MEMBERS PRESENT:
Katie Scholl
Roger De Haan
Wayne Chilcote

Members Absent:
Jeff Burrows
Mick Turner

STAFF PRESENT:
Chris Taggart, minutes
Kelly Arnold, RCEH
Jenni Fraser, RCEH
Angelia Allen, PHN
Lyndsay Stover, Tobacco Free
Neoma Greenfield, PHEP
Carol Calderwood, PHN
Rod Daniel, RCEH
Commissioner Chris Hoffman

STAFF Absent:
John Palacio, RCEH

Guests Present:
None.

The meeting was called to Order at 3:04 pm by Acting Co Chair Chairman Roger DeHaan

I. February 14, 2018 draft minutes
Katie made a motion to approve the February 14, 2018 minutes as read. Seconded by Wayne.
Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. All voted “aye” (3-0).

II. CORRESPONDENCE:
Roger Email regarding MOU
John P letter (Miller’s)
Dan Browder Email on policy

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
None.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
Health Officer: Dr. Carol Calderwood
It has been a busy winter with flu but seems to be decreasing. Strep and secondary infections are still lingering. The Daly Hospital Emergency Room has been crazy busy.

Public Health Nurse: Angie Allen
Syphilis is on the rise in Montana and seems to be effecting a lot of women. No cases reported in Ravalli County. Angie was unable to provide the number of flu cases but it definitely seems to be decreases, both the A and B strains. The office recently performed a QI improvement training on blood-borne pathogens. She requested to make an animal bite presentation at April 11, 2018 BOH meeting. She will then be attending rabies training May.

RCEH: John Palacio
Jenni Frase provided monthly statistics. Rod Daniel introduced Kelly Arnold who is the new Sanitarian.

Tobacco Coordinator Report: Lyndsay Stover
She has been out in the community over the last few months. She and the DUI Task Force have been working together on visiting schools for both alcohol and tobacco. E Cigs are terribly bad and seems to be the “trend”. She attended Florence School for the 9th through 12th grades and her presentation included all sorts of E cigs information (vaping, hookah, cigars, etc.). She will be attended Hamilton Middle School and Hamilton Junior high April and Lone Rock at end of March. She recently participated in the 5th grade transition program at Lone Rock. This event including taking the kids to the ambulance barn at MDMH, MHP spoke with kids, a scavenger hunt was held and all learned a lot. These programs need to take place with kids at younger ages. She has also met with youth groups, the Corvallis After School program and the Job Corps. She is working on the Montana Tobacco Free Excellence program for the Ravalli County schools. Lone Rock, Victor and Hamilton are the only ones not included in this program. She is hoping by fall 2018 that all public schools will be included. The Life Repurpose Program is being scheduled in all schools and the 8th grade transitions are scheduled in April 2018. A dance for middle school youth will occur in June 2018, as well as a big prevention rally is scheduled for June 8 at the Job Corps. She will be going to meet with Stevensville City Council on possibly changing all parks in Stevensville to become tobacco free, scheduled March 26, 2018.

V. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Back Up Health Officer – Carol and John (insurance requirements review from Civil Counsel)
Waiting to see what happens with BOH by laws update and MOU. Continue to have on agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Discussion of Replacement Septic System Policy – John P (conference call)

BOH Member Jeff Burrows now present
Rod Daniel gave a brief history on this topic. The big issue is that RCEH does not have any written policy on these issues. They have been issuing permits for those grey areas of septic installs during 70-80’s. Roger said it is easier sometimes to ask forgiveness rather than permission, with regard
to building a house and installing an illegal system. Rod said there either needs to be a Director’s opinion for guidance or the BOH needs to give an opinion on what to do in these situations. Jeff said a judge is the only person who can make a final decision as if a house needs to be torn down or not. Otherwise, you will have a policy in place until that happens. Roger said currently within the regulations there is a clause recommending but not requiring that the permit be verified for the property prior to the purchase of the property to make sure there is a legally permitted system in place. He believes it is time to make this clause mandatory instead of optional. Jeff asked what is the latest issue that RCEH has had to deal with. Rod said last week, on a house that was built in 2002 with a system installed without a permit. There is a lot of work which needs to be done on the regulations. John was just hoping to start discussion on this. Roger used the Town of Pinesdale and all the issues which are going on there as an example. John Horat is now present, who has not seen the proposed policy. Roger said he thinks the BOH could give RCEH guidance as an issue comes up. Rod said other counties have a blanket variances on certain issues which keep coming up regularly, which are reviewed by their BOH. Roger said he feels uncomfortable with that. It is very important that the BOH is consistent with their rules, regulations and application of such. John Horat explained that a lot of those houses have been paying taxes for many years even though they have an “Illegal system”. His issue is that time has gone on and systems are getting harder to install. Some of these systems may not be permit-able. To deal with a trigger analysis it could be prohibitive. BOH needs to look at standard requirements as of the date the house was built for application. Discussion ensued. Roger suggested creating a sub-committee to start this discussion and review. Continue to April 11, 2018 meeting.

2. E-Cig Presentation – Lyndsay Stover

E Cigs are manufactures in China and were brought into the United States about 15 years ago. They are unfortunately becoming more and more popular for young people. The minimum age to purchase E Cigs is 18 per Federal law. “E cig” is an umbrella term for nicotine delivery systems. Tobacco companies use the term vapor VS gas. Regardless, e cigs are full of chemicals which are not regulated and will not be until the year 2022. They are highly toxic. Nine Montanans have died and four of those 9 have been under the age of 6. Thirty percent of Montana teens are current users of E Cigs and the schools don’t know what to do. This is a huge problem and there is a lot of risks associated with using E cigs. TCH (marijuana) is also being added to E cigs. The liquid flavoring in the tobacco is now also causing health issues. When it is heated, it triples the amount of formaldehyde ingested. E juice is poison and can kill. Just within last two years child proof caps have been added. E Cigs are not taxed in Montana. There have not been enough studies on the various flavors. 90% of people using any tobacco product started using before 18 years old. 2010 sales were 5.6 million and in 2014 it went to 115.3 million. Teachers and counselors are doing great job at disbursing information on e cigs and tobacco products. Continue presentation in April 2018.

3. E8 RC CDSR Checklist 2017-2018 – Angie Allen/Neoma Greenfield

Neoma briefly explained that the Protocol lists are being updated due to kits being updated from expired products.

Roger moved to approve the E8 RC CDSR Checklist as presented. Seconded by Wayne.
Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: Katie and Neoma. All voted “aye” (4-0).
4. L1 RC LAB Checklist 2017-2018 – Angie Allen/Neoma Greenfield
   Roger moved to approve the L1 RC Lab Checklist as presented. Seconded by Wayne.
   Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: Katie and Neoma. All voted “aye” (4-0).

5. Preliminary By-Laws
   Continue to April 11, 2018.

6. Preliminary MOU
   Table to April 11, 2018.

7. Update American Water Resources Association - Roger
   Roger explained that he sent information to John and they have not had a chance to get together
   on this. He then suggested eliminate this from BOH agenda until John comes up with a potential
   project location(s) in the valley. BCC is interested in keeping up on this subject.

VII: PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:
   April 11, 2018 at 3:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT:
   Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 PM. Seconded by Katie. All voted “aye”
   (4-0).