monday June 28, 2021 at 5 pm

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98296481165>

Anaconda Community Center, 3rd floor conference room

Present: Karan Kunz (BOH), Megan Rediske (BOH), Tami Martin (BOH), Angie Galetti (BOH), Mike Huotte (ADLC Commission), Kathy Russell (BOH on zoom)

Absent: Dr. Bridgette Baker (BOH)

Guests: Amanda Bohrer (ADLC Public Health Department – on zoom)

1. Called to order with quorum at 5:07
2. Approval of March 25, 2021 and May 27, 2021 meeting minutes
 - a. Megan pointed out typo errors in both March and May's minutes, including the word agenda instead of minutes at the top
 - b. For both March and May's minutes, Tami made a motion to accept them with Megan's typo changes. Angie seconded. There was no discussion, and it was unanimously approved.
3. Health Officer
 - a. Karan discussed that Leigh Ann was appointed for a year as the Health Officer in April 2020. Her position needs to be renewed, but the Board of Health didn't have a quorum to approve it. Karan wanted the board to go around and share their thoughts on renewing Leigh Ann's Health Officer appointment.
 - i. Karan stated was nice to have someone who interfaces and communicates well during the COVID response
 - ii. Tami asked if it was a conflict with the Director of the Public Health department being the HO. Karan answered those similar counties follow this model. Megan added that this conflict was looked into when Leigh Ann was first approved, and there was no conflict found.
 - iii. Mike stated Leigh Ann is doing a good job and stated yes to her reappointment.
 - iv. Angie asked if anyone else has expressed interest in the position. No one stated that they know of anyone. Angie discussed the benefits of having someone else do it, like less work for Leigh Ann. She also stated that Leigh Ann is doing a good job.
 1. Karan followed up about the getting payment for the Health Officer in the future. She said the board missed the last budget cycle to get this item in, but she will look into it in future budgets.
 - v. Kathy stated she had no opposition.
 - b. Megan made a motion to reappoint Leigh Ann Holmes as the Health Officer for another year. The board will reevaluate the position in July 2022. Mike seconded. There was no discussion, and it was unanimously approved.
4. Local Advisory Council on Mental Health discussion/approval

- a. Megan and Karan gave an overview of what the LAC is and discussed that the previous group had trouble finding membership because of the county 2-730 ordinance. The county ordinance is very specific on who can be on the committee. Megan stated that Leigh Ann and other stakeholders are supportive or reforming this group as a non-county committee.
- b. Tami stated it would be great to get this group back as it has been needed for a long time.
- c. Megan asked the group input on if they would like to look into it being a Tri-County board. Megan has learned that Granite County is reforming theirs. Amanda stated that Powell County has a need, but does not have a LAC. There might be interest in a Tri-County one.
- d. Megan asked if the BOH wanted to require board membership and how the group would report to the BOH. It was discussed and decided that Megan would be on both boards informally and report back to the BOH in the initial stages of LAC development.
- e. Angie asked about formal LAC membership requirements. Megan reported that the only requirement for membership is that 51 % of the LAC members have to have lived experience in mental health concerns or be family members of those with mental health concerns.
- f. Megan gave an overview of the LAC network and how AMDD is going to increase mental health funds to these groups in the coming years to address the mental health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- g. A discussion occurred over what items needed to be addressed in order to reform this group.
 - i. The local ordinance currently has to be reviewed and repealed if necessary. There is currently a PLAC ordinance that decides membership in a county board, but from a lot of people feedback that is not what the group wants.
 - ii. Megan will be a member of both groups and report back to the board on the groups progress.
 - iii. Megan will meet with stakeholders, beginning with Leigh Ann Holmes, in recruiting membership and developing a charter draft to bring back to the board.
 - iv. Mike will follow up with the county attorney to see if the development of the LAC outside of county government is against our county ordinances.
- h. Megan made a motion to approve going forward with the development of a Local Advisory Council on Mental Health with the above actions (g i. – iv.), Angie seconded. There was no further discussion, and it was unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 5:35

The next Board of Health meeting will be on Thursday August 26th at 5 pm at the Anaconda Community Center, 3rd floor conference room. This meeting will be the DPHHS BOH training.