

9.9.2020 BOH Meeting Minutes
 6:00 PM Commissioner's Meeting Room

Board Members Present: George Jamison, Laura Crismore (via Zoom), Sara Mertes (via Zoom), Deb Armstrong (via Zoom), Maggie Anderson (via Zoom), Mark Peck
Board Members Absent: Jan Ivers
LCHD Staff: Kathi Hooper, Jennifer McCully, Dustin Webb, Trista Gilmore, Jake Mertes (via Zoom), Bryan Alkire (via Zoom), Dr. Black (via Zoom), Jinnifer Mariman (via Zoom)
ARP Staff: Virginia Kocieda (via Zoom)
Public: (all via Zoom) Amy Fantozzi, Josh Letcher, Derrick Perkins, Pierce Barney, Ray Stout, Dixie Linnell

Agenda:	Discussion:	Action Item:
1. Call to order	Called to order at 6:02 PM by George Jamison. Roll call. All recited Pledge of Allegiance.	
2. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of August 12th meeting minutes: Deb Armstrong made a motion to approve the August minutes, Laura Crismore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 	
3. New Business	<p>Mental Health Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Fantozzi, program lead at Western Montana Mental Health Center and facilitator of this coalition, presented. The coalition was started in summer 2017 when LCHD received a grant from MHF and hired a facilitator to identify needs and gaps in local mental health services. Also identified strengths and resources and improved collaborations. Amy and Jenn McCully are certified to teach Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid. Coalition meets 2nd Thursday of each month. Laura asked if anybody can be invited to monthly coalition meetings. Amy said yes. Deb thanked Amy for her work and asked if Mental Health First Aid is still available. Amy said yes and stated that she and Jenn could provide the 8 hour course virtually. Deb asked if mental health disturbances have increased due to COVID. Amy answered yes, there has been an increase in anxiety, depression, isolation and mental health needs. George thanked Amy for her report and work and asked Amy to make brief regular updates/reports to BOH at future meetings. Amy agreed. Maggie stated that she took the Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid Courses and she recommends them. Deb requested suggestions for specific solutions related to Covid-related mental health issues. 	

	<p>Covid Campaign, Solutions Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sara Mertes presented an update about this group which includes individuals from Libby, Troy and Eureka who came together to look at positive options for protecting our communities from Covid and illness in the coming months. Will pull together additional community members including youth. Planned outreach includes signage where people enter the county, a Facebook page (Team 56) to promote handwashing, proper mask wearing, etc., skits by Kootenai Characters, a save our senior year campaign in schools Meets every 3-4 weeks via Zoom. Meetings are open to anybody. • Maggie stated that youth from Libby, Eureka and Troy are meeting tonight. She appreciates the group including youth and stressed recognizing the importance of keeping kids in schools. • George asked if businesses are represented in the group. Sara said she believes so. There have been quite a few people on each call. George asked Sara to include Board members on e-mails and provide regular updates to BOH. 	
<p>4. Program Reports:</p> <p>Public Health</p>	<p>COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer McCully stated 100 total cases, 10 active, 3 deaths and an additional hospitalization in the last couple days. • Trista Gilmore described process of contacting each person who tests positive to discuss symptoms and start contact tracing. Trista works with each person to identify barriers to staying at home. She works with resources to provide groceries, medications, Covid kits from CHC, diapers, etc. She has also worked with schools to connect kids to remote learning and get their school/homework for them. She touches base with each person at least once a day during isolation and until they have been well 3-5 days. There are approximately 65 people currently on the quarantine list and they are checked on often during quarantine and on day 14. There are lots of contributors in the county providing resources for people in isolation or quarantine. • Jenn stated that there were 2 cases in Libby Public Schools. She discussed the new document that provides an algorithm for schools to use to determine when kids should be sent home. • Laura thanked Trista for all the services she provides to individuals and families. 	

- Trista said that her son was quarantined yesterday and the school was prepared for him to start remote learning.
- Kathi followed up on questions related to Covid from last month's BOH meeting. By-laws and public comment procedures were sent directly to the individual who requested them. Data on suicides in Lincoln County was provided by Karl Rosston and sent out to the Board members. FAQs were updated after the last BOH meeting.
- George stated that the Health Department is making an effort to track comments and questions and respond to them.
- George stated that Commissioner Peck joined the meeting.

Environmental Health

Truck Wreck Protocol:

Jenn explained that the truck wreck protocol is a plan that is updated and approved every year. The only change is adding Dustin's contact information. Sara made a motion to approve. Maggie seconded. All voted for approval.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Carcass Collection:

Kathi explained that Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks implemented a new carcass disposal rule that requires hunters to properly dispose of any deer, elk, or moose carcass waste in a Class II landfill to prevent the inadvertent spread of CWD. Libby, Troy and Eureka landfills have processes in place to accept carcasses for disposal in the Class II Libby Landfill. FWP may add additional sites in the county and plans to provide a map of sites in early October.

Landfill O&M update:

Bryan Alkire is working to update the landfills O&M plan to include disposal of special wastes and a general update of Class IV O&M. He is working to include OSHA guidelines in asbestos disposal and update general disposal guidelines. He will get drafts to the BOH to review.

George asked if ARP was consulted on asbestos components. Bryan said yes and he is on the O&M Superfund committee as well.

ARP

O&M Update:

- Virginia stated they have started 3rd month without agreement with DEQ. She does not have an update on the cooperative agreement between EPA and DEQ.
- ARP is busy working with property owners on removals. One property owner self performed an abatement. ARP provided PPE and property owner worked with Bryan

	<p>for disposal. Another SOW is approved and ARP is helping property owner retrieve bids from contractors. Two SOWs are being developed for properties that have refusal status. One of these is looking for an abatement contractor to remove soils, they are getting bids. The other has never had an inspection and is starting from scratch with the inspector to plan the inspection. ARP is busy working with property owners.</p> <p>Transfer of EPA Connex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDM requested transfer of a Connex that contains buckets of samples from the mine that can be used as reference samples. Eventually these samples will be disposed of, but CDM asked if Lincoln County can keep the box at the landfill and transfer samples back and forth as needed. Virginia spoke to Kathi and Bryan about keeping the samples at the landfill. ARP would be the signatory for agreements so funding could go through grant if samples need to be moved or transferred. This is the beginning of several transfers and they are trying to get it done this winter. • George asked about taking possession of reference samples and if we are permitted to accept those kinds of wastes at the landfill. Kathi said that we are not accepting them for disposal, just continuing storage. George said to be careful that we don't assume custody of these samples. Virginia will follow up with Damon at CDM via e-mail. • Bryan added that samples are still manifested to CDM. They would need to be manifested to Lincoln County if we take possession.
<p>5. Focus Area Liaisons</p>	<p>Asbestos Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next oversight committee meeting is September 24, 2-3pm. <p>Groundwater Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last meeting, BOH passed a motion to notify EPA that we do not oppose them going forward with a different petitioner to sponsor CGA. That letter did go out.
<p>6. City Representative Reports</p>	<p>Laura and Maggie had left the call. Deb reported no update from Eureka. She will communicate directly with Jinn with questions.</p>
<p>7. Health Officer Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Black stated that we are testing at a level that isn't bad, but we would like it to be better. We need to keep a close eye on the number of new cases, especially with school starting. We are still only testing symptomatic people and missing important information needed for management of Covid. It is unlikely that we will have the opportunity for more testing based on state lab capacity. Dr. Black has been looking at

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	<p>rapid tests that may be available and working with Commissioner Peck to get Abbot rapid tests for our county. This test is low cost, does not require instruments, and can be done with a nasal swab. Dr. Black supports continuing to look into the saliva test that George brought up but believes that the Abbot test is more likely to be available. Although there may be more ideal tests down the road, it is important to look at other options that we have access to now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Peck contacted Senator Daines who had his health staff member call back earlier today. This staff member will follow up with her contact at Abbot Laboratories regarding the opportunity for Lincoln County to purchase this test commercially. • George contacted the chemistry professor who developed a test in use at the University of Illinois and will follow up with the contact he provided. • Dr. Black asked Virginia for more information about the reference samples stored at the landfill. He hates to give up samples and promotes preserving samples that might have future value to science. 	
8. Old Business	None.	
9. Public Comment	None.	
10. Adjournment	<p>Deb made the motion to adjourn, Sara seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM. Next meeting October 14 at 6:00 PM.</p>	


 Sara Peck, Board of Health


 Secretary, Board of Health

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 Date