

7/21/15

Health Board Meeting

The meeting is called to order by chairman Darold Zimmer.

Roll Call: Darold Zimmer, Rod Schaffer, Dave Richards, Julie Russell, Cherie Stachey, Darlynn Williams, Jaci Phillips, Abbie Schoonover.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and approved.

Old Business:

The by-laws were sent in an email for members to review. It is proposed to change the date of the meetings from the 3rd Tuesday of the month to the 1st Tuesday of the month to avoid conflicting meetings. Cherie makes a motion and it is seconded by Rebecca. Motion is carried.

Clinic Update-Jaci reports that the x-ray is up and going. They are using Billings Clinic radiologists to read them. The clinic is no longer affiliated with OneHealth, it is under the county as a free standing clinic. Jaci has been looking into a rural health status. This will be a slow process and take some time. Jeff Hostettler is the medical director.

EMS Update-A 3 year contract has been signed with Jesse Ambulance. The county has committed an increased subsidy. The contract stated that the sheriff's office would make one call to EMS. In the past they have made several calls to find staffing for the ambulance. It is now the responsibility of Jesse Ambulance to do this. The commissioners report that this has been inconsistent. They have also met with members of SEMDC to work on a grant to help purchase a new ambulance. They have also looked at purchasing a used ambulance.

New Business:

Darlynn reports that she has applied for a Montana Health Care Foundation grant. The anticipated outcomes of the grant are training for the local board of health, review of bylaws, and creation of a workgroup to conduct a community health assessment. A comprehensive community health assessment will assist with future grant applications and indicate where services are lacking.

Darlynn reports on involvement with the Montana Cardiac Ready Communities. The goal is to have the best possible chance for survival for anyone suffering a cardiovascular emergency in our rural area. The intent is to implement programs to strengthen the 'Chain of Survival', improve heart health, and improve chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest. A public meeting regarding this program will be held July 22 at 5:30 in the Community Center. This has been advertised in the newspaper.

The last legislature made changes to the immunization requirements for school children. Beginning Oct. 1 all students K-12 will need to have 2 chicken pox vaccinations or documentation of the disease. It is now a requirement for all students entering 7th grade to receive a booster of Tdap (tetnus & whooping cough). According to records from the state data base, 33 students will need to update their chicken pox vaccine.

Darlynn also offers a draft policy for allergy serum injections. There currently is none in use. The policy requires that a parent/guardian is present for injections, the patient wait 20 minutes after injection and

that they make an effort to abide by the shot schedule prescribed by the referring allergist. Darlynn will check with Jeff Hostetter regarding the need for health board approval of this.

Rebecca made a motion to adjourn meeting and it is seconded.

The next meeting will be Oct 6 at 8:30 in the election room.

Darlynn Williams RN

Health Board Secretary