

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.

September 14, 2021

Roll Call The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Health was held Tuesday at 5:15PM via Zoom. Board members present Maggan Walstad, Bronwin Hanshew, Wes Thompson, Pam Lee and Darcel Wesen. Others in attendance were Health Officer Shirley Baumgartner, Lynn Miller RN, Cam Shipp RS, Michelle Norcutt, Ella Tweten RN, Angela Peterson, and Commissioner Mary Armstrong. The meeting was open to the public through the Zoom link.

Board of Health

Maggan nominated Darcel Wesen as the new Chairperson; Darcel accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Wes seconded the nomination, and the motion passed unanimously. Darcel requested a nomination for the Vice Chairperson, and Maggan nominated Wes Thompson. Wes accepted the nomination, Bronwin seconded, and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes The minutes from the June 8th, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Wes moved to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

Public Comment Darcel requested any public comment on agenda items, each person was instructed to limit their comments to two minutes. Brady Flaten expressed concern over COVID-19 prevention efforts of quarantining and isolating which he believes are a mental health issue, preferring to prevent COVID with healthy lifestyle habits.

Health Officer Report

Shirley recently attended public health officer orientation given by DPHHS. She and Lynn have communicated often as she settles into her new position.

Sanitarian’s report from Cam Shipp R.S.

Inspections Completed for 3rd Quarter July-Sept.

22	Retail Food Est.
2	Public Accommodations
1	Manufacturing

Food Safety Training/Programs/Other Inspections, Trainings & Meetings

- June 29, 2021- Pre-Opening- Silver Bar & Grill (Fort Peck Hotel)- Change of Ownership
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- June 30, 2021- Group Home Inspections
- July 13, 2021- FCSS Monthly Conference Call
- August 10, 2021- FCSS Monthly Conference Call

- August 24, 2021- Scotty Day Care Inspection
- September 7, 2021- Pre-Opening Loaded Toad- Change of Ownership
- September 14, 2021- FCSS Monthly Conference Call

Septic Permits/Installations-- 20 septic systems permitted at this time in 2021

Sanitation in Subdivision Review

- Hetrick Subdivision- 3 Lot Minor
- Pines Cabin Sites- Parcel 65 Rewrite
- Pines Cabin Sites- Parcel 76 Rewrite
- Fort Peck Cabin Sites- Lot 38 Rewrite
- Boundary Line Adjustment- Sanitary Review

Submitted Quarter 2 activity report for COVID-19 related work to comply with the 2021 Cooperative Agreement that Valley Co. Health Department Signed with DPHHS/FCSS

Health Department report from Lynn Miller, RN

Summary of Programs	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
Outreach to new parent(s)	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 Non-COVID	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
coverage rate for 24-36 months (4DTap,3IPV,1MMR, UTD Hib, UTD Hep B, 1VAR, UTD PCV13) on last day of quarter			72%	80% (55 complete of 69 total children)	

	2021 1 st quarter June/July/Aug	2021 2 nd quarter Sept/Oct/Nov	2021/2022 3 rd quarter Dec/Jan/Feb	2022 4 th quarter Mar/Apr/May	Total
Family Planning	Total visits: 34 total clients: 26				

Outreach to new parent(s)	18				
Animal Bites	10 (5 referred for PEP; 3 bats, 2 dogs)				
Oral Health	1 at VCDH 15 total at hub locations				
Immunizations Total	1007 vaccines to 565 people				
IMZ Non-flu Non-COVID	619 vaccines to 243 people				
IMZ Influenza	High dose - 0 Regular - 0				
IMZ COVID	388 vaccines to 322 people				
coverage rate for 24-36 months (4DTap,3IPV,1MMR, UTD Hib, UTD Hep B, 1VAR, UTD PCV13) on last day of quarter	75% (50 complete of 67 total children)				

● **Summary of programs**

- Student nurses – 2 from MSU Bozeman/Billings campus each spent one week on a public health rotation at VCHD.
- Staffing – Resignations accepted from Teri Long, Admin Assistant and Jan Kaiser, RN. We are advertising to replace these two and have funding for a third position of Communicable Disease Prevention Coordinator to assist with all COVID prevention efforts and emphasis on long-term care and congregate living facilities.
- MTUPP, OH, FICMMR had a table at the NEMT Fair, partnered with CARE Coalition and NE MT Mental Health.
- Family Planning transition to telehealth go-live date was 9/7/21.
- With Jan’s departure, the AED upkeep and Cardiac Ready follow-up will be as time permits.
- CARE Coalition – Lynn is the Treasurer and Michelle is the lead for the Mental Health Action Committee. Americorps members Emmaline Keesee and Sarah Schmidt have ended their year of volunteer work. They accomplished Stories from the Strong submissions for the newspaper, the Tutoring program after school, and a community meeting last spring. Two community events were arranged – night of swimming with a movie and a community BBQ.
- PHEP – next report is due October 15 to include expenditures for the past year and an after-action report on the COVID response for Valley County.
- Billing – Michelle Norcutt continues to bill all immunizations to insurance companies. VCHD does not bill any person for the amount not paid by the insurance company. Michelle is training into Family Planning billing also.

● **COVID-19**

- Current status: Valley County has had 994 total cases, 20 active persons today, 76 hospitalizations, and 7 breakthrough cases.
- Discussion and vote of VCHD current isolation and quarantine instructions
 - Pam Lee confirmed with Lynn that the County Attorney, Dylan Jensen, has approved the new isolation orders and quarantine instructions to ensure that they comply with HB702.

- We moved to (1) authorize VCHD to issue isolation orders COVID positive persons and quarantine instructions to persons who have been exposed to COVID on behalf of the Health Officer, (2) to include the following paragraph on both isolation orders and quarantine instructions, and (3) to allow for CDC updates which are approved by DPHHS to be added to these documents in the future without a vote by the Valley County Board of Health. Maggan seconded and the motion carried.

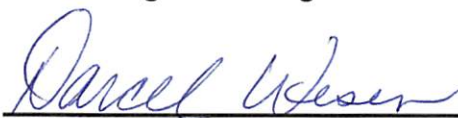
“Depending on the circumstances, unvaccinated individuals who do not quarantine or isolate despite having knowledge of having come into close contact with an infected person or being infected could potentially be subject to claims of legal liability from individuals they infect within the community..... Noncompliance with CDC guidance that results in the infection of others could result in personal liability.” (DPHHS COVID-19 -HB702 Guidance updated 9-1-21. Jon Ebelt, PIO 406-444-0936 / jebelt@mt.gov)

Public Comment

- Brady Flaten encouraged the Board to research HB702 as it applies to quarantines with vaccinated VS unvaccinated.
- Nick Dirkes welcomed Shirley and the new faces to the Board and thanked the VCHD and the Board for their service.
- Farrah Hystad expressed concern that quarantines are too lengthy.
- Commissioner Mary Armstrong reported that Commissioner Fahlgren reached out to all Montana counties and found that Valley County was in line with most others as it relates to quarantines, using softer language and guidance that provides instructions as to what individuals are recommended to do depending on their individual circumstances and/or vaccination status. It is Valley County’s stance that we are not violating HB 702 because we are having the client determine which scenario fits them.
- Glasgow School Superintendent Wade Sundby wished for the public to understand that the school district does not quarantine anybody. As the public health designee, he is notified by VCHD of who is in isolation or quarantine and must follow those instructions.
- Cami Kalinski commended the school district on an excellent job during the 20/21 school year in their handling of the virus. This year it is difficult to get children to wear masks and continue with precautions when their peers are not expected to follow the same precautions. She expressed concern that parents are not keeping their sick children home this year because they cannot be transitioned to online learning without going through the VCHD for quarantine instructions.
- Mr. Sundby informed us that the school district has received a grant and will hire someone to be available for staff and students to get tested free of charge.

No further public comment was offered, and the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is Tuesday, December 13, 2021 at 5:15.





Chairperson



Date

Approved at the 12/13/2021 meeting.

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