Lincoln County

City-County Board of Health Minutes North Lincoln County Annex, Eureka 6:00 PM, April 12, 2022

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: Patty Kincheloe, Josh Letcher, Dr. Dianna Carvey, Lannie Fehlberg. Quorum present. Jan Ivers, Jim Siefert and Amy Fantozzi arrived after Approval of Minutes.

Administrative Items

 ARP Annual Update Discussion: Josh Letcher said George Jamison reached out to him and suggested that they switch to annual updates instead of monthly. Josh stated it would be voted on at a later meeting date.

• Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

- None at this time.
- Public Comment on Non-Action Agenda Items
 - None at this time.

Approval of Minutes

 Patty motioned to approve 2/8/22 minutes. Dianna seconded. Patty, Dianna, Josh and Lannie were in favor. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

None at this time.

New Business

- Office of Faith and Community Based Services, Tracy Moseman
 - Tracy has been in this position for 63 days but has been very busy getting a lot of outreach across Montana. She explained how this program can really benefit communities and close the gap for those in need by expanding resources and strategies in a tactful manner. Office of Faith and Community Based Services is a partnership between DPHHS and faith organizations across Montana. Josh asked if communities were receptive, Tracy said people were excited but cautiously optimistic.

Unite for Youth, Maggie Anderson

• Maggie summarized the program's goals and missions for Lincoln County. She said the percentage of youth using drugs alcohol and tobacco has gone down. Amy said she is working with the older students in Libby and having them visit with the younger age group about their health and the prevention of drugs and alcohol. She said she is excited for Champ Camp to make its reappearance after not having it for a couple years due to Covid because it was a great activity for the kids of Libby in the past. Jim added that the bicycle program has been very successful in past years. Caitlin Glaese is working with students in Troy and Josh Brown is working with students in Eureka.

- Lead Testing in Schools: Drinking Water Program, Greg Montgomery
 - Greg shared the Lead Reduction in School Drinking Water Program and went over the rules that schools need to follow to make sure that there are no excess levels of lead in fountains and fixtures. He gave an overview of the sampling results that have been conducted in schools across the county. Jim asked if the data was accessible to the public. Greg said yes, on the DEQ website. Jan asked if any schools were on their own water supply. Greg replied with Trego and Fortine. Josh added Yaak and McCormick.

Program Reports:

• 2021 Annual Report

Kathi Hooper, Health Department Director, summarized a few highlights on the annual report. This report is available on the Health Department website. She said there was an increase in septic permits in 2021 which indicates that there is growth. There was an increase in licensed establishments as well with 17 new licenses 2021. For public health, there was high numbers of flu vaccines in addition to 9,801 covid vaccines.

Public Health

 Communicable disease update: Kathi gave an update on communicable disease. Covid cases are down with only 10 active in the county currently.
 The state and county will transition to weekly reporting instead of daily.

• Environmental Health

Outdoor burn permits: Dustin Webb, Environmental Health Specialist, said that the new burn permit system was up and running. He said eventually this system will be used for all permits. He said so far, there have been 705 residential burn permits issued, 385 activated and 8 management, four of which have been completed.

Solid Waste and Recycling

E-waste recycling: Bryan Alkire said they started the E-Waste Recycling Program at Libby and Eureka landfills. That runs until August. He is hopeful that it will be a successful year.

• City Representative Reports

- Libby: None at this time.
- Eureka: None at this time.
- Troy: None at this time.

Health Officer Report

• Brad Black was not present so none at this time.

Adjourn

- Everyone commented on the presentations and said they were well received. Kathi said she plans to have others present at future meetings.
- Jan motioned to adjourn. Lannie seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:48.