

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES  
316 PARK AVENUE, HELENA, MONTANA 59624  
Room 330  
June 23, 2016**

Members Present

Anne Weber, chair  
James Benish, vice chair  
Commissioner Susan Good Geise  
Scott St. Clair  
Dr. Adron Medley (by phone @ 1:25 p.m.)  
Jack Copps (arrived @ 1:50 p.m.)

Staff Present

Melanie Reynolds      Karen Lane  
Jolene Helgerson      Frank Preskar  
Norman Rostocki      Sarah Shapiro  
Drenda Niemann      Eric Merchant  
Gayle Shirley  
Jay Plant

Members Absent

Kammy Johnson  
Jenny Eck  
Mayor Jim Smith

Guests Present

Jill Steeley-PureView Health Center  
Amy Teegarden- Helena Parks and Recreation

Anne Weber, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. A quorum was not established.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, announced that Dr. Adron Medley will be available by phone for the action items.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Weber asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 26, 2016, minutes. The Board approved the minutes as written.

*A quorum was established at 1:25 p.m., when Dr. Medley joined the meeting by phone.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

Hearing Officer Recommendation, Jessalyn Rice: James Benish, Hearing Officer, and Jay Plant, Sanitarian, gave a brief account of the Rice variance hearing held on June 22, 2016, along with a recommendation for approval of the variance request. Mr. Benish stated that the request met all of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality criteria for granting a variance. Dr. Medley moved to ratify the hearing officer recommendation for approval. Commissioner Susan Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Request for approval of the Lewis and Clark County Communicable Disease Response Plan: Eric Merchant, Administrator of the Disease Control & Prevention Division, requested board approval of the Lewis and Clark County Communicable Disease Response Plan (pages 9-30 of the board packet). Mr. Merchant noted that no substantive changes were made to the plan other than to the table of contents and formatting. After board member discussion, Commissioner Good Geise made a motion to approve the Lewis and Clark County Communicable Disease Response Plan. Mr. Benish seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Request for approval of the Lewis and Clark Hazardous Sample Transport Plan: Mr. Merchant requested board approval of the Lewis and Clark County Hazardous Sample Transport Plan (pages 32-36 of the board packet). Mr. Merchant noted that no substantive changes were made to the plan other than to formatting, document organization, and contact information. After board member discussion, Commissioner Good Geise made a motion to approve the Lewis and Clark County Hazardous Sample Transport Plan. Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Interim Superintendent of Schools Jack Copps was introduced. He joins the board as the representative of School District 1.

## **PRESENTATION**

Jill Steeley, Executive Director for PureView Health Center, gave an overview of PureView Health Center and how it works together with Public Health. PureView Health Center is a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) with clinics located in Helena and Lincoln, Montana. The clinics provide affordable primary care for the whole family. PureView Health Center provides nearly 21,000 patient visits each year to over 7,000 people. Patients can receive comprehensive primary care, integrated behavioral healthcare, dental care and low-cost prescriptions. The clinics provide a full range of primary care services, including regular check-ups; care for chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease; prevention and wellness education; nutritional counseling; behavioral healthcare services; dental services; and referrals to specialists in the community through team-based medical case management. PureView Health Center also coordinates programs specifically for people who are homeless. Ms. Steeley said that PureView refers patients needing immunizations to Public Health. They also work closely with public health programs such as emergency preparedness, home visiting, and WIC, and they were actively involved in the Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP) process. Ms. Steeley also announced that as of July 1, 2016, PureView will be the preferred health care center for county employees. In answer to a question from Ms. Weber, Ms. Steeley stated that, with the influx of new patients, they will monitor the need to hire more staff. In answer to a question from Commissioner Good Geise, Ms. Steeley stated that PureView is registered and enrolled with the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health-care organizations/covered entities at significantly reduced prices. In answer to a question from Mr. Benish, Ms. Steeley stated that she would review the PureView by-laws regarding ex-officio members such as the Board of Health representative and consider giving Ms. Reynolds a more active role on the PureView board. Ms. Steeley and Ms. Reynolds will come back to the Board of Health with further recommendations on this topic at a later date. In answer to a question from Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Steeley stated that there have been 418 patients insured on the Medicaid Expansion plan through PureView Health Center.

## **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Finance Report: Norm Rostocki referenced the FY16 comparison to budget and cash flow for July 2015 through May 2016 (pages 38-39 of the board packet). Mr. Rostocki noted that the department is 92% of the way through its fiscal year. Total revenue to date is \$1,758,529, or 90% of the amount budgeted; actual expenditures are \$1,923,375 or 90% of the amount budgeted. Revenues are under expenditures by \$164,846; total ending cash is \$720,332.

Tobacco Free Parks Update: Karen Lane, Chronic Disease Prevention Programs Manager, announced that Lewis and Clark Public Health is teaming with the Helena Parks and Recreation Department to launch a public information campaign in July promoting tobacco-free parks. The departments worked together last year to have developed city parks declared tobacco free by the Parks Board and City Commission. This

year's promotional campaign is timed to coincide with National Parks and Recreation Month. Signs discouraging tobacco use will be installed in every developed city park (see Attachment "A"). Amy Teegarden, Parks and Recreation Director, said Helena is the first city in Montana to have tobacco-free parks.

Department Strategic Plan Update: Ms. Reynolds highlighted key areas of progress in the department's strategic plan (pages 40-44 of the board packet).

### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

As part of the current Exploration Works "Blood Suckers" exhibit, the Eric Merchant, Administrator of the Disease Control and Prevention Division, gave a presentation on June 9 regarding the Zika virus, clinical impacts, modes of transmission, preventative measures and status of the current pandemic.

Ms. Reynolds and Karen Wandel with the Immunization Program gave a presentation on immunizations with an emphasis on eradication of polio to the Helena Rotary Club.

On July 6, the health department will submit its application for a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help with the renovation of the lower level of the Murray Building. The health department will provide an \$115,000 match contribution.

Fifty representatives of Montana State University (MSU) met with Public Health staff to discuss the work of local health departments and what skills Public Health is looking for in students graduating from MSU.

Lewis and Clark Public Health and St. Peter's Hospital jointly released the 2016 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to the public June 29. You can find a copy of the plan on the LCPH website.

The August BOH meeting is canceled. If any variance hearings are held in August, the board will vote on the hearing officer's recommendations by email.

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 2.30 p.m.

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Anne Weber, Chair

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Melanie Reynolds, Secretary