

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES
1930 9th AVE, HELENA, MONTANA 59601
Zoom Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
September 22, 2022**

Members Present

Justin Murgel, chair
Dr. Mikael Bedell, vice chair
Mayor Wilmot Collins
Commissioner Jim McCormick (arrived @ 1:08 p.m.)
Mayor Kelly Harris (departed @ 2:29 p.m.)
Lisa Kaufman
Katherine Weber
Rex Weltz
Brie MacLaurin

Staff Present

Drenda Niemann
Jolene Helgerson
Jess Hegstrom
Mary Sparks
Matthew Bertoia
Nina Heinzinger

Guests Present

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 August 18, 2022, minutes. There being none, the Board approved the minutes as written. No public comment was given.

ACTION ITEMS

Truck Wreck Protocol approval: Nina Heinzinger, Licensed Establishment Program Supervisor, presented the Guidelines for Handling Distressed Foods in Truck Wrecks along with the Disposal Agreement (on pages 7-15 of the board packet) for board members to review and approve. Ms. Heinzinger noted that no significant changes were made to the protocol since last year only minor grammatical changes were made. There being no board member discussion, Rex Weltz made a motion to approve the Truck Wreck Protocol. Dr. Mikael Bedell seconded the motion. No public comment was given. The motion carried 8-0.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Board of Health Effectiveness Assessment Results: Drenda Niemann, Health Officer, highlighted the NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) Board of Health Effectiveness Assessment (on pages 17-22 of the board packet). Board members reviewed and provided examples for the Six Functions of Board Governance checklist. Results from the discussion will be used to develop a board training plan for the upcoming year.

Home Visiting Program Update: Mary Sparks, Home Visiting Supervisors, provided an update on the Home Visiting Program (see Attachment “A”) in which she highlighted program staff, programs and the programs future moving forward. In answer to a question from Mr. Murgel, Ms. Sparks said the 7 Generation Program started in 2019 but due to COVID the program was delayed as staff was unable to serve parents of young children who are incarcerated and their caregivers. The Circle of Security Program has been active for 8 years.

Suicide Prevention Program Update: Jess Hegstrom, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, and Suicide Prevention Vista, Matthew Bertoia, provided a program update (see Attachment “B”) in which they highlighted suicide statistics at the county, state and national level, discussed contributing factors, comprehensive approaches, grant funding, trainings available to the public, Mayors Challenge, lethal means, Loss Teams, and what’s next for the program.

No public comment was given.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

COVID-19 Update: Ms. Niemann shared the COVID-19 HUB map of current numbers of confirmed, active, weekly new case incidences, test positivity rates, wastewater surveillance testing, and vaccine rates for the county.

Interlocal Agreement Update: Ms. Niemann announced that the Interlocal Agreement By-laws are being drafted by the county attorney’s office for the governing body’s review and approval.

SMA Architect Preliminary Report: Ms. Niemann announced the the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a contract with SMA to update the Preliminary Architect Report to reflect the current health department building facility needs. This report was originally developed in 2017 and was used to justify and apply for a grant to help fund the renovation to the Health Department’s space in the Murray Building. The updated assessment will provide a current overview of the department’s facility needs which will be used to advocate for a facility that meets the identified needs.

No public comment was given

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Justin Murgel, Chair

Drenda Niemann, Secretary