

Approved

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 25 2021 at 5 pm
Anaconda Community Center, 3rd floor conference room
conference call: 425-436-6356 access code 204098

Present: Karan Kunz (BOH), Dr. Bridgette Baker (BOH), Kathy Russell (BOH) Tam Martin (BOH), Angie Galetti (BOH), Mike Huotte (ADLC Commion)

Absent: Megan Rediske (BOH), Chad Lanes (Sanitarian), Leigh Ann Holmes (Department Director)

Guests: Jennifer Robinson (ADLC Public Health Department), Paula Arneson (Environmental Health)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05; quorum initially not met.
2. Introductions of everyone at the table; Karan Kunz, Tami Martin, Paula Arneson, Mike Huotte, Kathy Russell, Dr. Bridgette Baker, and Jennifer Robinson
3. Dr. Bridgette Baker arrived at 5:10 during introductions; quorum met.
4. Approval of January 28, 2021 meeting minutes.
 - a. Dr. Bridgette Baker motioned to approve with corrections submitted by Megan Rediske via email.
 - b. Mike Huotte seconded.
 - c. Minute were unanimously approved.
5. Moved 2021 DPHHS Cooperative Agreement to BOH Businees.
 - a. Tami Martin made motion to approve allowing Karan Kunz to sign
 - b. Dr. Bridgette Baker seconded.
 - c. Jennifer Robinson asked if the agreement was tied to COVID funding. Paula Arneson and Karan Kunz explained how the agreement worked and that it is a yearly agreement. It is not tied to any COVID funding.
 - d. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved. Karan signed and returned to Paula Arneson to take back to the Environmental Department.
6. Update on BOH positions
 - a. With Kathy Russell, FNP and Dr. Bridgette Baker now on the board there are two non-voting positions. One is appointed by the Board and the other is appointed by the Commissioners. Recommendations are encouraged to be emailed to Karan Kunz.
7. Public Health Department
 - a. Leigh Ann Holmes attempted to call in unsuccessfully. She emailed her report but it was not reviewed without her.
 - b. Jennifer Robinson reported on the COVID meeting from 7:00am.m. There are no new cases in Anaconda. There is a spike statewide but that seems to be from the basketball tournaments. Johnson & Johnson vaccines are now available at the

hospital. The Health Department is dispersing the Moderna. This week they will have given 330 doses between first and second doses. Pfizer has been approved for youth ages 16 and up. This is available in Missoula. There are no new cases at Warm Springs, the Prison or START. The COVID meeting is every other week and Jennifer offered to provide the meeting information for anyone who was interested in attending.

8. Environmental Department

- a. Chad Lanes was absent so there was no report.

9. Other Business

- a. Karan Kunz reported we have a tentative training in May. She is working to have training during our Board meeting. The training will include any new legislation.
- b. April will be the anniversary of appointing Leigh Ann Holmes to the Health Officer position. We need to review this appointment at the next meeting. Karan Kunz states she believes much of the success of the Department is due to Leigh Ann being a good communicator with all parties of concern. This will be an item of the next agenda.
- c. Next two meetings are April 22, 2021 and May 27, 2021. Dr. Bridgette Baker started the discussion of the meeting being monthly. Karan Kunz explained why the Board has been meeting monthly versus bi-monthly; due to staffing issues, COVID and the being support to the Health Department. This topic will be added to the next meeting agenda.

10. Meeting was opened to public comment.

- a. Paula Arneson asked if the rumors were true that the Governor was requiring counties to lift the mask mandate. Mike Huotte reported this is something coming from the legislation. There was a discussion about different communities. Both Anaconda and Butte seem to have most citizens voluntarily wearing masks.