

04.08.2020 BOH Meeting Minutes
 6:00 PM EOC Meeting Room

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| Board Members Present: George Jamison (via phone), Laura Crismore (via phone), Sara Mertes (via phone), Jan Ivers, Deb Armstrong (via phone), Mark Peck (via phone), Maggie Anderson (via phone) |
| Board Members Absent: |
| LC/HD Staff: Kathi Hooper, Jennifer McCully, Toya Laveway, Jake Mertes (via phone), Dr. Black, Jinnifer Mariman (via phone), Dustin Webb (via phone), Trista Gilmore (via phone) |
| ARP Staff: Virginia Kocieda (via phone) |
| Public: DC Orr (via phone) |


| 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 | <p>March minutes approval: Sara Mertes made a motion to approve the March minutes, George Jamison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| 3. New Business | <p>National Public Health Emergency Request Letter: Draft was previously sent out to all members and posted on website for review. A couple of small grammatical changes were made and put on letterhead. Dr. Black added an attachment with specific items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ George mentions that attachment mentions PPE, but curious about testing apparatus or equipment. In the 2nd paragraph, it states that single source testing plan is in place and has been implemented. ▪ Jenn clarifies that the single source testing plan developed by LC COVID-19 Task Force is referring to the Central Testing Site located at the CARD Clinic. ▪ Laura tells group that the lab equipment at Cabinet Peaks can run 2 tests at a time. Funding requested by CPMC is for additional 2 to 4 test capability. As of right now, BioFire has put them on their list. CPMC is still waiting for response from BioFire. Testing with the 2 could happen daily if the testing kits were available. ▪ George would like sentence revised or removed concerning single source testing. He would also like a request added to NPHER letter addressing kit availability so we can get the lab results locally in a timely manner. ▪ Dr. Black and Laura confirm that if kits were available, results could be given within hours. ▪ Dr. Black will revise letter to add items discussed. ▪ Jan will add a third bullet requesting testing equipment. | |

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| | <p>COVID-19 Testing: Discussion concerning mass testing of residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mark asks if there is a plan regarding random testing or testing for asymptomatic residents. ▪ There are currently around 400 swabs available right now, with no known ETA for more. ▪ Testing is open to all asymptomatic essential workers and high-risk residents at this time. ▪ Laura relays that Kalispell is getting 100/week with prioritization algorithm. They are allotting us 30 tests/week. This isn't enough for random testing if we get the surge. There will be limitations on those kits for testing that come direct from BioFire. ▪ Sara discusses that kits from other sources will be available, just not the hospital supply. ▪ Dr. Black would like quick turnaround on results so that we can isolate, trace contacts, and use the data as a tool to manage the outbreak within the county. ▪ Billing clarifications are being worked on at this time as testing should be free. ▪ George asks why mandatory quarantine for asymptomatic workers when they will miss out on pay. ▪ BOH will get clarification from Jennifer as to whether or not Dr. Black has authority to change the mandatory quarantine for essential workers to match that of healthcare workers. | |
| <p>4. Program Reports: Public Health</p> | <p>2019-nCoV (2019 Novel Coronavirus): Jennifer McCully updated the Board on the 2019-nCoV or 2019 Novel Coronavirus. There are currently 332 cases in Montana, 7 cases in Lincoln County. 296 in LC have been tested; 46 results pending, 243 not detected. There have been 1 death, 1 hospitalization, and 2 recoveries.</p> <p>Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP): This is the first annual review of the COOP. This is for review, not needing approval at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ George asks that all annual PHEP documents be made available for review at any time. Kathi will provide these documents via e-mail. | |
| <p>Environmental Health</p> | <p>Burn Permits: Kathi Hooper updated the Board on burn permits issued. Burning may have to be extended into May.</p> | |

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| | <p>Establishment Closures: Kathi updated the Board on establishment closures due to the Governor's Directive. There has been ongoing outreach to establishments regarding closures and changes in operations. So far compliance has been great.</p> | |
| <p>Solid Waste and Recycling</p> | <p>Post Closure Plan: Kathi updated the Board on the remaining life of the current landfill cell. In October 2018, there was an estimated 11.7 years remaining. As of October 2019, there was an estimated 11.9 years remaining.</p> | |
| <p>ARP</p> | <p>O&M Update: Virginia updated the Board on O&M. The draft O&M document is still under DEQ review.</p> <p>Abatement: Before COVID-19, exposed vermiculite was discovered and confirmed at a home remodel. DEQ was to be the lead, but was taking too long. Lincoln County, on behalf of ARP and in partnership with EPA, will cover the costs from the ARP budget.</p> <p>U-Dig: Virginia asked that we remind residents to keep calling ARP for U-Dig and property information, as well as a head's up to the Bryan at the Landfill.</p> | |
| <p>5. Focus Area Liaisons</p> | <p>Asbestos Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LASOC Meeting – March 18, 6:00 PM: Virginia reported that this meeting had to be postponed. ▪ O&M was to be transferred to DEQ on 4/1. This is being deferred at this time. ▪ ICIAP has been finalized and posted. ▪ Property owner role in O&M: Virginia reported the County is opposed to placing the burden of abatement upon property owners. It has been indicated to DEQ that the County will act on behalf of property owners. Working on getting that into place. <p>Groundwater Site: Upper aquifer recently had ROD revision.</p> | |
| <p>6. City Representative Reports</p> | <p>No update</p> | |
| <p>7. Health Officer Report</p> | <p>Dr. Black reiterated the importance of making testing available to more residents.</p> | |

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| <p>8. Old Business</p> | <p>The Shed variance request: Kathi reported to Board that Cora was unable to make the meeting and requested to be put on next month's agenda. February's BOH meeting allowed a variance for the fireplace and wood burning pizza oven. George Jamison motioned to approve 30-day extension for both fireplace and pizza oven, Deb Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Panoramic View update: Kathi reported to Board that Spencers filed to dismiss without prejudice. "Without prejudice" means they have the ability to re-file the case before any expiration of the statute of limitations. It is still not finalized. The Board still cannot move forward without finalization. Looking into options available to abate the health hazard until a permanent solution can be reached.</p> <p>Settlement with Doney Crowley: The City/County Board of Health for Lincoln County had to previously close meetings pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(4)(a) to discuss their strategy regarding claims they had against Doney Crowley, subsequent settlement negotiations, and a potential settlement. Because a settlement had been reached, the information will be made public. As a result of negotiations, Crowley offered \$120,000 to Lincoln County and BOH to resolve the matter.</p> |
| <p>9. Public Comment</p> | <p>Jan Ivers read Op #2 . Comments cannot be addressed to an individual member, but to Board body as a whole. There is a 3-minute limit, and comments must be respectful.</p> <p>DC Orr: DC protested the inability to preview Doney Crowley documents before now. DC protested being cut off when muted. DC stated that his phone made him enter *6 in order to speak, and he felt that violated his rights regarding access to the meeting. He will be following up with an email as he believes his being muted made it to where he could not hear parts of the meeting.</p> <p>Trista Gilmore: Trista reported that the Shed had been closed down and recently opened up for curbside pick-up.</p> <p>George Jamison: George requested that the pledge of allegiance be recited at all meetings during the call to order. Maggie motioned to adopt pledge of allegiance at all meetings, Deb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> |

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| 10. Adjournment | Mark made the motion to adjourn, Sara seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM Next meeting May 13 at 6:00 PM | |
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Chair, Board of Health

15 May 2020

Date



Secretary, Board of Health

5-18-2020

Date