

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES
316 PARK AVENUE, HELENA, MONTANA 59624
Room 330
April 28, 2016**

Members Present

Anne Weber, chair
James Benish, vice chair
Mayor Jim Smith
Commissioner Susan Good Geise
Scott St. Clair
Kammy Johnson
Dr. Adron Medley
Jenny Eck

Staff Present

Melanie Reynolds Gayle Shirley
Jolene Helgersen Frank Preskar
Norman Rostocki Brett Lloyd
Kathy Moore Jan Williams
Eric Merchant

Guests Present

Greg Hayes, Pacific Western Technology

Members Absent

Kent Kultgen

Anne Weber, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, announced that guest speaker Betsy Burns with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will not be able to attend today's meeting. Mr. Greg Hayes with Pacific Western Technology and Jan Williams with the health department's Lead Education and Assistance Program will speak in her place.

INTRODUCTION

Eric Merchant, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, introduced Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Brett Lloyd. In answer to a question from Commissioner Susan Good Geise, Mr. Lloyd stated that the recent disposal of hundreds of pig carcasses in Augusta was based on disposal plans provided by the state. The Disease Control and Prevention Division would have become involved with the disposal if the pigs had died of disease.

MINUTES

Ms. Weber asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 24, 2016 minutes. The Board approved the minutes as written.

PRESENTATION

Jan Williams with the Lead Education and Assistance Program (LEAP) gave a presentation on the Soil Displacement Regulations for the Superfund site in East Helena. Ms. Williams gave a brief history of the ASARCO lead contamination in East Helena, the creation by EPA of a Superfund site in East Helena, the remediation of soils, and the development of the Lead Education and Abatement Program (now called the Lead Education and Assistance Program). Ms. Williams also discussed the Regulations Governing Soil Displacement and Disposal at the East Helena Superfund site, which were adopted by the Board of Health in 2013. She provided data on the number of 811 locate certificates, soil displacement permits, and lead screenings, and a collaboration between the Montana Banking Association (MBA) and LEAP. In answer to questions from Jim Benish, Ms. Williams stated that the LEAP program was presumably not created

sooner because funding was not available. She also stated that LEAP is collaborating with the MBA on lead notification rather than with individual Realtors because of the high turn-over rate among Realtors and lack of notification to buyers about lead. In answer to a question from Kammy Johnson, Ms. Williams stated that medical providers are conducting universal lead screenings on all children who come in for a wellness screening. In answer to a question from Jenny Eck, Ms. Williams stated that LEAP is notified of lead screenings being conducted on children who have private insurance. In answer to a question from Scott St. Clair, Ms. Williams stated that LEAP is continuing to sample yards for lead contamination. If they find a yard that has more than 1,000 part per million (ppm), then the property is eligible for remediation. There are 3 to 4 properties within the East Helena Superfund area that have greater than 1,000 ppm but have declined remediation. She also noted that not all yards will be remediated due to the EPA and ASARCO lead limit being set at 1,000 ppm. In answer to an additional question from Mr. St. Clair, Ms. Williams stated that LEAP has sampled for lead around the train tracks in the area surrounding the American Chemet and ASARCO plants. In answer to a question from Commissioner Good Geise, Ms. Williams stated that, to her knowledge, there have been no studies conducted on the health of residents who lived in the area in the 1970s to see if they may be experiencing any health-related issues.

Greg Hayes with Pacific Western Technology explained to the Board how to use the interactive property status mapping website for the East Helena Superfund site, which is now available for public use (see Attachment "A"). In answer to a question from Mr. St. Clair, Mr. Hayes stated that properties on the mapping website that are not highlighted are not scheduled to be sampled for lead or remediated. He also stated that the EPA Record of Decision of 2009 stipulates that when undeveloped parcels of land are purchased and developed into residential properties, homeowners are responsible for the sampling and remediation of their property for lead contamination. He also stated that the EPA is responsible for cleanup of the site areas that are residential sites, road aprons, and flood channels that are adjacent to the public to minimize the contamination of lead.

ACTION ITEMS

Hearing Officer Recommendation, Mike and Marilyn Greely: James Benish, Hearing Officer, and Frank Preskar, Sanitarian, gave a brief explanation of the Greely variance hearing held on April 25, 2016, along with the recommendation for approval. Mr. Benish stated that the request met all of the state Department of Environmental Quality criteria for granting a variance. Mayor Smith moved to ratify the hearing officer recommendation for approval. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Board of Health Recommendation of the Fiscal Year 2017 Department Budget: Norman Rostocki, Finance Coordinator, presented the proposed FY2017 Lewis and Clark Public Health Budget for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval (pages 10-12 of the board packet). Mr. Rostocki gave an overview of the budget summary for each public health program along with revenues, expenditures, and FTEs. Mayor Smith made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that it approve the FY2017 Lewis and Clark Public Health budget. Kammy Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0, with Commissioner Good Geise abstaining from the vote.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Finance Report: Mr. Rostocki referenced the FY16 comparison to budget and cash flow for July 2015 through March 2016 (pages 14-15 of the board packet). Mr. Rostocki noted that the department is 75% of the way through its fiscal year. Total revenue to date is \$1,357,506, or 69% of the amount budgeted; actual expenditures are \$1,633,105 or 81% of the amount budgeted. Revenues are under expenditures by \$275,598; total ending cash is \$609,580.

Accreditation Update: Gayle Shirley, Communications Manager and Accreditation Coordinator, announced that the last of the community health improvement planning (CHIP) meetings was completed in early April. Ms. Shirley and Katie Loveland, CHIP Facilitator, are working to complete the CHIP plan. A draft of the plan will be available on the Public Health website for public comment. Once it is completed, Ms. Shirley will work with St. Peter's Hospital to release the plan to the public.

Ms. Shirley presented to the Board the web-based Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) documentation process called e-PHAB. The health department will submit all documents required for accreditation to PHAB on May 27. After that, the department's accreditation workgroup will prepare for the PHAB site visit.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund renovation of the lower level of the Murray Building is due July 6, 2016.

The Community Health Promotion WIC program has hired Registered Dietitian Regina Hultin and will shortly be hiring for the Tobacco Specialist position vacated by Becky Baraby. The Home Visiting Nurse position currently held by Michelle Much will not be refilled upon her resignation from Public Health.

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Anne Weber, Chair

Melanie Reynolds, Secretary