

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2019

Present: Jim Hodgskiss, Tim Sinton, Melissa Moyer, Ken Bassmann, Austin Moyer, Lin Wright, and Elaine Sedlack.

Absent: Randy Morris and Barb Shaffer.

Guests: Dawn Gunderson.

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 March 18, 2019 were reviewed. Tim moved the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Ken and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Delinquent Licenses: Austin reported the outstanding license payments were made by Spices and Spurs and The Wagon Wheel Bar so all are now up to date.

Medication Drop Locations in Choteau: Melissa reported both Choteau Drug and BTMC have medication drop boxes. BTMC did an add campaign for "National Take Back Drugs Day" and received 18 pounds of drugs that day.

Transportation Assessment: Melissa reported on the transportation survey done by Tammy Johnson, an MSU healthcare administration student, for Teton County. She reported that transportation issues were a moderate to high priority in the county. Problems identified were cost and sustainability. There was also a lack of consensus on how much use a transportation system would receive.

Bike Fair: Melissa reported the Bike Fair held on May 15th served 68 3rd graders. It went well with many volunteers helping and the BTMC Foundation as the primary funding source. The children received new helmets and certification from the sheriff's office.

FQHC (Fully Qualified Health Centers): Melissa reported these new health centers are population based so only one could be in this area. BTMC is doing well financially and is not looking at other models of health care delivery. If a FQHC were to open in the area it would be direct competition with BTMC and could lead to the loss of the clinic and emergency room. In Great Falls Alluvion Health has joined with the Cascade County Health Department for some services.

New Business:

Teton County Public Health Program Updates:

Teton County Addictions Task Force Updates: Dawn reported that the task force developed 3 goals including:

1. Reduce alcohol misuse among adults and use among youth through:
 - a. Supporting evidence based efforts in schools
 - b. Worksite wellness programs
 - c. Partner with local law enforcement on compliance checks
 - d. Promote alcohol free events
2. Increase awareness of ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) on health disorders and build resilience in Teton County to address these through:
 - a. Increasing awareness
 - b. Supporting schools
 - c. Training teachers, day care and preschool workers, and youth group leaders
 - d. Writing grant for training K-5 teachers
3. Increase capacity among local mental health providers to address mental health and substance use disorders through:
 - a. Improved referral process
 - b. Mental Health First Aid training for the community (youth on August 12th and adults on August 13th)
 - c. Develop a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) which could work with local law enforcement to include a mental health professional on some police calls.
 - d. Provide local mental health education events and trainings for county first responders
 - e. Support local Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team

CONNECT System: Dawn reported Teton County Health Department received a grant to develop the system within the county and later to expand within the 6 county region. The CONNECT system is designed to provide direct referral between organizations and providers for individuals needing mental health and other services. Dawn has been hired to set up the system for Teton County. MOU's (memorandums of understanding) are needed between providers/assistance groups/businesses, etc. This provides an online fast and efficient service where one service can directly contact another service and give a person's contact information. Eventually all service providers throughout the state will be in the system.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

ChemPak Plan: Melissa reported some minor changes to the plan were done with Ken's help.

Pandemic Influenza: Melissa reported the PHEP grant required the county participate in an SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) tabletop exercise followed by a full scale state exercise next spring. The exercise deals with the receipt and distribution of SNS materials. One central POD (Point of Distribution) site is needed as opposed to multiple sites. BTMC would be the site for a closed

POD for health care personnel and first responders and others identified as providing essential services. Lora is preparing MOU's for BTMC for use of the loading dock for receiving SNS materials and refrigeration for storage.

Community Health Needs Assessment: Melissa reported that TCHD is required to do the assessment every 5 years while BTMC is required to do them every 3 years. It is beneficial to the community to combine the assessments so TCHD will be working with BTMC in 2020 to do a combined community assessment. They require a lot of time and energy to complete.

Environmental Health and Sanitation Updates:

Food Service: Austin reported the Golden Harvest Café in Dutton is having some problems so he will be doing additional site visits. The "Faster Bassett" restaurant in Great Falls has opened in Fairfield in the quilt shop and will also have a mobile food truck which is not in use yet.

Pools: Austin reported there are new swimming pool operators in Fairfield and Dutton so he will be working with them.

Sewage Lagoon: Austin reported the Choteau sewage lagoon has been releasing overflow into the Teton River due to flooding and high volumes of water entering the system. Unfortunately there are no warnings to downstream well owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Teton County Courthouse Conference Room.

Tim Sinton, P.A, Chairman

Elaine Sedlack, Secretary