

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH - MINUTES
316 N. Park, Room 309, HELENA, MONTANA 59601
June 28, 2012**

Members Present

Peter Donovan, chair
Ken Wallace, vice-chair
Chris Deveny
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen (*arrived 2:11p.m.*)
Mayor Jim Smith
Mayor Anthony Strainer
Susan Epstein
Steve Ackerlund

Staff Present

Melanie Reynolds Jeanne Underhill
Jolene Helgersen
Frank Preskar
Beth Norberg
Gayle Shirley
Karen Lane
Brett Christian

Guests Present

Members Absent

Keith Meyer

Pete Donovan, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was established.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, stated that the Tobacco Use Prevention Program will give a brief presentation during the board member discussion. Mayor Smith noted that he would need to leave today's meeting at 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Pete Donovan asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 24, 2012, minutes. Melanie clarified that the attachments to the board minutes are kept with the signed minutes in the official board minute's binder. The Board approved the minutes as written.

ACTION ITEM

Findings of Fact, Drumlummon Gold Corp.: Ken Wallace, Hearings Officer, stated that he has deferred a recommendation of the Drumlummon Gold Corp. Variance heard on June 21, 2012, pending additional certificates of approval. Beth Norberg, Sanitarian, stated that during the hearing, the applicant indicated that the restroom and washroom facility requiring a variance for a holding tank would be used by more than 100 employees. Beth noted that if a system is used by more than 25 people for more than 60 days in a calendar year, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requires a public water and wastewater certificate of approval. The applicant has been in contact with the MDEQ to acquire the required certificate. A continuation date for the variance has yet to be set.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Chronic Disease Prevention Programs Update: Karen Lane, Prevention Programs Manager, gave a Power Point presentation and presented a handout (see Attachment "A") on an outreach survey regarding the public's opinion about tobacco-free parks. Most of the 99 people polled strongly agreed that areas where children play should become tobacco free. The adult areas such as golf courses and boat launches received less support to be tobacco free. Brett Christian, Health Educator with an emphasis on Tobacco

Prevention, stated that the Prevention Program collaborated with the YMCA youth summer camp to clean up Nature Park and Women's Park. In an hour, the youth were able to collect numerous bags of trash and two two-liter containers of cigarette butts. Chris Deveny recommended that staff use the containers of cigarette butts as an outreach media tool. In answer to a question from Ken Wallace, Karen Lane stated that more surveys will be conducted at various summer events scheduled throughout town. Ken recommended that the Board of Health pass a companion resolution to one under consideration by the Parks Department regarding tobacco-free parks. In answer to a question from Ken Wallace, Mayor Smith stated that when the Parks Department comes before the City Commission requesting that Centennial Park be designated as tobacco free, the commission may consider passing the request as an ordinance rather than a resolution.

PRESENTATION

Jeanne Underhill, public health nurse for the Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program, stated that the Medicaid Waiver Program is available to individuals in need of long-term care who are eligible for Medicaid and are disabled as determined by Social Security or age 65 or older. A registered nurse and social worker help individuals find home and community services that are needed to maintain as much independence as possible (see Attachment "B"). Two additional programs that the Health Department offers are the Ryan White Program, which provides case management for those diagnosed with HIV and AIDS, and a new SDMI Waiver Program, which will provide case management for the severely disabled and mentally ill.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION *Continued*

Finance Reports: Melanie Reynolds referenced the comparison to budget and cash flow for the period ending May 31, 2012, on page 11 of the board packet. Melanie noted that we are 91% through the fiscal year. Total revenue is \$1,298,708, or 84% of the amount budgeted; actual expenditures are \$1,294,112, or 82% of the amount budgeted. Revenues are over expenditures by \$4,595; total ending cash is \$662,952. Melanie noted that property taxes for the first half of the year are starting to come in. Melanie said the Septic Maintenance Program is running at a loss of about \$38,000. To sustain the program, the county could provide a loan to the program through the mill for the first year or the mill could cover the cost of the first year. Staff will bring a recommendation to the Board at the next board meeting.

Fire Update: Melanie stated that the Health Department is actively working with the media to update the public on health issues caused by the Corral Fire in the Scratch Gravel Hills.

Transitions: Exiting Board of Health Members, New Board of Health Members: Commissioner Hunthausen, Mayor Smith, and Mayor Strainer presented on behalf of the Board certificates of appreciation to board members whose terms have ended: Pete Donovan, Chris Deveny, Steve Ackerlund, and Keith Meyer. Pete Donovan received an engraved paperweight from Lewis and Clark County for his 16 years of service on the Board of Health. Melanie highlighted the new board members who will be on the board in July on page 12 of the board packet.

Accreditation: Gayle Shirley, Communications Coordinator, stated that she and Melanie Reynolds have nearly completed an accreditation coaching series through the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington. Gayle noted that the Health Department has completed a community health assessment, which is the first of three prerequisites for accreditation. Gayle said the department is embarking on the second prerequisite, which is a health improvement planning (HIP) process, highlighted on page 13 of the board packet.

Augusta Government Day: Melanie Reynolds stated that the Health Department will give a presentation at the Augusta Government Day on July 13, 2012. Board members are welcome to attend.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

There have been 31 cases of pertussis (whooping cough) within the county since March 29. Lewis and Clark County has confirmed its first pertussis case this season involving an infant. Staff continues to send out press releases on pertussis along with advisories to the medical community, schools, and parents.

The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has approved the master contract for services provided and acceptance of grants with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (MDPHHS).

Melanie Reynolds is working with Sheila Hogan, a new board member with St. Peter's Hospital, on continuing the dialog with the Board of Health and St. Pete's regarding training for the point-of-entry referrals to the hospital.

Melanie attended a presentation by the City of East Helena Custodial Trust on its interim remedial plans involving the Asarco plant and surrounding area. The Health Department staff spoke on the work that is being done involving institution controls (IC's) and the blood lead screening. Melanie noted that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may lower the blood lead screening level for children ages 5 to 10. The Health Department hopes to have a blood lead screening for children this fall. Mayor Strainer's main concern during the meeting was the Trust's plan for relocation of Prickly Pear Creek. Mayor Strainer also noted that the Trust is working on reducing the size of slag piles but that they may never be officially cleared off the site. The cement plant located on the Asarco site is expanding and has purchased additional land from the Custodial Trust. Melanie noted that public comment on the plan is open until July 16. The Health Department and Water Quality Protection District will provide comments. Melanie will see that the Board receives a copy of those comments.

The Health Department will study affects of the Affordable Health Care Act on public health now that the act has been upheld for the most part by the U.S. Supreme Court.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION *continued*

Ten Mile/ Pleasant Valley Lagoon Update: Commissioner Hunthausen stated that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) lawsuit against Mr. Kelly, owner of the lagoons, was heard on May 29. Mr. Kelly refused an offer from the Ten Mile/ Pleasant Valley Lagoon Sewer District to purchase the lagoons. The judge will now make the decision on the operation of the lagoons. The County will advocate having the control of the lagoons removed from Mr. Kelly. The County Commission and Public Works will meet with the sewer district to discuss the outcome of the trial and the infrastructure in general.

Mayor Smith thanked the Board for its support of the Last Chance Gulch Gateway Project. The City of Helena didn't receive the TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grants but will apply again.

Commissioner Hunthausen expressed his appreciation to all who helped with the recent Corral Fire.

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Peter Donovan, Chair

Melanie Reynolds, Secretary

Action Items from June 28, 2012, BOH Meeting

- Melanie will bring a staff recommendation to the July board meeting regarding the funding of the Septic Maintenance Program.
- Melanie will provide the Board with copy of the comments made by the Health Department and the Water Quality Protection District regarding the Custodial Trust's interim remedial plans involving the Asarco plant and surrounding areas.