

**BUTTE-SILVER BOW  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Dan Harrington, D.D.S.; Gayle Astle, R.N.;  
Wally Frasz, Council of Commissioners;  
Dr. Kenneth Graham, M.D.; Leo McCarthy, S.I.A.;  
and Holly Peterson, Ph.D.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Julie Hart, M.S./C.I.H.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Terri Hocking, Health Officer; Karen Billson, Assistant  
Health Director of Public Health Nursing Services;  
Tom McGloin, Assistant Health Director of Addictive  
Services; Dan Powers, Assistant Health Director of  
Environmental Services; and Belinda “B” Fargher,  
Transcriptionist

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA ITEMS:**

1 & 2. Call to Order & Roll Call: The Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 7:20 a.m.

3. Review & Approval of the Minutes from the December 9, 2009 Board of Health Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted by a motion for approval was proposed by Mr. Frasz, seconded by Ms. Peterson, and passed unanimously by the other Board members.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT(s) ON ANY MATTER(s) NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

There were no Public comment(s) on any matter(s) not on this Board of Health Agenda.

**III. ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:**

One contract between the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department and the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services for Colorectal Cancer Screening was submitted. A motion for approval was proposed by Mr. Frasz, seconded by Ms. Peterson, and passed unanimously by the other Board members.

#### IV. PRESENTATIONS:

**A. Stacie Barry – Medical Report/Update.** Stacie Barry conducted a presentation regarding the Butte-Silver Bow Environmental Health Research Progress with Health Studies dated from 1950 to the present. The handouts included information and statistics on chemicals, effects, routes of exposure, effects on organs, interactions, contamination, remediation, and mortality. This study is an ongoing process and she will give continual updates as they become available.

**B. Leslie McCartney, Project Coordinator for Community Change—  
Report/Update.** This item was tabled until the next Board of Health Meeting scheduled for February 3, 2010.

#### V. BRIEFING AGENDA ITEMS:

**A. Environmental Health Services – Report by Dan Powers, Assistant Health Director for Environmental Services.**

1. Air Quality: The Health Department called an Air Pollution Alert on December 28, 2009 due to a violation of the EPA's Air Quality Standard which lasted for 30 hours. There was a good volunteer response by the general public by not burning their wood stoves. The Air Quality readings increase from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., levels off during the day light hours, but then increases in the evening after dark. Educational efforts were provided to the public since this was the first alert called in a number of years.

2. Alluvial Bedrock Groundwater Controlled Area: The HD staff will meet with ARCO & EPA regarding the boundaries which include 153 wells, 41 of those domestic and used for as drinking water sources. The Water Quality District was in existence only from 1994-1995.

3. Mosquito Control District: A proposal to expand the boundaries of this area may include the area extending from the Mormon Church to Father Sheehan Park, plus Blacktail Creek to Montana Street. Maps received from GIS Department will show the designated areas to assist with inspection projects beginning in January and February in preparation for this spring. Requests for Board of Health members and Council of Commissioners involvement are requested. In the past years, MCD included 150 residents. Now, plans are to include over 6,000 residents. For this to become a reality, 40% of the residents in those designated areas must become active participants with a cost of \$13.00 per resident—a small cost compared to having to endure all of the problems with mosquitoes. Informational packets will be sent out via water bills in hopes of obtaining the residents approval prior to the spring.

**B. Health Services – Report by Terri Hocking, Health Officer and Karen Billson, Assistant Health Director of Health Services.** Mrs. Billson reported that Butte-Silver Bow has received 7,280 doses of the H1N1 vaccine with 1,860 doses till on hand and another 1,100 doses distributed to medical facilities throughout the community. We have seen a decrease in the demand over the past few weeks, therefore requesting that no

additional doses be shipped to the Health Department. Karen Maloughney, R.N. will be conducting clinics at Northwestern Energy and Town Pump Main Office. To date, there have been two safety recalls: 07/15/2009—prefilled syringes for 6-35 month old due to the antigen component not being strong enough but was notified revaccinations are not required; 12/22/2009—nasal spray due to the quality of its shelf life was not lasting as long as proposed. We received three lots from the first recall but we do not have any others and do not have to revaccinate. There have been no known adverse reactions to any of the H1N1 vaccine. An advertisement in today's Montana Standard Newspaper notifies the public that the H1N1 and seasonal vaccines are still available and education on their importance.

**C. Chemical Dependency Services – Report by Tom McGloin, Assistant Health Director for Addictive Services.** The Tri-County area programs are shutting down with their last working day of January 7, 2010 including three temporary employees. The office must be completely cleaned and cleared out by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioners in those perspective counties have had meetings with the Health Department staff and notified of the issues at hand.

**VI. OTHER ISSUES:**

1. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

There were no other issues at this Board of Health meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the Board of Health Meeting was proposed by Mrs. Astle, seconded by Ms. Peterson, and passed unanimously by the other Board members. This Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

c.c.: Paul Babb, Chief Executive  
Nancy Barry, Secretary to the Council of Commissioners  
Addiction & Prevention Services Division  
Environmental Health Division  
Health Services Division  
Justin Post, Reporter for The Montana Standard Newspaper