

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES
316 N. PARK AVENUE, HELENA, MONTANA 59601
Room 330
December 7, 2017**

Members Present

James Benish, chair
Mayor Jim Smith
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, vice chair
Kammy Johnson
Scott St. Clair

Staff Present

Melanie Reynolds
Jolene Helgerson
Kathy Moore
Drenda Niemann
Eric Merchant
Gayle Shirley

Members Absent

Dr. Adron Medley
Jenny Eck
Anne Weber
Jack Copps

Guests Present

Jess Hegstrom, AmeriCorps VISTA
John Wilkinson, LAC
Gary Mihelish, NAMI
Jill-Marie Steeley, PureView Health Center

Jim Benish, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. A quorum was not established.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, announced that the PureView Health Center update would be moved ahead of the other scheduled presentations.

MINUTES

Mr. Benish asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October 26, 2017, minutes. The Board approved the minutes as written. Ms. Reynolds noted that there were corrections to the approved September 28, 2017, minutes. Mr. Benish asked if there were any corrections or additions to the amended September 28, 2017, minutes. The Board approved the amended minutes as written.

A quorum was established at 1:28 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Jill-Marie Steeley, Executive Director of PureView Health Center, gave an update on the center (see Attachment “A”). She provided an overview of the history of the health center and its recognition as a Patient-Centered Medical Home. She also discussed social determinants of health. Mr. Benish asked that Ms. Steeley’s presentation be emailed to Board members who were not able to make it to this meeting. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen also noted that PureView Health Center is the primary-care facility for all county employees. Ms. Reynolds stated that PureView’s Dr. Will Snider is under contract as the health department’s medical director. She also noted that PureView, along with United Way and Rocky Mountain Development Council, will be working with the health department on the development of the 2018 Community Health Report and 2019 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Ms. Reynolds gave a progress report on the mental health goals of the 2016 CHIP (see Attachment “B”). She highlighted trend data related to reducing the suicide rate among adults and teens and reducing incidence of depression and anxiety in those populations.

Gary Mihelish with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) gave an update on NAMI Helena (see Attachment “C”). He provided an overview of the group’s mission and highlighted its education programs, family support groups, community donations, guest speakers, and participation on various committees.

John Wilkinson, chair of the Local Advisory Council (LAC), gave an update on the LAC’s recent strategic planning (see Attachment “D”). He highlighted the desired outcomes of the session along with a brief overview of the history of the County’s LAC and its purpose, mission, objectives, and successes.

Jess Hegstrom, an AmeriCorps VISTA working in East Helena, gave an update on suicide prevention efforts in that community and its schools (see Attachment “E”). She specifically addressed prevention, intervention, post intervention, loss support, and partnerships. Ms. Hegstrom also provided an overview of the East Helena Suicide Prevention and Awareness Coalition (EHSPAC), along with its community assessment, strategic aim, and various prevention activities.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

January Board of Health Meeting: Ms. Reynolds reminded the Board that the January 25, 2018, meeting was moved to January 18, 2018.

Proposed Board of Health Calendar for 2018: Ms. Reynolds highlighted the proposed Board of Health Calendar for 2018 (on pages 15-16 of the board packet). She noted that the year-end report on communication and marketing will be moved from January to July, and the Gold and Silver Fork Awards will move to February.

Tobacco Point of Sale Initiative: Ms. Reynolds spoke briefly, on how the tobacco industry is targeting youth at the point of sale of its products. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services along with the Lewis and Clark Public Health Tobacco Use Prevention Program and others are starting a work group to address local policy and/or regulation related to point of sale. Ms. Reynolds asked Board members if they would like to be part of this work group. Mr. Benish said that he would like to be part of the work group. He asked Ms. Reynolds to send the request to the Board members who were not at this meeting.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Construction to remodel the lower level of the Murray Building is set to begin in mid-December and end in April. Staff from the Taylor Building and administrative staff from the City-County Building are scheduled to move back into the Murray Building on May 1.

The Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Program will hire a grant writer in a bid to renew its 7-year contract with the state.

Flathead County has reported 2 deaths related to the flu this season.

Ms. Reynolds announced that Kristi Heilman with the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Program and Debb Tillo with the East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program will retire in December.

Ms. Reynolds and members of the Board thanked Mayor Smith for his participation on the board.

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Jim Benish, Chair

Melanie Reynolds, Secretary