

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES
1930 9th AVE, HELENA, MONTANA 59601
Zoom Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
January 27, 2022**

Members Present

Justin Murgel, chair
Dr. Mikael Bedell, vice chair
Commissioner Jim McCormick
Mayor Kelly Harris
Mayor Wilmot Collins
Lisa Kaufman
Rex Weltz
Brie MacLaurin
Katherine Weber

Staff Present

Drenda Niemann
Laurel Riek
Jennifer McBroom
Jolene Helgerson
Damian Boudreau
Joel Ebert

Guests Present

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney

Members Absent

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

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made. No public comment was given.

MINUTES

Mr. Murgel asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 16, 2021, minutes. There being none, the Board approved the minutes as written. No public comment was given.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Murgel introduced new Board Member County Commissioner Jim McCormick and East Helena Mayor Kelly Harris.

ACTION ITEMS

Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board Representative: Jennifer McBroom, WQPD Supervisor along with former WQPD Board Member Commissioner Jim McCormick provided the board with an introduction about the WQPD. Mr. Murgel asked if there were any board members interested in representing the Board of Health (BOH) on the WQPD board. With there being no volunteers due to meeting conflicts, Drenda Niemann, Health Officer, asked Commissioner McCormick to fill the position until a board member can be appointed. Lisa Kaufman made a motion to have Commissioner McCormick as the interim BOH member on the WQPD board until a BOH member is appointed. Rex Weltz seconded the motion. There being no public comment, the motion carried 9-0.

Licensed Establishment Cooperative Agreement: Laurel Riek, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented the 2022 Cooperative Agreement between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services and Lewis and Clark Public Health (pages 9-18 of the board packet) for board review and approval. After board member review, Commissioner McCormick made a motion to approve

the 2022 Cooperative Agreement between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services and the Lewis and Clark Public Health. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion. There being no public comment, the motion carried 9-0.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Community Health Report Presentation: Ms. Niemann shared a video highlighting the Community Health Report (see YouTube video <https://youtu.be/zmoiQpVFDJw>). The report provides a snapshot of our community on several health conditions, behaviors and social determinants of health in the county, including cancer, heart disease, substance use, mental health, childcare, food security and many others. This report forms the basis for the Community Health Improvement Plan which will be released in 2022.

COVID-19 Update: Ms. Niemann highlighted the COVID-19 HUB map of current numbers of confirmed, active, break through and recovered cases, daily new case incidences, weekly case incidences, test positivity rates, vaccine information and progress. No public comment was given.

Interlocal Agreement Update: Ms. Niemann announced that Interlocal Agreement negotiations are almost complete. The local governing body will consist of 2 county commissioners, 2 city commissioners, and the Mayor of East Helena. The governing body will come into play anytime the Board of Health makes updates to current regulations and/or recommends for adoption a new regulation. The City of Helena will review the proposed Interlocal Agreement at their February 14, 2022, commission meeting. After the final signing of the agreement, public health will update the Board of Health Bylaws to reflect the changes and will also write a standard operating procedure. No public comment was given.

There being no public comment on items not mentions above, the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Justin Murgel, Chairman

Drenda Niemann, Secretary