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Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 24, 2020 at 5 pm
Anaconda Community Center, 3rd floor conference room
conference call: 425-436-6356 access code 204098

Present: Karan Kunz (BOH), Rebecca Clark (BOH), Megan Rediske (BOH), Mike Huotte (ADLC Commission), Leigh Ann Holmes (Public Health Director), Chad Lanes (Sanitarian)

Absent: Angie Galetti (BOH), Tami Martin (BOH),

Guests: Melissa Roseleip (Public Health Department Staff), Dale Firman and Sue Gerchak

1. Quorum not met; meeting called to order by Karan Kunz at 5:05 pm
 - a. Could not approve August 27, 2020 minutes
2. Schedule upcoming meeting dates
 - a. October's meeting is still scheduled for October 29th
 - b. Similar to last year, Board decided to schedule one meeting for both November and December – meeting will be held on November 19, 2020 at 5 pm. In January 2021, meetings will resume to their regular rotation
3. Karan asked for Boards input with scheduling DPHHS BOH training
 - a. The training would help board members define where they fit. Also, they would be informed of other general activities boards of health do across the state. Training may help board define future goals.
 - b. Karan stated that the training is usually about an hour long and she would inquire about scheduling it for January's meeting
 - c. Board members provided positive feedback, and Karan will follow-up with scheduling it.
 - d. Karan also said she still wants to attend other counties board meetings to see how they are organized, also to look into the advisory vs regulatory role of other boards.
4. Karan requested that the Public Health and Environmental Department include their budgets in their October quarterly reports
5. Public Health Department (see attached full report)
 - a. WIC – they are considering staggering the appointments and programs to allow more in-person visits
 - b. School update – feedback is that the COVID response and plan is going well. Two pods at Lincoln and one pod at the High School have been quarantine, and the flip to online learning went well. For example, 10 kids were in quarantine instead of having to close down the whole school.

- c. The Public Health Department has provided a Letter of Support with Headstart. Headstart is looking into an Early Headstart grant where they would have programs for infants.
 - d. Drive-Thru Flu Vaccination is scheduled for Thursday October 1st, the department is really pushing the flu vaccine this year
 - e. State partners have been having Public Health Department prep for the COVID-19 vaccine, maybe available in November.
 - f. Karan asked if the Public Health Department is still working on a COVID hotline. Leigh Ann said they are still interested, but there are logistical concerns such as the phones.
6. Septic System Concern at Georgetown Lake
- a. Dale Firman and Sue Gerchak called in and had questions regarding a neighbor's septic system at Georgetown Lake. They had concerns about whether their neighbor's septic system had been installed correctly and is up to code.
 - b. Karan gave the background information of the concern from Chad Lanes. Chad was unsure of the exact time, but about 10 years ago, the home owners had applied for a variance from the BOH. They had worked with an engineer who developed a way for the septic system to be installed in the garage and still meet code. The BOH had approved the variance at that time.
 - c. Karan thanked Sue and Dale for bringing their concerns up, but because the variance had already been approved, there was nothing the current board could do.
7. Environmental Department Report (see attached full report)
- a. The department is continuing to work with new businesses such as a new daycare/pre-school on 3rd street.
 - b. A full inspection occurred at Headstart. Another one occurred at Job Corp as they maybe opening to students.
 - c. Mask Requirement update – Chad reported that the county is actually doing well. Also, complaints against people not using masks have gone down. It could be better compliance or the public's fatigue.
 - d. The department has been busy with development work.
8. Melissa Rosenleip announced that the BOH website is up.
9. Discussion occurred surrounding upcoming COVID planning and follow-up. Leigh Ann shared information regarding planning for events like Homecoming and Halloween.

The next Board of Health Meeting will be on October 29, 2020 at 5 pm in Anaconda Community Center, 3rd floor conference room.

ADLC Public Health Department Update
September 24, 2020

COVID-19 Update

At this time, we have 31 active cases of COVID-19 in Deer Lodge County with 28/31 in facilities (START).

- Community COVID-19 meetings continue to be held every other week due to less information to disseminate and fewer questions.
- Community Hospital of Anaconda is testing inpatient symptomatic individuals with the Abbott rapid test. All pre-op patients are tested and tests are being sent to LabCorp.
- ADLC Public Health is testing close contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- We have been testing travel patients, but will start referring to CHC.
- We continue to have a part time nurse at the contract wage of \$35/hour paid by DES fund.
- The long-term care facilities continue to restrict visitation.
- Nursing home is doing sentinel surveillance testing.
- Montana State Hospital is also doing surveillance testing and has confirmed cases on campus.
- START has had nearly 70 cases with the offender population. New transfer guidelines have been set up by DOC to prevent transfers from high risk areas.
- Childcare facilities are open and appear to be have enough openings to care for those in need.
- Job Corp remains without students at this time. They were planning to open but that has been postponed with a possible October opening date.
- Other programs (Asthma, PAT, WIC, Tobacco) continue. WIC is provided by phone except for new infants. Home visits have resumed.
- Family planning clinic is open.
- Masks are required at the health department.

Public Health Grants update

All grant deliverables have been met and all task orders/contracts have been signed or are in the process.

Breastfeeding Mini Grant – Montana Breastfeeds! Cut-Out Project – will be applying for this tomorrow.

Granite County Contract update

Contract approved to provide public health services to Granite county for FY 20-21. \$75, 597.60/year for 20 hours and grant oversight. Office space in Drummond and Philipsburg. Approved to provide PAT in Granite county; WIC pending.

Staffing update/plan

Debbie Robinson – Granite County public health lead, communicable disease reporting/investigations, WIC in Deer Lodge, Drummond and PBurg, Asthma

Deb Colbert – Office Manager, Immunization manager, WIC assistant

Robyn Grinolds – 10 hours PAT, 30 hours Mental Health Coordinator

Melissa Roseleip – 40 hours PHEP – Official now!

Jennifer Robinson – 40 hours Tobacco Prevention

Siddona Laughlin – Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (5-10 hours per week)

Kathy Leary – 20 hours PAT home visiting; scheduled for training in October

Leia Pate-Terry – 20 hours PAT home visiting; scheduled for training in October.

2 open positions –

- PT Tobacco – would like to fill in Deer Lodge now that we have office space there.
- WIC/Immunization Nurse - advertised

Miscellaneous

Funding is available for full time staff – PHEP with specific epi duties.

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September 23, 2020

To: ADLC Board of Health

From: Chad J. Lanes, Tri-County Sanitarian

Re: Environmental Health report

- Routine licensed establishment inspections are still on-hold besides pre-opening inspections for new businesses (there have been numerous transfers of ownership lately, and these require re-inspections). We are still giving guidance to our food establishments, doing on-line training, and working tightly with DPHHS/FCSS.
- We are still wrestling with the mask mandate, though complaint calls have dropped in the last month. Hard to say if that's because of better compliance or the public's fatigue. We still give guidance and training when necessary and appropriate.
- On-site wastewater development is still continuing at a rapid pace. We continue to get phone calls regarding septic system records, property inquiries, and site visits. We still have an influx of inquiries as well as site visits with new owners from around the country. With Fall in the air I expect the frenzied pace to increase as people realize the building window is rapidly closing. We are still just trying to keep up with the property inquiries.

