

## TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2016

Present: Melissa Moyer, Austin Moyer, Ken Bassmann, Elaine Sedlack, Jim Hodgskiss, and Jane DeBruycker.

Absent: Tim Sinton, Randy Morris, and Gayle Harris.

Guest: Erin Jones, RN, Teton County Health Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Melissa.

The minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Jane said she had not read the updated minutes and Elaine replied the only change was a request from Gayle to clarify the information about the business she had run. Jane then moved that the minutes be approved. Elaine seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Since both Tim and Randy were absent, Melissa will contact Tim to sign them.

Jane pointed out that this is her last meeting as a member of the board as her term is up and after serving many years on the board she is ready to pursue other interests. She has found a person in Dutton who would be interested in serving on the board. Jim asked that the person submit a letter of interest and qualifications to the commissioners who are responsible for appointing members to the board. The board thanked Jane for her many years of service.

**Old Business:** A change in order on the agenda was requested by Melissa since Austin was late returning from another meeting.

Prescription Drug Drop-Off point: Melissa has been researching the possibility of establishing a drop off point in Teton County. She called the statewide organization advocating for "Operation Medicine Cabinet" and also talked to Florence Anderson and Sheriff Keith VanSetten. They both agreed on the need for a drop off site. The hospital or sheriff's office seem to be best because they have 24 hour coverage and security in place. Some areas have a full time drop off site and other areas have special event days. The feeling of the board was that a full time site would be best rather than making people wait until a particular day. The drop off site could be opened with a special advertising event. Melissa will continue to pursue this.

JARR Wrecking Yard: Austin reported that Brady from the MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was here to inspect the wrecking yard. He could fine the yard for non-compliance but has agreed to go along with the agreement in place between the Choteau mayor and the owner to get the yard cleaned up and fenced. Austin reports some cleanup has been done but much more needs to be done. There is no sign of oil on the ground which is good. State law gives a wrecking yard 2 weeks to get, crush, and remove a vehicle. If a vehicle is registered and runs it can stay. Austin will continue to visit the wrecking yard and monitor attempts at compliance.

## **New Business:**

### Tobacco Use Prevention:

Point of Sales: Erin brought displays of many tobacco products to show how they are advertised to children. Many of them are flavored and packaged to look like candy. She also showed a power point presentation on tobacco advertising targeting children by placing tobacco items and advertising in stores on low shelves by candy, ice cream, milk, and fountain drinks. Ninety-five percent of tobacco advertising dollars goes to point of sales advertising. Two and a half million middle and high school students now use e-cigarettes. Erin will be showing this presentation to react students and any other group she can.

Choteau School Tobacco Policies: Erin said the goal is to have the Choteau Schools be "Tobacco Free Schools of Excellence" because in the future there may be grants and scholarships offered only to schools that meet that requirement. There are 13 policies in Choteau Schools that need to be changed or tweaked to meet the requirement. So far with the work of the React group and Bev Yeager 4 policies have been revised and approved by the school board. Each policy change must go before the school board 3 times and be approved. Some of the policies concern chaperones and e-cigs. When the Choteau Schools are approved she will go on to work with React groups in the other schools in the county.

### Environmental Health and Sanitation:

Swimming Pools; Austin reported on his inspections of swimming pools. Seasonal pools are inspected once a year and year round pools are inspected twice a year. He is finding minor infractions which can be taken care of immediately by explaining them to the Certified Pool Operators (CPOs) and can recheck them as needed. He feels that is an advantage to having him do them as opposed to the state inspector who is here and gone. One problem is although the backup CPOs attend a 2 day class to be certified sometimes they don't work often enough to understand critical violations. Austin has also noted some differences in his chlorine test kit results and those of the CPOs so he will be recalibrating his kit.

Registered Sanitarian progress: Austin will take the exam in September.

New Teton County Website: The health department has a page on the county website. Go to [www.tetoncomt.org](http://www.tetoncomt.org)

### Cancer Control:

Region 5 Health Fund: Melissa talked about the fund which helps women pay for cancer screening, transportation, and follow up care. The fund is supported through activities like the pink tea and donations.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Melissa presented the recent updates to the following plans for board approval:

1. Communicable Disease Plan: Elaine noted that the person responsible for reporting communicable diseases should be the health officer or his designee. Jane made a motion to approve the Communicable Disease Plan. It was seconded by Elaine and approved unanimously.
2. Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention Plan: Elaine made a motion to approve the plan. It was seconded by Jane and approved unanimously.
3. Specimen Transport Plan: Jane made the motion to approve the plan. It was seconded by Ken and approved unanimously.
4. Emergency Medical Counter Measures Plan: Elaine pointed out a typo in the plan referring to Beaverhead County in the section on legal issues. Ken then made a motion to approve the plan. It was seconded by Jane and approved unanimously.

Public Health Accreditation: Melissa reported on the progress on accreditation. She then led the board in Part 2 of the Community Themes and Strengths Assessment including:

1. What keeps us from doing what needs to be done?
2. Actions, policies, funding, and priorities.
3. What would excite you to get more involved?

The board discussed ways to excite youth to get involved. There was a lot of interest in the POD exercise which unfortunately had to be canceled due to a storm and power outage. The board members felt there is a need for more youth oriented activities and senior oriented activities. An open house with the health department was suggested. A better information network is needed to communicate available resources. There need to be cohesive goals for the county.

Melissa said the community health assessments are being conducted with various groups around the county including senior citizens, high school students, the chronic disease prevention program participants, health department staff, the Healthy Teton County Coalition, etc. The hospital is also required to do a community health assessment. Afterward there will be a compilation of all the main issues gathered from the various groups.

The need for increased mental health services was brought up by Jane, especially for children. Melissa said the Mental Health Center in Choteau struggles with adequate funding and staffing and is mainly working with Medicaid eligible clients.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Tim Sinton, Health Officer

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Elaine Sedlack, Secretary