

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Valley County Health Department
500 4th Ave South
Glasgow MT 59230

This Zoom meeting will allow 100 participants.

*All participants will be muted upon entry to Zoom.

*Participants who comment during public comment will “raise their hand” in the Zoom meeting, state their name, and will be limited to two (2) minutes.

June 8, 2021

Roll Call The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Health was held Tuesday at 5:15PM via Zoom. Board members present: Clay Berger, Maggan Walstad, Bronwin Hanshew, and Darcel Wesen,. Others in attendance: Health Officer Mary Nyhus, Lynn Miller RN, Cam Shipp RS, Michelle Norcutt, Dylan Jensen, Ella Tweten RN, Leanne Danelson DCHD, Commissioner Mary Armstrong, Shirley Baumgartner, Americorps Volunteer Sarah Schmidt, and Pam Lee.

Approval of Minutes The minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Darcel moved to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

Public Comment Clay asked for public comment, and hearing none, moved forward with regular Board of Health business.

Guest LeeAnn Danelson, Daniels County Health Department, provided an overview on the Montana Cancer Control program for Region XI. The program provides cancer education, chronic disease prevention, and worksite wellness. Cancer screening is available with financial assistance for income eligible clients. Teresa Danelson is working on the Connect program. Connect is a secure, web-based system for sending and receiving referrals among service providers in Montana. The purpose of the program is to improve service delivery to clients and reduce frustration, delays in service and lapses in care. In Valley County, Teresa is working with behavioral and mental health initially.

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Dylan Jensen provided HB 121 updates to the new statute and the effect on BOH. HB121 was approved by the legislature and affected the entirety of Title 50 chapter 2 of the local BOH rules. Under the new statute the local health officer and any board of health rules must be approved by the county commissioners. Regulations and mandates can no longer affect attendance to religious activities. Commissioners have an opportunity to override any BOH emergency mandates if two of the three deem it necessary.

Lynn Miller reported that we have three applicants for the two board member vacancies. The commissioners will be interviewing each applicant and are prepared to decide before the end of June so that their term can start July 1. It was decided that a new Chairperson would not be elected until the new board members are in place. The bylaws need to be reviewed in order to reflect the dates of BOH member appointment, chairman election, and the new laws.

Shirley Baumgartner has applied to be the new health officer for Valley County. She was present and available for any questions. Shirley provided an overview of her background as a pharmacist and her work with public health. Lynn confirmed that Shirley does meet the requirements for the health officer position and is currently the only applicant. Darcel moved to recommend Shirley as health officer of

Valley County, the motion passed, and Shirley will be recommended for appointment to the commissioners.

Discussion ensued about when to allow public comment during future BOH meetings. It was decided that public comment would continue to be at the beginning of the meeting on non-agenda items but will now also be allowed after each agenda item before it is voted on. No vote is allowed on non-agenda items.

The Board discussed the format for future meetings, zoom or in-person meetings or a hybrid combination model that some boards are doing. While most in attendance seem in favor of in person meetings with masks and social distancing, no motions were made and consequently no final decision.

Sanitarian's report from Cam Shipp R.S.

Inspections completed for April- June 2nd Quarter consisted of one cosmetic tattooist and six (6) school inspections.

Cam attended online trainings and conference calls and a pre-opening inspection was conducted at Mirror Image for a cosmetic tattoo artist.

Two health complaints listed, one was an odor complaint from apartment at Nemont Manor and the second was regarding water damage and mold at B&B Foods in Nashua. Both were followed up on.

Septic Permits for 2021 consist of 6 and additional applications over the last few days came in to permit.

Sanitation in Subdivision Review consisted of two 20-160 subdivisions, NFP Grains and New Deal Farms, local review has been completed on both.

Quarter 1 activity report for COVID-19 related work had been submitted to FCSS to comply with the 2021 Cooperative Agreement that Valley Co. Health Department Signed with DPHHS/FCSS.

Opening guidance had been sent out to eating establishments and schools on salad bars and buffets.

Received from FCSS – final payment May 6th for 2020 Coop Agreement with DPHHS/FCSS for Inspections and Covid-19 related activity with licensed establishments. Payment amount received was \$10,434.50 for 2020. Compare to 2019 payment amount received was \$11238.50.

Additional information- Number of active licensed establishments in 2019 – 129 establishments compared to 120 in 2020.

Health Department Report

We have advertised with the county only a permanent position to assist with PHEP and other administrative tasks for the many grants we operate under. We have only one applicant who will be interviewed next week.

Two student nurses from MSU Bozeman will each spend a week in our department as part of their public health rotation.

Summary of programs

- MTUPP – Teri Long and Michelle Norcutt attended the MTUPP meeting May 18 in Scobey. A table is planned for the fair to provide education about tobacco use prevention.

- We are changing our family planning structure in leaving Dawson as their satellite clinic and becoming our own Title X clinic with telehealth appointments for clients. We will still have Christy Scoggins here for eight (8) clinics per year.
 - We are working through many new processes such as billing, pharmacy, new documentation with the electronic health record. We have received an ipad on a stick, a document scanner, and a laptop from OneHealth in Miles City
 - We are approved for HRSA 340B pricing and have applied for MT Board of Pharmacy License.
- Cardiac Ready – Jan has placed new AEDs placed at VFW, Sunnyside Golf Course, and Milk River Activity Center. She is pursuing two other locations and has an order ready for July 1 for replacement batteries and pads throughout Valley County.
- Oral Health – Daniels County has dropped the OH grant. We have one more year under this grant.
- Ella continues outreach to new moms, animal bite follow-up for rabies prevention, and maternal outreach/FICMMR (Fetal, Infant, Child Morbidity and Mortality Review)

CARE Coalition

- Lynn has taken the treasurer position for the Coalition. Michelle is on the Mental Health Action Committee and has helped to organize the Mental Health Walk that was held May 18.
- AMDD grant of \$40K to persons impacted financially by COVID is coming to a close with all but \$6 spent in Valley County. This grant paid for the mailing of the magnets and the wallet cards last fall.
- Americorps members -- Emmaline Keesee is leaving July 15 and Sarah Schmidt plans to stay another year. Their work will have a lasting impact on Valley County.
 - They have held a community meeting, started Stories from the Strong in the Courier, started a tutoring program, and have spearheaded two action committees - Behavioral health and Physical Activity and Nutrition.
 - A BBQ and game night is planned for June 11 at Hoyt Park and an outdoor movie is planned for June25.

PHEP – Public Health Emergency Preparedness – a quarterly report is next due July 15. PHEP requirements include various emergency plans which will be shared at these meetings in the future.

COVID update – We continue to offer vaccine but have ended the weekly vaccine clinics with FMDH and VC employees on May 26. COVID vaccine will be available at VCHD every Wednesday 4-7pm the month of June and then 4-6pm on Wednesdays after that.

Summary of immunizations and other services:

	2019	2019	2019/2020	2020	
	1 st quarter 2019	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter 2020	
	June/July/Aug	Sept/Oct/Nov	Dec/Jan/Feb	Mar/Apr/May	Total
Family Planning	47	40	39	33	159
New Moms	14	10	15	10	49
Animal Bites	14	8	4	8	34
Oral Health	10	6	6	3	25
Immunizations	631	1238	584	427	2880

	2020 1 st quarter June/July/Aug	2020 2 nd quarter Sept/Oct/Nov	2020/2021 3 rd quarter Dec/Jan/Feb	2021 4 th quarter Mar/Apr/May	Total
Family Planning	33	30	Total visits: 34, total clients: 29	Total visits = 10, total clients = 9	107
New Moms	24	9	19	9	61
Animal Bites	5	5	4	6	20
Oral Health	8	2	1	2	13
Immunizations Total	675	1394	1262	2971	6302
IMZ Non-flu	675	370 vaccines to 137 people	289 vaccines to 107 people	429 vaccines to 178 people	1763
IMZ Influenza	0	1025 High dose – 596 Regular - 429	37	0	1062
IMZ COVID	0	0	936 vaccines to 712 people	2540 vaccines to 1678 people	3476

Adjourn Maggan moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

Chairperson

Date

Approved at the 9/14/21 meeting.