

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2017

Present: Ken Bassmann, Gayle Harris, Barb Shaffer, Tim Sinton, Elaine Sedlack, Austin Moyer, and Melissa Moyer.

Absent: Randy Morris and Jim Hodgskiss.

Guests: Erin Jones and Lora Wier.

The meeting was called to order by Melissa at 5:35 pm in the county courthouse conference room.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Tim moved the minutes be accepted as written. Barb seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business: Prescription Drug Drop off: Melissa reported she talked to the sheriff and DPHHS (Department of Health and Human Services). There are currently no programs for drug drop boxes but they can be dropped off at the hospital. If they were dropped off at the sheriff's office they would have to be dropped off inside which could be a problem. Melissa said Great Falls has drop off boxes. Elaine said Great Falls did a one day special collection and maybe we could piggyback with them since they did a lot of advertising for it. Tim said we also need a needle collection drop off site. Melissa said DPHHS may be putting up more drop off boxes in the future. Erin said people sometimes bring unused medications to TCHD but they can't take them.

New Business:

Teton County Public Health Updates:

Tobacco: Erin reported on the progress made on The Tobacco Free Schools of Excellence program. There were none in Teton County and there was no support from the school board in Choteau. She approached the REACT group to get the policy book so she could review it. There were 13 policies that needed changing. With the help of the REACT group it took 2 years but Choteau schools are now officially Tobacco Free Schools of Excellence and she will present their plaque and banner at a meeting in May. In the meantime Power schools did it on their own so are also a Tobacco Free School of Excellence.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Lora reported on 2 plans that have been updated to correspond with the other plans. They have previously been approved by the board but she wanted the board to review them.

Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention Plan: Ken had questions on the enforcement of the isolation and quarantine measures. Melissa said the sheriff is required to assist if there

are problems with compliance. Lora pointed out that the people are called daily but Ken said with the use of cell phones you don't really know if they are home. Elaine said it is really basically the honor system unless they are seen around town. We don't put up quarantine signs on doors like they used to do. Ken also questioned how emergency responders called to a residence would know if the person was on isolation or quarantine and for what disease. Lora said TCHD would be working with DES/EMS in the event of a communicable disease outbreak.

Emergency Measures Counter Measures Plan: Lora discussed the POD (Point of Distribution) exercise that will be taking place on Friday, April 21st. Ads have been placed in the local paper for community members to participate. Some board members will be participating.

Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment: Melissa reported on the progress made on the assessment. Last summer TCHD did their community health needs assessment utilizing 7 focus groups. This year the hospital is working on theirs but they were only using people who had used the hospital services. Now the hospital, TCHD, and local mental health services along with the commissioners and planning office are collaborating on a community health needs assessment. They are conducting a stakeholder survey of 500 individuals who might have thoughts about major issues related to community health needs. TCHD is required to conduct an assessment every 5 years while the hospital is required to do it every 3 years. TCHD will join with the hospital to do it every 3 years which will broaden the hospital assessment. It should be done by July. They are hiring Katie Loveland to correlate and analyze the data and write a report. The purpose of the assessment is to lead to the development of a community health improvement plan. Both the hospital and TCHD will write separate strategic plans.

Chronic Disease Contract: Melissa reported that the Chronic Disease Contract issued by DPHHS is now a regional contract with multiple plans rolled into 1 plan. The tobacco, chronic disease, and cancer prevention plans are included. The plans are issued to a HUB county which disperses the funds to subcontractors in the region's counties. TCHD is the HUB for Liberty, Chouteau, Toole, Glacier, and Pondera Counties and the Blackfeet Reservation. Deliverables address each of the 3 issues so you can't focus on only one. This is a big change for some areas of the state but TCHD has been doing this within the region for many years.

Environmental Health and Sanitation: Austin reported that on March 9th there was a truck wreck on I-15 with a fuel spill but no threat to drinking water and clean-up was taken care of by the trucking company. Austin was notified by DEQ. They may request he keep an eye on it. The trucking company is responsible for clean-up.

There was also a crash on I-15 of a truck carrying fiberglass insulation resulting in a fire.

On April 9th near the Dutton rest stop on I-15 a refrigeration truck crashed causing the top of the trailer to split open. The food was unloaded and loaded onto a non-refrigerated truck in order to tow the wrecked truck. Austin checked on it and wrote it off

which was accepted by the insurance company. He had the signature of the tow truck driver on record saying the food would be dropped off at a specific landfill. Austin wondered how to track the disposal if it was taken out of the county. He wants to know where the county responsibility ends and the state's begins when a product crosses county lines. He will have a future discussion with the state on that issue. He also noted that the state contacted Melissa instead of him.

Waste Dumping Service Violation: Austin is expecting a letter from DEQ concerning a report the state received that Cameron Morris was pumping industrial waste without a permit. He had apparently applied for a permit but then didn't follow through.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm by Melissa.

The next meeting will be in the county courthouse conference room on Monday, July 17, 2017.

Tim Sinton, P.A., Chairman

Elaine Sedlack, Secretary