

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTE SUMMARY**

October 08, 2014
3:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Burrows
Paul Carlson
Dr. Wayne Chilcote
Dr. Michael Turner

STAFF PRESENT:

John Palacio RCEH
Carol Calderwood, MD, HO

Member/staff absent: Renae Harding, Dan Hooten and Judy Griffin.

Guests Present: none.

September 10, 2014 draft minutes:

Mick made a motion to approve the September 10, 2014 minutes as read. Paul seconded the motion. All voted "aye". (4-0)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Survey of Lead Local Public Health Officials

Chris reviewed the draft Survey submitted by Judy. She explained that between John of RCEH and Judy, most questions were answered. However, there were a few which needed input from the BOH.

Upon Survey completion the BOH requested that the final draft be brought back to BOH for final review and approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Health Officer: Carol Calderwood MD, HO

Carol stated that Ebola had one case in Texas but that person died. Currently, Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital is having meetings and have a great training program in place. They are doing a risk assessment plan now.

Mandatory training is starting today and Marshall Bloom from RML is involved.

Two questions are asked of patients:

1. Do you have symptoms?
2. If yes, have you visited West Africa or had direct contact with someone who has been to West Africa?

The Ebola virus can live on surfaces for small periods of time. It can be kept alive for six days if in absolute perfect conditions. Worldwide, the fatality rate was 80% and is now 50%.

The virus known as D68 is in Montana with a mean age of 4. She will send more info out to BOH.

It is flu season and over 10,000 people per year die from this so make sure to get your flu shot.

Public Health Nurse: Judy Griffin - ABSENT but provided her pre prepared hand out.

RCEH: John Palacio

John handed out the RCEH monthly stats and their office is seeing slow down on numbers. The office still has only two people working now. Things seem busy due to having a short staff but things have slowed down. There has been a recent change with MDEQ reviews, regarding minimum lot sizes. John anticipates more wastewater systems being placed on the smaller lots. The minimum lot size was an acre and now it is if you can fit it in there requirement. He is waiting to see requests for different sized lots come in. Discussion ensued about various scenarios.

John asked the BOH if they or MDEQ could grant a variance to allow for a less than 100' mixing zone. Mick read the RCEH rules which includes that BOH can allow for a variance for items not listed within statutes but can grant variances if item is listed within the ARM's (rules). John to research and bring back information to BOH pertaining to all MDEQ changes.

John then said he did get a visit from Lake County Environmental Health to see how they (Lake County) can better permit their systems and manage their time. They were very impressed with Ken Miller's LIS system.

OLD BUSINESS

875 Bowman Road: Discussion and possible decision

Jeff spoke with Ravalli County Deputy Attorney Dan Browder, who informed Jeff that there is no new news but the court date of October 23, 2014 at 9:00 AM is still scheduled. John said he has not heard from the Beaverhead County Attorney to review things prior to the court date. Jeff advised John to contact Dan Browder or the Beaverhead Attorney soon.

John said he has continued weekly monitoring and the level has remained at 3-4 inches below the lid, except today, it was twelve inches below the lid. He has a call in to MDEQ subdivision review department to pick their brain on how the dissipation level could have gone down so much so fast.

John said the solid waste issue is a continuing issue with the State (ie: fridges freezers, etc).

BOH By Laws

Motion made 9/10/14

Wayne moved that the Board of County Commissioners make Board of Health By Law amendments pertaining to the potential state law conflict (having an election of officers versus the BCC member on the BOH be the acting Chair), contingent upon legal determination if there is conflict or not. Paul seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Public comment: none. All voted "aye". (4-0)

Jeff explained that he spoke with Ravalli County Deputy Attorney Howard Recht. Howard told Jeff that he has no issues with the BOH by laws being left as is. Howard feels that if they were ever challenged, they would be pretty defensible. So the legal stand point is there is not much exposure, leave BOH by laws as is.

Public comment: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rabbit Issue:

Carol spoke about the call Judy received on this topic. Carol then spoke with a small animal vet. Rabbits can carry ringworm, pasturella (wound infection) and snuffles (respiratory infection). They are not rabies carriers.

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

NEXT MEETING: November 12, 2014 @ 3:00 PM

John Palacio to report on MDEQ changes

875 Bowman Road – court outcome

Survey of Lead Local Public Health Officials – final draft review for submittal

Discuss need for December 2014 meeting

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Mick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM. Paul seconded the motion. Discussion: none. **Public Comment:** none. **All voted “aye”. (4-0)**

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