

04/21/15

#### Health Board meeting

The meeting is called to order by commissioner Rod Schaffer

Roll Call: Randy Sullivan, Jaci Phillips, Rod Schaffer, Cherie Stachey, Julie Russell, Marty Thone, Dave Richards, Abbie Schoonover, Rebecca McEuen, Darlynn Williams

The minutes are read and approved.

#### Old Business:

Recycle center-Big improvement here. There have been 2 cameras installed, center rules are posted outside the building and it is not open 24/7. Pacific Steel and recycling are working with the commissioners to remove appliances from the land fill and plastic, glass and other materials at the center.

Ambulance-The commissioners are working on a 3 year contract with Jesse Ambulance service to provide service to the county. The county is willing to add money to its subsidy if that would compensate for an on-call status or radios to do so. This would potentially increase the response time, decrease staff burn out and decrease the amount of time dispatch uses to find a crew. Currently the county subsidy pays for roughly half of Medicare trips which are about 80% of the business. Medicare reimbursements are low and do not cover expenses for a trip. Jaci questions if reimbursement would be better if the clinic was a rural health center. There is much discussion on the ambulance topic. Dave raises the issue of forming an ambulance district and assessing a tax to fund this. This is something to consider in the future. This group asks the commissioners to visit with Jesse's about having an on-call schedule and doing their own contacts after sheriff dispatch makes the initial call.

Clinic-Jaci reports that the clinic is staying busy and things are going well. There has been some trouble getting a site to store and read xray images. Kerry Gardner RN has been working very hard on this. Shortly the clinic will also be changing its lab provider from Holy Rosary Lab to Billings Clinic lab. There has been no news on the grant with OneHealth. This week will be the yearly health fair.

#### New Business:

Tobacco Free Medical Campus: Julie Russell reports that the current tobacco free contract is with Holy Rosary Medical Center. Since they no longer lease the clinic, a new agreement will need to be made with the county. Signage is in place. Cherie is working with Julie to make the nursing home a tobacco free campus also. This is at an intermediate stage at present. Julie has been working with the fair board and announces that the Friday of the fair will be tobacco free day. The day will highlight education and awareness of tobacco free rodeo and smoke free communities.

Jaci described the new truck wreck protocol to the group. This was written in conjunction with Renee Gnerer, sanitarian and Allen Drane, Sheriff.

The meeting is adjourned.

Next meeting will be July 21.