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ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 22, 2019

Anaconda Community Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Present: Karen Kunz (BOH), Angie Galetti (BOH), Megan Rediske (BOH), Mike Huotte (ADLC Commission)

Absent: Becky Clark (BOH), Audrey Mattson (BOH), Derek O'Brien (BOH)

Guests: Debbie Robinson (ADLC Public Health), Deb Colbert (ALDC Public Health), Melissa Roseleip (ADLC Public Health), Tammi Martin (ADLC Public Health), L. Reed (Public), Bill Everett (ADLC)

1. Call to order at 5:05
2. Karen Kunz requested current board members consider accepting position as board secretary.
3. Bill Everett, ADLC CEO, addressed board on current plans for restructuring the Department of Public Health.
 - a. Mr. Everett expressed that previously oversight of this office has fallen under the CEO and his feeling that this arrangement is not really in the best interest of the CEO or the Health Department. He went to explain that along with Karen Kunz, he has put together an executive committee that will be tasked with deciding on the new model for the ADLC Public Health Department. This committee shall include representatives from the Montana Department of Health and Human Services, Commission members from ADLC, staff from the Anaconda Public Health Department, Karen Kunz from the ADLC Board of Health, and Karen Sullivan from the BSB Board of Health. Mr. Everett also stated that they would like to reconsider the location and goals of the ADLC Public Health Department. Although the department is committed to all the grants they have accepted for this year, moving forward he would like to see more limited services with improved delivery, starting smaller and building up. He added that as the ADLC commission develops more confidence in the ADLC Public Health Department, more funding should become available to help with growth.
 - b. Megan Rediske, ADLC BOH member, inquired as to the role of the ADLC BOH in these changes and how board members can expect to get updates throughout the discussions. Karen Kunz explained through her role on the new executive committee she and Commissioner Mike Huotte will report back to the board.
 - c. Deb Colbert, ADLC Public Health Department staff, expressed concern on the ability of the Public Health Department to deliver on current grants until restructuring is complete and resources are increased. Bill Everett explained that

the goal is to have restructuring complete within about 8 weeks and encouraged Ms. Colbert to address this issue at the upcoming executive committee meeting.

- d. Karen Kunz asked for public comment on this topic.
4. ADLC Public Health Department Report
 - a. Melissa Roseleip, ADLC Public Health Department staff, reported recent surveys have shown an increase in the number of school-aged children who have tried e-cigarettes. They are working on a public speaker to address students on this issue.
 - b. Deb Colbert, ADLC Public Health Department staff, reported the department is struggling to keep up with the demands of asthma and WIC grants due to staff shortage.
5. ADLC Sanitarian Department Report
 - a. Deb Roberts, ADLC Public Health Department staff, reported they had received notification our county failed an Emergency Preparedness check by the state.
 - b. Megan Rediske, ADLC BOH member, noted that the Sanitarian reports used given to the ADLC BOH in previous years had been so helpful and easy read.
 - c. No one available from the Sanitarian Department available for comment.
6. Public Comment
7. Meeting adjourned at 5:35