

## TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2018

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

Absent: Randy Morris and Tim Sinton.

Guest: Lora Wier

The meeting was moved to the Teton County Courthouse Annex. It was called to order at 5:35 pm by Melissa Moyer.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Lin moved the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Barb and approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** Medication Drop Box: Melissa reported that Benefis Teton Medical Center now has a locked unused medication drop box in the clinic lobby. BTMC advertised it in the newspaper and on Facebook and may have an awareness event in the spring. Elaine reported there is also one located in Choteau Drug.

### **New Business:**

Teton County Public Health Program Updates:

2018 – 2019 Influenza Season: Melissa reported there have been 2 confirmed cases in the county so far this season. She reports TCHD has given more flu shots this year to date than last year. From September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 17, 2018 898 were given compared to 665 last year. After the flu outbreak last year at Greenfield School they have been eager to receive flu shots this year.

Car Seat Installations: Melissa reported that Kaylee Charles, a nursing student from MSU, collaborated with the Teton County Sheriff's Office on car seat safety. The sheriff's office will refer people to the health department by giving them a card during a traffic stop if they have young children or a car seat in their vehicle. Parents can get a new car seat or have theirs checked to ensure it is safely installed. The health department had car seats to give away and are hoping the Lions Club may donate some next year. Melissa said car seats are only good for 5 years and must be thrown out if they have been in an accident so it is not a good idea to get one at garage sales or second hand stores. Erin Jones at the health department is a certified car seat installer.

Diabetes Prevention Program: Melissa reported that Glen Deuchler, who has been coordinating the program, has resigned as he is moving out of state. Glen was a fitness coach so besides the nutrition part of the program he was also

leading exercise classes and tied into the “FIT Choteau” group. Melissa advertised the position and hired Carly Neal an RN who works 2 days a week at BTMC. She has nutrition and education training and will develop the fitness part. She will be paid \$18/hour. The 2019 program will begin on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The program was begun in Teton County by Heather Hodgskiss, PT, when she was working at Teton Medical Center. When it became too much for her to continue Teton County Health Department took it over.

#### Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

HAN Plan: Lora reported on the Health Alert Network (HAN) plan which is a plan for contacting health department partners in an emergency situation using multiple methods of communication. The plan was previously approved by the Board of Health so this was a review. The only question about distribution was who “SME” referred to and it was “subject matter experts” and Lora will add that to the plan.

Legislative Priorities: Lora reported on the legislative priorities developed by the MT Public Health Association (MPHA), Association of MT Public Health Officials (AMPHO), and MT Environmental Health Association (MEHA) concerning the 2019 state legislative session which begins in January. Lora said there were 4 or 5 immunization related bills being introduced and they were worried the bills would attempt to relax school immunization rules regarding the current religious and medical exemptions which are the only school immunization exemptions allowed. She said they also worried there would be attempts to limit the ability of local boards of health to set rules in their communities particularly related to vaping and e-cigarettes. Another concern is the loss of mental health services in small communities like Choteau through the Center for Mental Health. Federally Qualified Health Centers may take over that role and there is none in Teton County. There may also be bills introduced to allow the sale of unsafe milk, a subject which seems to come up every session and was narrowly defeated in the last session.

#### Environmental Health and Sanitation Updates:

2019 Food and Consumer Safety Cooperative Agreement: Austin reported on the annual need for the Board of Health to approve the cooperative agreement with the MT Department of Public and Human Services which establishes a payment schedule for maximizing the disbursement of funds to the BOH to support inspections of licensed establishments and to determine which optional programs the BOH will conduct. Optional programs include inspection of pools and spas, body art establishments, and peer to peer training. Austin is currently inspecting pools and wants to continue doing that. He plans to do an education event for county pool operators in the spring to explain the new pool rules. Austin said there are currently no tattoo parlors in Teton County and he would not want to

review the initial plans so would prefer the state do body art establishment inspections and plan reviews. He does not feel qualified doing the peer to peer mentoring since he has not been a sanitarian for long. He said Pondera County is losing its sanitarian but Austin does not feel he has the time to do inspections there as well as in Teton County. They would like Austin to do triage – that is to do inspections only if there is a complaint about an establishment. The license inspection fee is currently \$85/year for a small bar or restaurant and \$115/year for a large bar or restaurant but that may be increasing. Elaine made a motion that the cooperative agreement be approved with MTDPHHS doing the tattoo parlors and peer to peer mentoring and Austin will do the pool and spa inspections. Barb seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bynum Bar: Austin received multiple complaints of people getting sick after eating there. He did an inspection on Friday and found multiple problems mainly concerning holding food too long under too low or no heat or not bringing food up to the required temperature to kill food borne pathogens. April, the cook, quit. Austin returned on Taco Tuesday and observed the new cook who did OK while he was there. The bar needs a certified food protection manager.

Rockport Colony: Austin has received complaints from the Missoula City County Health Department about Rockport Colony which has a mobile license and takes food to Missoula to sell at the farmers market and also at roadside stands. Missoula says they are selling things not labeled and not approved at roadside stands rather than at the farmers markets. Their canned goods sometimes don't have labels or the jars are dirty on the outside and the lids rusty. Austin threatened to revoke their mobile license if he continues to get complaints. They must use new bottles and lids and clean off the outside and make sure they are labeled before selling them. Austin suggested they call the Missoula sanitarian when they arrive there.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Teton County Courthouse Conference Room.

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Tim Sinton, P.A., Chairman

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Elaine Sedlack, Secretary