

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2019

Present: Jim Hodgskiss, Melissa Moyer, Austin Moyer, Randy Morris, and Elaine Sedlack.

Absent: Lin Wright, Barb Shaffer, Tim Sinton, and Ken Bassmann.

Guests: Lora Wier and Katie Adams.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Melissa Moyer in the Teton County Courthouse conference room.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Randy moved the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Jim and approved unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Teton County Public Health Program Updates:

Office of Public Assistance Updates: Katie reported OPA has opened an office in Choteau 2 days a month run by Ricki Werdahl and located in the courthouse basement. There is no phone so it is open to the public on a walk in basis from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. She is seeing 20 people a day. The office opened in October with a 6 month contract which will be re-evaluated at that time. Cut Bank has the same office schedule. People from Conrad are coming into the Choteau office for assistance. TCHD is still getting calls as is Paula at the courthouse. The hope is to reopen Headstart if the money can be found. There is a concern about taking money away from the Lutheran Church Preschool and local day cares but parents may not be able to afford those options. It was suggested we call our local state representative and senator to point out the need for Headstart. It was pointed out the Choteau Elementary School has seen an increase in children in the younger grades.

2020 Community Health Needs Assessment: Melissa reported that the health department will be working with Annie Olson of BTMC and Christine Gascon the local mental health advisory council representative on the Teton Cares Group to complete the community assessment. The LAC and the Teton Cares Group have merged as the Teton Cares Group moved more into mental health issues from strictly addictions issues. The health department will try to do this during regular work hours. They will begin with focus groups from February to April, add key informants in spring, and then stakeholders in May which would include the board of health. She also noted that the Power Schools have adopted the "Handle With Care" program which enables the school to be informed if a child has encountered a disturbing situation outside of school and

respond to support the child. Melissa also reported that the Montana Healthcare Association Grant will be over in January.

Flu Season Updates: Melissa reported Erin has been busy doing flu clinics around the county. There were 19 clinics and 1,005 flu shots were given at the clinics and office. Four of the clinics were done in conjunction with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield CAREVan which pays for the shots for people without insurance. There has been 1 case of influenza B in the county so far but nationally influenza is occurring earlier.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Updates: Melissa reported that Carli Neal will be beginning the next session of the diabetes prevention program in January which will meet on Tuesday evenings. There will also be a Chronic Disease Self-Management Course running for 6 weeks beginning in January. It will be taught by Jane Woolery of the County Extension Office, Dawn Baker from the Health Department and Timi Gilbreath. Melissa also said the temporary restriction on the ban on flavored e-cigarettes has been lifted so the governor is going ahead with the ban. There have been 5 cases of lung injuries and 1 death in Montana associated with e-cigarettes. There is a high rate of use of flavored e-cigarettes among youth.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Lora presented 2 plans which have been updated.

HAN (Health Alert Network): Lora reviewed the updates to Appendixes B and C.

Emergency Medical Countermeasures Plan: Lora reviewed the plan and said they participated in a statewide exercise in October for a closed POD.

Environmental Health and Sanitation Updates:

Cooperative Agreement with DPHHS: Austin said the yearly agreement with the state has to be approved in order for the board of health to be paid for inspections he does. He has opted out of the body art business inspections and plan review. There are currently no body art establishments in Teton County. He has also opted out of the peer to peer inspection training as he feels he is not ready for that yet. He has opted in on pools inspections. He does the year round pools (Stage Stop Inn) twice a year and the seasonal pools once a year. He also will be working jointly with the state on applications and labeling on wholesale foods. Elaine moved that the cooperative agreement as presented be approved. Jim seconded the motion. With Ken Bassmann approving by phone the motion passed unanimously.

Inspections: Austin reported the Faster Bassett in Fairfield and the Copper Creek Coffee Shop in Choteau did well on their inspections. The Golden Harvest in Dutton has a new manager. The Bynum Bar is being sold. John Henry's has new management and will likely be sold to the new managers. Rex's has been sold but has the same managers which is good because the other 2 stores owned by the same people have had some problems. He also reported that the malting plant in Power is operating.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Teton County Courthouse Conference Room.

Tim Sinton, P.A., Chairman

Elaine Sedlack, Secretary