

**LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH – MINUTES
1930 9th AVE, HELENA, MONTANA 59601
Zoom Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
September 26, 2024**

Members Present

Brie MacLaurin, Chair
Commissioner Candace Payne
Mayor Kelly Harris
Dr. Mikael Bedell, Vice Chair
Chanan Brown
Sherri Ohs-Mosley
Mayor Wilmot Collins

Staff Present

Drenda Niemann
Val Stacey
Jay Plant
Carin McClain
Sandy Whittington
Laurel Riek

Members Absent

Rex Weltz
Lisa Kaufman

The Board Chair, Brie MacLaurin, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions

MINUTES

Brie MacLaurin asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 22, 2024 minutes. There being no changes, the Board approved the minutes as written. No public comment was given.

ACTION ITEM

Chase & Elliott Goddecky 3678 Flowerree Dr Wastewater Variance Request

Jay Plant, Frank Prescar of Casne & Associates, provided an overview of the variance request outlined in detail in Exhibit B of the board packet.

Jay Plant, Sanitarian and Frank Prescar of Casne & Associates, responded to board members, Commissioner Candace Payne and Sherri Ohs-Mosley's questions regarding the name on the deed of the property, the size and number of proposed septic systems, the size of the proposed single-family dwelling and the appropriately sized septic system required for the dwelling. Mayor Kelly Harris questioned the difference in single family use verses allowing the dwelling to be rented. Chanan Brown questioned the regulations for commercial use verses residential use. Chair Brie MacLaurin called for a motion to approve the variance. Mayor Kelly Harris moved to approve the variance with a language change from personal to residential. Chair MacLaurin seconded the motion. No public comment was given. The motion carried with no opposed or abstained.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

CASPER Report Update: Val Stacey, Epidemiologist, presented the results of the CASPER Survey Report. The survey is the primary data source for the Community Health Assessment that is done every three years in partnership with the Healthy Together Steering committee which includes St. Peter's, Pureview, United Way, Rocky Mountain Development Council, and the health department. This assessment is used to develop priorities for

the Community Health Improvement Plan. The survey takes a deep dive into the perspectives of resident's perspectives on the health of the community. 20 volunteers knocked on 838 doors in the five-county area as defined by the hospital service area and had the opportunity to speak with 339 citizens. The report is posted to the LCPH website and will be included in the full comprehensive Community Health Assessment that will be published in December.

Aging Well Initiative: Carin McClain, Chronic Disease Prevention - Health Coach for Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program, provided an overview on the initiative. At their monthly meetings, they have various speakers such as Seniors Farmers Market, Caregiver Support Group, Meals on Wheels, and St. Pete's Foundation presented on the benefits of volunteerism. The Age Friendly Communities Network is taking off across the nation with support of AARP. This network focuses on fostering communities that are well designed, age friendly and that they foster economic growth. The goal is to have happier, healthier residents of all ages. The City Commissioners said they were motivated to join the network since it really aligns very well with the work they're already doing to build an age friendly community. The membership network helps local leaders identify and understand community needs, aids in organizing a structure for making community improvements, and fosters partnerships.

NALBOH : Director, Drenda Niemann, gave a brief overview of the National Association of Local Boards of Health Governance and Effectiveness Functions. Chair MacLaurin lead the board in discussion about strengths and areas for improvement within the six functions: policy development, research, legal authority, stewardship, and partner engagement. Due to time constraints, the final three items, partner engagement, continuous improvement and oversight will be moved to the next agenda in October.

ANNOUCEMENTS

Invisible Shield Documentary: There were about 35 attendees at the first episode of the documentary. The Montana Vaccines for Kids Coalition hosted a legislative reception prior to the showing of the episode which encouraged participation in the documentary. The next episode will be October 8th at 6:30pm at the Myrna Loy.

The next meeting will be on October 24, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Brie MacLaurin, Chair

Drenda Niemann, Secretary