

Lincoln County
City-County Board of Health Agenda
6:00 PM, April 8, 2020

- 1. Call to Order**
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3/11/2020
 - Emergency meetings
- 3. New Business**
 - National Public Health Emergency Request Letter
- 4. Program Reports:**
 - **Public Health**
 - COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus)
 - Continuity of Operations Plan
 - **Environmental Health**
 - **Solid Waste and Recycling**
 - **ARP**
- 5. Focus Area Liaisons:**
 - **Superfund Sites**
 - **Asbestos Site:**
 - LASOC update
 - O&M deferral
 - ICIAP
 - Property owner role in O&M
 - **Groundwater Site:**
 - ROD revision
- 6. City Representative Reports**
- 7. Health Officer Report**
- 8. Old Business**
 - The Shed variance request
 - Panoramic View update
 - Settlement with Doney Crowley
- 9. Public comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

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03.11.2020 BOH meeting minutes
6:00 PM Courthouse

Board Members Present: George Jamison (by phone), Laura Crismore, Sara Mertes, Jan Ivers, Deb Armstrong (by phone)
Board Members Absent: Mark Peck, Maggie Anderson
LCHD Staff: Kathi Hooper, Jennifer McCully, Toya Laveway, Bryan Alkire, Jake Mertes, Dr. Black, Jinnifer Mariman (by phone), Dustin Webb
ARP Staff: Virginia Kocieda
Public: Ray Stout (Kootenai Valley Record), Derrick Perkins (The Western News), DC Orr

| Agenda: | Discussion: | Action Item: |
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| 1. Call to order | Called to order at 6:00 PM by Jan Ivers. | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | January minutes approval: Sara Mertes made a motion to approve the January minutes as amended and to approve the February 12 minutes, Laura Crismore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. | |
| 3. New Business | No new business | |
| 4. Program Reports: Public Health | <p>2019-nCoV (2019 Novel Coronavirus): Jennifer McCully updated the Board on the 2019-nCoV or 2019 Novel Coronavirus. There are currently no cases in Montana and no persons under investigation in Lincoln County. No updates to travel restrictions or quarantine from international travel. The County has convened a task force to work on community preparedness and consistent public information.</p> <p>Communicable Disease Plan Checklist: Toya Laveway presented the Communicable Disease Response Plan and checklist.</p> <p>Sara made a motion to accept the Communicable Disease Response Plan and checklist, Laura seconded. Motion passes unanimously.</p> | |
| Environmental health | <p>PM 2.5 Redesignation update: Kathi Hooper updated the Board on the redesignation of the Libby Air Quality Control District to attainment. Waiting for approval from EPA.</p> <p>Outdoor burning schedule: Kathi gave the Board the updated schedule. The schedule was a collaborative effort between air quality and fire organizations. Burn permits are being issued for April.</p> | |

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| | <p>Vacation rentals: Kathi and Dustin Webb discussed the requirements and future of licensing for vacation rentals as public accommodations.</p> <p>Timber Management: Bryan Alkire is working with the County Forester to clear some land for expansion, fuel reduction on eastern side of the landfill and some other thinning for fuel reduction.</p> <p>O&M Update: Virginia updated the Board on O&M. The ARP is coordinating with EPA and DEQ on their first internal clean-up. Mandy, Elzhon and Virginia attended the Montana 811 Excavator training.</p> <p>OUI Delisting: OUI1 (Riverfront Park) has entered the last step, the delisting phase.</p> |
| Solid Waste and Recycling | |
| ARP | |
| 5. Focus Area Liaisons | <p>Asbestos Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hosting EPA/DEQ Information Meeting: George Jamison updated the Board on the proposed information meeting. At this time the three O&M plans are not completed, therefore there will not be an information meeting on March 18th. ▪ LASOC Meeting – March 18, 6:00 PM: George is requesting good attendance at the upcoming LASOC meeting. |
| 6. City Representative Reports | No update |
| 7. Health Officer Report | Dr. Black wanted to reflect on George's update on the March LASOC meeting. Wants the community to know that this is a very important meeting. |
| 8. Old Business | Approval of Property Evaluation Notification (PEN) Regulation: George and Virginia presented the final version of the PEN regulation. Laura made a motion to approve the Property Evaluation Notification Regulation with a later effective date, Sara seconded. Motion passed unanimously. |
| 9. Public Comment | No public comment |
| 10. Adjournment | Next meeting April 8 at 6:00 PM Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM |

03.11.2020 BOH meeting minutes
6:00 PM Courthouse

Chair, Board of Health

Date

Secretary, Board of Health

Date

Lincoln County
City-County Board of Health Agenda
Emergency Meeting
5:00 PM, March 18, 2020
Lincoln County Courthouse

1. Call to Order

Attendance: George Jamison, Deb Armstrong, Maggie Anderson, Laura Crismore, Sara Mertes, Jan Ivers, Mark Peck

2. Covid-19 Update

Eleven confirmed cases in Montana. No cases in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County declared emergency earlier today.

BOH approved recommendations for personal protective measures and urging business to prepare to alter operations to ensure social distancing. Mark motioned to approve, Laura seconded, passed unanimously.

Updates available on Facebook, posted between 5 pm – 8 pm daily

3. Powers and Duties

- Local Boards of Health
- Local Health Officers

Jinnifer Mariman reviewed MCA 50-2-116 and 50-2-118

4. Discussion of Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions

Reviewed NPI including social distancing and quarantine.

5. Public comment

Kristen Smith asked Board to consider economic welfare of small businesses when considering restrictions and closures.

6. Adjourn

Lincoln County
City-County Board of Health Agenda
Emergency Meeting
4:00 PM, March 20, 2020
Lincoln County Courthouse

1. Call to Order

Attendance: Jan, George, Sara, Mark, Laura, Maggie, Deb

2. Covid-19 Update

Fifteen confirmed cases in Montana. No cases in Lincoln County.
Lincoln County EOC was partially opened.

3. Potential Health Officer Order

Governor Bullock ordered all dine-in food service and beverage businesses, gyms, casinos, etc., to close until March 27th. Local order not necessary at this time.

4. Public comment

General public comments included discussion of Governor Bullock's directive, Public Health Emergency, social distancing recommendations.

5. Adjourn

Lincoln County
City-County Board of Health Agenda
Emergency Meeting
4:00 PM, March 23, 2020

1. Call to Order

Attendance: Jan Ivers, George Jamison, Sara Mertes, Mark Peck, Laura Crismore, Maggie Anderson, Deb Armstrong

2. Covid-19 Update

45 cases in Montana, Zero cases in Lincoln County

36 tests in Lincoln County, 22 negative, 14 pending

Central testing site will be open tomorrow at CARD from 11 am – 2 pm

Daily update now available from link on county website in addition to Facebook

3. Local Health Officer Order

County attorney recommended a local order to simplify enforcement of the Governor's directive. George recommended changing language in local order to match Governor's directive. Sara motioned to approve with changes, George seconded, passed unanimously.

4. Public Access at Health Department

Mark notified Board that all county buildings would be closed to the public as of 5PM. Health Department staff will be available to the public by phone, e-mail or appointment.

5. Public comment

Local business owners asked for clarification of rules for salons. Governor's directive does not apply to salons. Health Department to provide guidance.

Other public comments included discussion of social distancing, the need for testing, and the Public Health Emergency.

6. Adjourn

TO:

Subject: Lincoln County National Public Health Emergency Declaration

Dear Senator

We first want to share our understanding of the gravity of the COVID-19 nationwide health emergency and pandemic. We also want to share our appreciation for the work that each of you are doing on behalf of the citizens of Montana. In June of 2009, the US Environmental Protection Agency designated Libby as the first National Public Health Emergency in the nation, which is still in place today. We have lost hundreds of family members, friends, and neighbors and thousands more are diagnosed with Asbestos Related Disease (ARD). We have 25% of residents of Libby and Troy currently afflicted, at varying severities, with ARD. This is in addition to the other underlying health conditions seen in other counties, and some of our citizens have both.

We just recently suffered the first fatality in the state from the COVID-19 virus. We are unlike any other county in America facing this COVID-19 threat given an extremely high population of "high risk individuals". Further, as a rural/frontier community with a Critical Access Hospital, we face limited healthcare under normal conditions, let alone this unprecedented crisis. Our most effective management model is a robust testing system. Our biggest threat to management is our asymptomatic populace. Just testing the symptomatic persons is chasing the virus whereas random testing will allow us to catch it, isolate it and keep it from our high-risk populace.

We have two primary requests:

1. What authorities might the 2009 National Public Health designation provide for non-traditional access to Federal/State resources?
2. We need to randomly perform 1300 tests monthly. We have developed a single source testing plan, created the infrastructure and have implemented it successfully, but we lack the supplies. We currently need 600 test swabs for the next four weeks and 1300 monthly to sustain an appropriate surveillance operation. A detailed listing of required supplies and equipment can be found in attachment 1.

We appreciate any assistance in clarification on any authorities contained within the National Public Health Emergency and in procurement of testing supplies. If you are in need of further information or we can assist you in any way, please contact Dr Brad Black at 406-283-1026 or Commissioner Mark Peck at 406-291-8425. Once again, we are grateful for any assistance you may provide, stay safe.

Sincerely,

Jan Ivers, Chair,