

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES  
120 S. LAST CHANCE GULCH, HELENA, MONTANA 59601  
Lewis and Clark Library  
April 26, 2018**

Members Present

James Benish, chair  
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, vice chair  
Mayor Wilmot Collins  
Scott St. Clair  
Dr. Adron Medley  
Kammy Johnson

Staff Present

Melanie Reynolds  
Jolene Helgerson  
Drenda Niemann  
Kathy Moore  
Gayle Shirley

Members Absent

Jenny Eck  
Anne Weber  
Jack Copps

Guests Present

Dan Clark, MSU Local Government Center  
Tara Mastel, MSU Local Government Center  
Pat Christian, Helena Citizens Council

Jim Benish, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was established. Introductions of Board Members, Staff, and Guests were made.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**REVIEW OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, spoke briefly about the FY19 Budget for the health department. She noted the following changes: the finance coordinator position will move from a half-time FTE to a full-time FTE; there will be a 2.1 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA); county administrative fees have gone up along with rent; and IT&S fees have gone down. In answer to a question from Scott St. Clair, Ms. Reynolds said that COLA increases at the City and County differ. Ms. Reynolds said the Board of Health Finance Committee will meet soon and encouraged board members to participate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

With the facilitation of Dan Clark from the Local Government Center at MSU, board members and select health department staff reviewed the results of a survey that went out last month to staff, board members, and numerous community partners. Based on the results of the survey, the board chose to keep our existing mission statement: Our mission is to improve and protect the health of all residents of Lewis and Clark County. Modifications were made to the current vision statement to more succinctly describe our hope for the future: Healthy people in a safe and healthy environment.

Based on comments from the survey, board members decided to replace "fairness" with "inclusiveness" among the department's core values. Those now are: Leadership, collaboration, inclusiveness, effectiveness, and integrity.

The board developed 5 broad strategic goals:

- Consider social determinants of health (such as poverty, education, transportation, and violence) in connection with all of our public health work.
- Improve mental health and reduce substance abuse.
- Improve health across the lifespan (with special focus on early childhood and old age).
- Promote a safe and healthy environment.
- Explore new frameworks for delivering public health services.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Jim Benish, Chair

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Melanie Reynolds, Secretary