MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jeff Burrows
Wayne Chilcote
Roger De Haan
Katie Scholl
Mick Turner

Members Absent:
None.

STAFF PRESENT:
Chris Taggart, minutes
Angelia Allen, PHN
John Palacio, RCEH
Carol Calderwood, Health Officer
Lyndsay Stover, MTUPP
Kelly Arnold, RCEH
Candice Dunigan, RCEH
Neoma Greenfield, PHN
Kelsey Inboden, RCEH
Dan Browder, Civil Counsel

STAFF Absent:
None.

Guests Present:
David Garten
Ron Marshall
Jim Cotton
Janene Cotton

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Burrows

I. January 09, 2019 draft minutes
Katie moved to approve the January 09, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by Wayne
Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. All voted “aye” (5-0).

January 23, 2019 Special meeting draft minutes
Roger moved to approve the January 23, 2019 special meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Wayne . Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. All voted “aye” (5-0).
II. CORRESPONDENCE:
None.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
None.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
Health Officer: Dr. Carol Calderwood
RSV Strep and handful (5) confirmed cases of mumps in Bozeman, a lot of measles in western states, 111 cases in Washington. She handed out 12 bullets she will be presenting to the Emergency meeting scheduled for today at 3:30 PM regarding measles (at Marcus Daly Hospital).

Carol handed out an information list:

- We have an outbreak of over 100 cases in Washington State, mostly localized to a poorly vaccinated county, like ours.
- Globally, measles is still a leading cause of death and brain damage among children less than 5 years old.
- Vaccine has been available since 1960’s with decrease in the incidence, morbidity, and mortality in all regions instituted.
- Vaccine has prevented an estimated 20 million measles death worldwide.
- Since vaccine implementation in the U.S., the number of cases has fallen by 99% preventing 52 million cases, 5200 deaths and 17,400 cases of permanent brain damage.
- Individually, two doses of vaccine given after one year of age yield about 99% immunity.
- Unvaccinated individuals have about a 90% chance of contracting measles if exposed.
- The virus is transmitted directly on droplets and may also survive in the air for 2 hours.
- Population immunity of greater than 95% of individuals is needed to stop ongoing transmission.
- By 2000, endemic measles was eliminated in the U.S. (and by 2002 in the Americas), but irradiation has not been achieved, due to continued importation of cases by travelers and due to poorly vaccinated subpopulations.
- We have also seen some European regions go from non-endemic back to endemic, when overall vaccine percentages fell below 80-85%.

Carol is looking into getting P95 masks to help employees at the hospital. Measles outbreak can be a real concern.

Carol will provide meeting minutes from today’s emergency meeting to BOH.

Public Health Nurse: Angie Allen
Angie handed out school immunization rates. Most of the schools are below the 95%. Influenza is continuing with 308 flu cases, lab confirmed, to include 12 hospitalizations, but no children or deaths. There is one school cluster in Stevensville with 20 cases. She has been working with the Stevensville school nurse on public relations. Hopefully, measles does not come to the valley, and there are none, as of now. If someone, between the years 1963-1969 had 2 vaccinations, the killed vaccine was ineffective. A person needs 2 live attenuated vaccines doses to have a 99% chance of immunity. 90% exposed would catch the measles if not vaccinated. Angie has been working with all school nurses on any suspiciousness regarding measles. Angie will also be attending today’s
emergency meeting at the hospital. Angie will also invite the Infectious Disease nurse to attend a BOH meeting at some point.

**Public Health: Neoma Greenfield:**
Neoma stated that Public Health will be holding a measles Table Top Exercise at the end of March. Participants include the MDMH Infectious Controller, Alida Merritt, and representatives from the public school system.

There was a brief discussion about the necessity to provide coordinated messaging regarding communicable disease outbreaks. Neoma stated that is the purpose of the Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications Plan.

**Tobacco Coordinator Report: Lyndsay Stover**
Lyndsay handed out her report and the current status on tobacco legislation. She, along with Brian Wetzel of WMMH prevention, held a 7th through 9th grade presentation at the Victor School. Brian Wetzel spoke about alcohol and tobacco and kids should not waste their time in getting involved with these things, which will end up causing them bigger problems in their life. She is planning, along with DUI Task Force, to hold a 5th grade transition program at Victor School which shall include safety training, a scavenger hunt and field trips to the 911 center, the hospital and the cemetery. This 5th grade program will end at Pizza Hut. She is also planning a 3rd grade transition programs for Victor and Lone Rock Schools. This program will include a visit from Monte, the Griz Mascot. She pointed out that the Lone Rock event made the Ravalli Republic. She is starting to make plans for the 8th grade transition program, scheduled for April at 3 different school districts which will include a mock DUI court, juvenile courts, impaired driving course and guest speakers.

Lyndsay will start placing her trainings on the website calendar for all to see and possibly participate in. Wayne suggested a newspaper article or notification. She will look into school websites to post the information as well.

**RCEH: John Palacio**
John handout out the monthly stats. On Monday, he met with MDEQ regarding the water shed protection section which identified the Bitterroot watershed as a level 1 priority for the water shed. 50% MDEQ allocation of resources will be on surface waters on their 303D list and performing long term monitoring on the Bitterroot River for nutrient levels. Grant funding is available through the 319 program and possible projects, which hopefully will be focused on education and outreach for the Bitterroot Valley. He and his staff are thinking on possible projects to pass on to MDEQ for considerations. Grant will be 60/40 percent match (staff time and volunteer time would be acceptable). Previous grant funds were used for septic tank pumping coupons, hazardous waste disposal and nitrate modeling.

RCEH is getting a lot of winter projects done. Kelly will start presenting at the RC&D first time homebuyers class (starts in March). RCEH will include a maintenance handout to folks upon final inspections of new system installations. Kelly is working on getting a permit timeline/flowchart to handout. The office is adding non deg application for the non deg process so that by splitting up the various steps on septic permit requirements, people will know what is required, what to do next and how to complete each required step. Kelly is also working on a letter on the required
steps to include a deadline for folks to know when their deadline to actually apply for their septic permit shall be. Jenni is in process of putting together a list of unlicensed public accommodations and she will start with tax records to identify these establishments. Jenni is working on a corrective action form (between what is said upon inspection and what will happen if a compliance order is issued). Candice will be taking over ground water monitoring. She is working on a presentation for the BOH (next month) which will include drought situations and snow. Kelsey is scanning MDEQ files and approvals, locating and scanning permits for physical locations, on the ground, and learning about Radon to possibly present at the first time home buyer’s course.

John gave a legislation update per Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA):

- **HB 55**: sanitation and subdivision. Looking to formally adopt the regulations which were only in place for 2 years permanently. The changes made closely mirror the platting act process.
- **HB 15**: revises law junk vehicle disposal, which would allow counties the option to use junk vehicle funds for disposal of mobile homes.
- **HB 148**: requires 2/3rd vote for increase in licensing fees or taxes for establishments. Affects the way licensing fees can be increased which has not been changed in 10 years.

Stay tuned for raw milk legislation and Montana Local Food Choice act: food safety and not requiring licensing or inspections.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

3. **Ober Complaint: Failed Septic System – Update by Homeowner and John P**

John received a letter from Mrs. Ober. They have an installer involved, waiting for tax return money and for the ground to thaw. She plans on applying for her permit Friday, February 15, 2019. Continue to March 13, 2019 meeting for update.

2. **Voth Complaint: Treece Gulch Road, Hamilton – Update Dan Browder**

Dan explained that has not started on this yet but plans on starting this next week. Mr. Cotton said the situation is the same at the location (the home and one RV). Continue to March 13, 2019 meeting for update.

4. **Back up Health Officer – Neoma and Jeff**

Neoma explained that, as part of the PHEP Grant Deliverables, we are required to have a Successor Health Officer, in case the Health Officer is unavailable. She stated John is legally able to be the successor, as the Health Officer must be an MD (Carol) or possess a Master’s in Public Health (John). Subject matter experts would be available to the Successor as well. Other options include naming a non-County employees, i.e., a local physician, as the Successor. John requested that training be included in this appointment. Neoma concurred this would be integral to the position. Jeff will look into insurance and liability issues. Neoma will write a draft policy. Continued to March 13, 2019 meeting.
6. Ravalli County Wastewater Regulations Revisions: Discussion with possible decision and scheduling (1st reading public hearing March 13, 2019) – John P

John and Roger are still working through the draft. John requested a special meeting be scheduled for the BOH to review prior to the public process. Plus, additional time will be needed to send out final drafts for public review (interested parties).

**Consensus:** John and Roger will to continue working on the pre-draft. The pre-draft can be given to BOH and BOH can email their individual comments to John who can then incorporate the comments into said pre-draft. A special meeting shall be scheduled for March 06, 2019 at 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM for BOH to review. A deadline of February 27, 2019 was set to provide pre-draft to interested parties. The Public Hearing/1st reading shall be scheduled for March 16, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

5. Replacement Guidelines/Policy: review final draft with possible decision – John P

One public comment was received from John Horat regarding non deg requirements between April 1993 through 2009, requiring trigger values. Per MDEQ, trigger analysis was part of the 1993 non-deg analysis but did not formally adopt rules until 1995.

**Consensus:** add language sentence to #3: except for systems installed, between the dates of April 29, 1993 through December 31, 1995, a trigger analysis will not be required for replacement systems.

7. BOH/BCC MOU: Update – Jeff (BCC meeting 2/6/19)

Jeff explained the BCC meeting at which the BCC reviewed and amended the BOH draft.

**Mick moved to approve MOU as presented. Seconded by Katie.** Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. **All voted “aye” (5-0).**

1. Burt Litigation Strategy: Closed door may be invoked MCA 2-3-203

Jeff invoked the closed door meeting per MCA 2-3-203 at 4:57 PM.

Meeting was re-opened at 5:17 PM.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Marshall thanked BOH for HB 266. HB 266 was tabled to Committee because of the New England Journal stating that vaping products are twice as good for cessation plans. The HB is not dead.
VIII. NEXT MEETING:

Special meeting March 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Regularly scheduled meeting March 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 PM. Seconded by Roger. All voted “aye” (5-0).