

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES
316 N. PARK AVENUE, HELENA, MONTANA 59601
Lewis and Clark City-County Building
October 25, 2018**

Members Present

James Benish, chair
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, vice chair
(Arrived @ 1:29 pm)
Justin Murgel (Arrived @ 1:08 pm)
Tyler Ream
Kammy Johnson
Dr. Adron Medley

Staff Present

Drenda Niemann
Jolene Helgerson
Eric Merchant
Kathy Moore
Jacqueline Isaly
Gayle Shirley

Mary Pierce
Katie Maslowski
Heather Parmer

Members Absent

Mayor Wilmot Collins
Scott St. Clair
Jenny Eck

Guests Present

Pat Christian, Helena Citizens Council
Marguerite Bauer
Tylor Maurer

Jim Benish, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made.

MINUTES

Mr. Benish asked if there were any corrections or additions to the September 27, 2018, minutes. The Board approved the minutes as written.

INTRODUCTIONS & AWARDS

Introductions of new staff members Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator; Mary Pierce, Home Visiting Program Supervisor; and Katie Maslowski, Parents as Teachers Home Visitor, were made. The Board congratulated Gayle Shirley, Communications and Systems Improvement Manager, on her Montana Public Health Association Exemplary Service Award.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Finance Report: Heather Parmer, Finance Coordinator, referenced the FY19 comparison to budget and cash flow for July 2018 through October 2018 (pages 8-9 of the board packet). Ms. Parmer noted that the department is 25% of the way through its fiscal year. Total revenue to date is \$197,788, or 9% of the amount budgeted; actual expenditures are \$477,654 or 20% of the amount budgeted. Revenues are under expenditures by \$279,866; total ending cash is \$478,548. Revenues will begin to increase once November property taxes are received.

Suicide Prevention Update: Ms. Isaly gave an update on suicide prevention (see Attachment “A”) in which she discussed local, statewide, and national suicide rates; the emphasis on suicide prevention in the most recent community health improvement plan; social factors affecting mental health; the Lewis and Clark Suicide Prevention Coalition; and suicide prevention training, outreach, and education. In answer

to a question from Justin Murgel, Ms. Isaly clarified that state statistics show whether individuals have seen their primary-care provider (PCP) about their mental health, not if they have received a prescription to treat mental health issues. Drenda Niemann, Health Officer, stated that it is the hope of the Suicide Prevention Coalition that PCP's incorporate mental health and tobacco cessation screenings during appointments. In answer to a question from Dr. Medley, Ms. Isaly noted that grade schools in Helena have implemented the Good Behavior Program into their curriculum as a way to address youth mental health. As part of Youth Aware, Smith Elementary is implementing Signs of Suicide for their middle school students. Helena High School students participate in the YAM (Youth Aware of Mental Health) Program.

Tobacco Point of Sale Ordinance Update: The City of Helena Commission held its first public hearing on the Point of Sale ordinance on October 15, 2018. The ordinance originally had two parts: restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products and prohibit self-service tobacco displays. The commission amended the ordinance to take out the flavors aspect. A second public hearing on the self-service display aspect will be held October 29.

Ongoing Board Training: Ms. Niemann presented the Michigan Public Health Training Center modules as an option for ongoing board training (pages 10-11 of the board packet). After board member discussion, the Board agreed to incorporate the modules into already scheduled meetings.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Chronic Disease Bureau has committed new funding to support a full-time statewide CONNECT Coordinator. This will bring the CONNECT referral program to 2 full-time staff.

Ms. Niemann drew the Board's attention to an invitation (pages 21-22 of the board packet) to become part of a Healthy Together Task Force that will assess public health needs, identify priority issues, and identify and commit to strategies and resources to address them.

To date, we have had 6 confirmed cases of flu within Lewis and Clark County. The first case was identified on September 16. This is consistent with the timing and onset of flu in Lewis and Clark County last flu season. Commissioner Hunthausen and Kammy Johnson requested new designs on the cartoon bandages they got with their flu shots this year.

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Jim Benish, Chair

Drenda Niemann, Secretary