

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2018

Present: Jim Hodgskiss, Melissa Moyer, Barb Shaffer, Lin Wright, Randy Morris, Austin Moyer, and Elaine Sedlack.

Absent: Tim Sinton and Ken Bassmann.

Guests: Lora Wier, Tori Yeager, Nicole Krone, and Garrett Yeager.

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 pm in the Teton County Courthouse conference room by Melissa Moyer. Melisa changed the order of the meeting to allow the students to present first.

Tori and Nicole are members of FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) and members of the REACT (React Against Corporate Tobacco) club and Garrett is the head of the club. Tori and Nicole presented the program they did at the FCCLA gathering. They said 5 million people worldwide die each year due to the effects of smoking. In the United States 1.9 billion people use tobacco including 1.5 million children. Second hand smoke kills 3,400 people each year. There is a lot of advertising to kids including new ways to inhale nicotine through the use of bongos, vapes, and e-cigs using flavors, and insinuating they are sexy and used by popular sports figures, etc. Juuls which are the size of a USB hold pods of flavored nicotine that contain $\frac{3}{4}$ the amount of nicotine in a pack of cigarettes.

Garrett reported he converted the Youth Behavioral Assessment Form to an online quiz to reach out to younger kids to find out what they are using so REACT can focus on that. He said while smoking has decreased, e-gigs and vaping have increased. Kids start smoking due to peer pressure and think it is the cool thing to do when they see other kids doing it. He would like to see the city park cleaned up by picking up cigarette butts possibly during the high school rodeo and making the city park smoke free. He also wants the school perimeter marked as being tobacco free.

The students would like a letter of recommendation from the board of health supporting their efforts to make the city park smoke free and to have cigarette butt containers placed around the city. Barb made a motion that the board of health write a letter to the City of Choteau requesting the city park be made nicotine free and that cigarette butt containers be placed around the city. Randy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Melissa will write the letter.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Teton County Public Health Program Updates:

Shingrix: Melissa reported the new Shingrix vaccine for the prevention of shingles is far more effective than the previous vaccine. It is now licensed and recommended by the ACIP (American Committee on Immunization Practices) for adults 50 years of age and older. Two doses 2 to 4 months apart are recommended and the cost is about \$170.00 per dose. They are seeing some side effects including sore arm and malaise for a couple of days. It is not a live virus vaccine. TCHD has the vaccine and can bill Medicare Part D.

Cancer Control Program:

American Indian Outreach: Sue Schilling from TCHD and Julie from the Pondera County Health Department attended a health fair in Heart Butte. The health fair was well attended and they had some small gifts for the participants. Martha is still the Native American contractor for the program on the Blackfeet Reservation and 91% of the women are receiving mammograms, many because of the Medicaid expansion.

North Central Montana Cancer Support Fund: Originally designed to assist with additional diagnostic tests, etc. when cancer was diagnosed the fund has been expanded to include things like gas cards and child care for women needing tests and treatment. There are written guidelines and a standardized process to evaluate and respond to requests and the committee will also look at additional needs. The North Central Montana Cancer Support Fund covers women in Teton, Pondera, Toole, Liberty, and Glacier Counties and the Blackfeet Reservation. These are local funds raised locally. Women from Fairfield organize a Pink Tea in Great Falls which makes about \$6,000 which is split between the Susan G Komen Fund and the local fund.

Influenza Season:

Melissa reported there was a big outbreak in the Greenfield School with 58 students reporting symptoms and Influenza B diagnosed. Of the 58 students' ill, 10 had gotten flu shots. Twenty three students who did not have influenza had gotten flu shots. Then there was a spike in the Fairfield Schools with 20 to 25 students ill and the Choteau Schools. Teton County was averaging about 10 new cases a week but last week there were only 2 so hopefully influenza season is winding down. Early in the season cases were predominately Influenza A and the later school outbreaks were mainly influenza B.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

Specimen Transport Plan: Lora reported there were major changes to the environmental health specimen procedures plan after she attended a meeting in Great Falls. The changes dealt mainly with the need to secure the site. Lora will review the plan with the entities involved. Elaine questioned whether the need for appropriate PPE should include gowns or clothing protection.

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions: Lora reviewed the plan which had few changes. Elaine pointed out TCHD has the responsibility to assure an individual in isolation or quarantine has access to medications and food, etc.

POD Exercise: Lora and Melissa reported on the POD (Point of Dispensing) exercise. They said most of the participants thought it was a positive experience and the radio training was helpful. The POD ICS training on Tuesday done by Linda Williams from Chouteau County was excellent and very practical.

WIC Monitoring: Melissa reported the Conrad office is being monitored and TCHD had to send the financial information for the whole year. Sue will be monitoring the grocery store. Since the public assistance office closed Melissa has had people coming in for SNAP applications and others calling for information. She has faxed applications to some and helped one fill it out. Medicaid is complicated to deal with and it takes over an hour to apply online SNAP is easier. All public assistance offices in the region are closed. They may become a pilot program for the "connect system" web based referral.

Environmental Health and Sanitation Update:

Local Egg Producers and Mountain Front Market: Mountain Front Market receives eggs from several local producers using recycled cartons and loaner cartons. They are then all put into a basket so in the event of an illness outbreak Austin has no way of knowing where the egg originated. Generally the law says eggs for sale must be candled, graded and inspected, etc. but the regional milk and egg bureau approved Mountain Front Market 10 years ago and Corrine did not have a problem with it. Austin would like to talk to Roy Hall of the Department of Livestock about organizing a class on candling and grading, etc. to help out the producers, but Austin prefers the egg and milk board come again.

Upcoming Pool Regulation Overhaul: Austin reported the huge pool regulation overhaul is half done but must be approved. He plans to inspect the pools soon and then when the regulations are finalized he will download the PDF and give a copy to the pool operators.

Mad Ox Distillers: Austin reported the Mad Ox Distillers plans to open on the Cascade County line. They plan to apply their waste water on their own farm land but Cascade County is not happy with that idea. The distillers may put their tasting room near Fairfield. Austin is waiting to hear from them.

Power Farm Malt: Austin said this would be a grain processing facility. If the owner delivers the grain he would need a food manufacturers' license and if buyers come to pick up the grain he would need a retail sales license. Austin is waiting to hear from him about his plans.

Influenza: Austin said he contacted the schools during the influenza outbreaks and told the lunch staff they need to use chlorine bleach to clean tables and in the wash rinse water because quaternary ammonia does not kill viruses.

Flood: Jim reported the flood preparation and mitigation meetings are continuing. All contacts have been updated and evacuation centers set up in case the need arises.

Board of Health Meetings: Melissa proposed changing the months for the board of health to meet in order to coincide with their fiscal year and quarterly reports. Meeting dates will be changed to the 3rd Monday in June, September, December, and March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, June 18, 2018 in the Teton County Courthouse conference room at 5:30pm.

Tim Sinton, P.A., Chairman

Elaine Sedlack, Secretary