

## **TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16, 2019**

Present: Jim Hodgskiss, Tim Sinton, Ken Bassmann, Lin Wright, Barb Shaffer, Austin Moyer, Elaine Sedlack, Sue Schilling.

Absent: Melissa Moyer, Randy Morris.

Guest: Sue Schilling.

The meeting was called to order by Austin Moyer at 5:38 pm in the Teton County Courthouse Conference Room.

Public Comment: No Members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Tim moved the minutes be approved as written. Ken seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** Sanitarian Inspections: Austin reported the “Faster Bassett” food establishment in Fairfield was up and running and approved. He has also inspected all the pools and they have passed their inspections.

### **New Business:**

Teton County Public Health Program Updates:

WIC Updates: Sue reported the local WIC programs have taken on the national WIC logo for their advertising and brochures. They are trying to do more outreach to attract more participants. Currently they have 106 participants county wide. Outreach will include more social media presence like Facebook, running advertisements in the Choteau and Fairfield newspapers once a month for the next year, and Dawn Gunderson will be taking WIC brochures to preschools and daycares around the county. Only 65% of participants are using the food vouchers and only 35% are using them for fresh fruits and vegetables. The vouchers can also be used for canned or frozen fruits and vegetables.

Lactation Consultant: Dawn Gunderson is studying to become a lactation consultant. She will join Dawn Baker who is currently a lactation consultant.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Activities: Sue reported that October is breast cancer awareness month and the health department will be participating in a pink tea in Great Falls on October 12<sup>th</sup> and will have 2 tables of 8. The pink teas in the past 5 years have raised over \$63,000. Teton County has gotten \$15,000 to be used to help pay for tests related to breast, cervical, and colon cancer. Our 6 county region will have coffee cup sleeves with phone numbers to call for information on breast and cervical cancer screening. Also a new mammography

van is needed and they are hoping to get one capable of doing 3D mammography.

Influenza: Sue reported that CDC recommends people receive their influenza immunizations after October 1<sup>st</sup> this year. TCHD will begin their offsite influenza immunization clinics October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Choteau clinic will be October 30<sup>th</sup> and Fairfield October 31<sup>st</sup>. Influenza immunizations will also be available at the health department. They will again be partnering with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Caravan with Blue Cross/BlueShield paying for people without insurance.

Blackfeet Reservation Outreach: Sue reported TCHD will be having another Breast Bingo event in Browning. Participants must fill out an enrollment form for the breast and cervical cancer screening program. Last year 80 women participated.

Shingles Vaccinations: Sue reported the backlog of people waiting for the shingles vaccine is diminishing as more vaccine is available. The cost is \$175 per dose for 2 doses and people must call TCHD to get on the list.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

Truck Wreck Protocol: Austin reported this protocol was updated 2 years ago and approved. He said it is to ensure food cargo is safe in the event of a wreck.

Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention Plan: Austin said this plan deals with issues involved with isolation and quarantine of individuals due to an outbreak of a communicable disease. It will need to be updated next year and suggestions are welcomed.

#### Environmental Health and Sanitation Updates:

Inspections: Austin reported he will finish inspections of manufacturing facilities in the next month and then will start on small restaurants. New Rockport is starting a school lunch program. They have a retail food program so he will need to amend their old contract. Austin also reported that Jacob Cowgill, who has a bakery located between Power and Fairfield, may upgrade his business to include pizza once a week on his outdoor covered patio.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Teton County Courthouse Conference Room.

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Tim Sinton, P.A., Chairman

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Elaine Sedlack, Secretary