

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2017

Present: Jim Hodgskiss, Melissa Moyer, Ken Bassmann, Tim Sinton, Randy Morris, and Austin Moyer

Absent: Elaine Sedlack, and Barb Schaffer.

Guests: Lora Wier, Erin Jones, and Paul Dryer.

The meeting was called to order in the county courthouse conference room at 5:36 pm by Melissa Moyer.

Public Comment: Paul Dryer held his comments until the end of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Tim moved the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Ken and approved unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Environmental Health and Sanitation Updates:

County Squire Estates is a subdivision with 3 lots near the Fairfield golf course has been approved for residential. A potential buyer is looking at it for a school and church which would require a public water and wastewater system, therefore requiring DEQ approval.

Health Department Updates:

Influenza Updates:

The state of Montana is experiencing an early flu season, with a few cases in Great Falls and Helena in the months of September and October. There have not been any cases in Teton County yet. The Health Department has completed the majority of their flu vaccination clinics. They partnered with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van to provide clinics at all of the schools and colonies in Teton County. As of this week, they had done a total of 719 flu shots (compared to 808 for the total flu shot season in 2016/17) and 143 high dose flu shots for individuals over the age of 65 (compared to 187 for the entire season last year). Based on these numbers health department staff feel they will likely give more flu shots this year than last year, and that they are providing more flu vaccinations in the early season than usual.

Zoster Vaccination Orders:

Melissa brought to the Board of Health a question regarding the current standing orders for Zoster vaccination. Currently, the Zoster vaccine (Zostavax) is licensed for individuals aged 50 and older, however the ACIP only recommends it for aged 60 and older, and this is reflected in the current physician's orders signed by Tim. Based on the research Melissa had conducted about this recommendation, it appears that the 60 and older recommendation was made during a shortage of the Zostavax vaccine, thus wanting to reserve it for the most vulnerable members of the population to Shingles. Additionally, the vaccination wanes with time, so giving it later in life protects adults when they are more likely to experience Shingles. The group discussed briefly, possibly changing the recommendation to provide it to immunocompromised individuals before the age of 60. Tim wanted to discuss with communicable disease specialist Dr. Geier in Great Falls before making a recommendation at the next Board of Health Meeting. This item will be moved to old business.

Immunization Contract with DPHHS:

The Immunization Program at DPHHS will provide a contract extension this year, in order to change the contract period from January-December to July-June. The contract extension will be sent over to the commissioners for a signature. This will align the contract period with the county fiscal year and the majority of the other contracts the health department holds. It will have little to no change on the health department's activities around immunizations.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

CHEMPACK Plan Review: Lora presented the updated plan for review. It has been previously approved by the board but needs to be reviewed yearly. Ken sent some changes to Lora prior to the meeting, but there were no changes otherwise. The health department will plan a CHEMPACK exercise in 2019.

Truck Wreck Protocol: Lora presented the updated plan for review. It has been previously approved by the board but needs to be reviewed yearly. In the past year, there was a Truck Wreck in Teton County, and Austin was able to implement this protocol. Based on that experiences, some changes were made to the plan.

Cancer Control Updates:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the health department has placed their large sign outside. They are conducting some outreach activities with local beauty shops and will also be sponsoring 2 tables at "The Pink Tea" this month. Some of the money raised at this event is donated to the

Region 5 Fund with helps local women pay for the costs of cancer screening and diagnosis that are not covered by the state program.

The health department continues to provide colorectal cancer screening kits to community members all year long, but they put in a targeted effort during flu shot season when many 50-75 year olds come to the health department for vaccination. Low risk folks are given an at home test that is returned to the health department for processing.

Teton County Health Department offered the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program this fall from September 11 to October 16. This is a 6 week program that offered many skills to individuals with chronic diseases or their family members. The program had 7 participants this year. Melissa brought up the ongoing struggle to get referrals from healthcare providers for this program. Attendance has been acceptable, but they would like to see more encouragement from health care providers in Teton County. She asked for any strategies from the BOH members. It was suggested that health department staff ask the providers directly if they have any problems or concerns with the program. Also, to see if it would be possible to get a reminder about the program into providers' EMR.

Tobacco Use Prevention:

Both Choteau and Power schools achieved Tobacco Free Schools of Excellence status last year. Greenfield is also a TFSE. Fairfield school intends to adopt necessary policies to achieve this status this year. Erin is working with Fairfield reACT leader, Tammy Smith, and the reACT students to lead the Fairfield School Board through this process.

In Teton County, there are 2 active reACT groups, in Choteau and Fairfield High Schools. There is still no interest in Dutton or Power to start a reACT group. In previous years, Choteau reACT has applied for and received a mini-grant from the state. They have often shared their funding with the Fairfield group, however both groups decided to apply this year. Choteau reACT was awarded \$2750 and Fairfield reACT was awarded \$2500. Choteau will use its funds to focus on Tobacco Free Parks with year and Fairfield on TFSE status.

Public Comment: Community Member, Paul Dryer, introduced himself and requested the Board of Health's opinions of an issue of concern to him: drug-use in the schools and the ongoing discussion around a random drug testing policy in Choteau Schools. The policy in question is stated to be a non-punitive policy that would require any youth found using drugs to seek treatment. Mr. Dryer brought up many of the concerns about the potential policy, including the cost and privacy rights of students. Melissa discussed some of the evidence from the recent CHIP that indicates that drug use among youth in

Teton County is an issue of concern. The BOH discussed pros and cons of such a policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next meeting will be January 16, 2018 in the courthouse conference room at 5:30 pm.

Tim Sinton, P.A., Chairman

Elaine Sedlack, Secretary