


Board Members Present: Jan Ivers, George Jamison, Sara Huddleston (by phone), Mark Peck, Maggie Anderson
Absent: Libby representative, Nancy Haugen
LCHD Staff: Jennifer McCully, Noah Pyle, Mandy Harcourt, Riley Black, Bryan Alkire, Brad Black, Jinnifer Mariman (by phone)
Public: Alan Gerstenecker (Kootenai Valley Record), John Blodgett (The Western News)

Agenda:	Discussion:	Action Item:
1. Call to order	Called to order at 6:00 PM by Jan Ivers	
2. Approval of Minutes	01/10/2017 minutes approval: George Jamison made a motion to approve the January Board of Health Minutes. Mark Peck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
3. New Business	<p>Contract with Montana Tech: Riley Black is completing her Bachelor's in Nursing. She is working with Jan Ivers to complete clinical hours. They signed a contract with Montana Tech.</p> <p>Recording Secretary Position: Kathi Hooper discussed the recording secretary position. Currently staff in the Health Department share those duties. Jamison expressed his concern about not having the position filled and the lack of continuity. The Board decided to continue operating and revisit later.</p> <p>Letter to Commissioners regarding attorney fees: Ivers updated the Board on a letter that will be sent to the Commissioners. The Board has used all of the allotted funds for attorney fees and requesting more from the Commissioners.</p> <p>Meeting frequency discussion: Ivers started a discussion about meeting frequency. Jamison discussed the amount of work coming up for the IC Steering Committee. Peck suggested that the Board meet in March and revisit meeting frequency at that time. Jamison suggested 'targeted' meetings for special topics.</p>	
4. Program Reports:		
Solid Waste and Recycling	No Report	
Asbestos Resource Program Update	Personnel update: Noah Pyle updated the Board on new hire in the ARP. Elzhon Anderson is the new Resource Coordinator. He has extensive experience on the project and will be a great addition to the program.	

<p>Environmental Health Update</p>	<p>Subdivision Review Contract: Hooper updated the Board on the Subdivision Review Contract. It was renewed until June 30, 2019 and signed by the Commissioners. The Health Department is paying a portion of the DEQ fees for Jakes Mertes's work with that contract.</p> <p>Wrecking Yard Status: Payne went to the Board of Environmental Review appealing the State's decision to not allow him to adjust his boundaries. The Board of Environmental Review sided with MT DEQ stating he could not expand or move those boundaries. He can appeal to a higher court, but this moves it forward to deny his license.</p>	
<p>Public Health Update</p>	<p>General Update: Jenn McCully updated the Board on Public Health. Immunizations are continuing to slow down. PH is still promoting influenza vaccine. Lincoln County has seen 40 cases of flu this year, last year at this time had 13 confirmed cases. Riley is starting to focus on day care audits. PH is offering the new shingles vaccine, Shingrix.</p> <p>Mental Health Update: The County and the Health Department have been working closely with the community on Crisis Intervention and Mental Health since the closure of Western Montana Mental Health Center. Nancy Huus, LCSW, CMHP is contracting with the County to facilitate the process of developing a new protocol for crisis.</p> <p>Grant Applications Update: PH is applying for one or two grants from the Montana Healthcare Foundation for Mental Health and Treatment Court.</p> <p>Coalition Update: PH is combining coalition meetings. The next meeting will be the morning of Friday, March 16th. Agenda will be out soon.</p>	
<p>5. Focus Area Liaisons</p>	<p>Superfund Site, Asbestos: IC Steering Committee Update: Jamison updated the board on the Steering Committee's progress. They are adding some ICs and organizing the information. The next meeting is March 22nd.</p> <p>Approval of Tri-Hydro task order: Jamison shared the work order from Tri-Hydro and is requesting approval of the task order. Maggie Anderson made a motion to approve the Tri-Hydro task order, Peck seconded. Discussion Peck asked about funding and the approval from the Commissioners. Jamison will present the task order to the Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Approval of letter to EPA Region 8 regarding Public Health Emergency: Jamison read the</p>	

	<p>proposed letter regarding lifting the Public Health Emergency. The letter requested that the Board of Health and County be involved in any conversation in rescinding the Public Health Emergency. Dr. Black asked where the idea of rescinding the Public Health Emergency was originating from and discussed some of the consequences on funding for human health.</p> <p>Next Libby Asbestos Advisory Team Meeting: March 8th in Libby</p> <p>Position Statement follow-up activities: Peck updated the Board on the position statement. He talked to Senator Tester's group in Kalispell about the statement.</p> <p>Superfund Site, Groundwater: Update on controlled Groundwater Area Considerations: Jamison updated the Board on the Groundwater Area Superfund Site. EPA hosted a meeting on February 25th on the Groundwater Area.</p>	
6. Health Officer Report	Dr. Black reiterated the importance maintaining communication about the Public Health Emergency.	
7. Old Business	By-Laws: The revised by-laws were approved at the January 10 th meeting. They need signatures from every board member.	
8. Public Comment	DC Orr agreed with Dr. Black on the Declaration of the Public Health Emergency. Mr. Orr recommends that the Board learn about the process and educate themselves on the history of the declaration.	
9. Adjournment	<p>Next meeting March 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM</p>	


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