

**BUTTE-SILVER BOW
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wally Frasz, Commissioner; Dr. Kenneth Graham, M.D.; Dr. Dan Harrington, D.D.S.; and Holly Peterson, Ph.D.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Gayle Astle, R.N.; Julie Hart, M.S./C.I.H.; and Leo McCarthy, S.I.A.

OTHERS PRESENT: Terri Hocking, Health Officer; Tom McGloin, Assistant Health Director of Addictive Services; Dan Powers, Assistant Health Director of Environmental Services; Jamie Paul, Director of Family 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 7:10 a.m.

3. Review & Approval of the Minutes from the January 6, 2010 Board of Health Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted by a motion proposed by Dr. Graham, seconded by Dr. Peterson, and passed unanimously by the other Board members.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT 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:

Six contracts between the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department and Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services for WIC Program (Breastfeeding materials, supplies, & equipment), Tuberculosis Program (control & prevention); State of Montana/DPHHS/Addictive & Mental Disorders Division for Chemical Dependency Program (Out-Patient Treatment & Primary Prevention); Lee’s Office City for Maintenance Agreement (Gestetner 3227-Central Services); and Elkhorn Mountain Health Services for Rental Agreement (Boulder Medical Clinic). A motion for approval was proposed by Mr. Frasz, seconded by Dr. Graham, and passed unanimously by the other Board members.

Jamie Paul, Program Director for Butte Family Planning Services Program--Discussion regarding an updated version of Family Planning's Administrative Policies and Procedures; guidelines for path changes; policies for Title X; financial distribution; and informational materials took place.

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Leslie McCartney, Project Coordinator for Community Change – Report/Update. This item has been tabled until the next Board of Health Meeting tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2010.

V. BRIEFING AGENDA ITEMS:

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

1. Air Quality: Air Quality Program issued second ALERT this season effective January 11-13, 2010. Complaints received were addressed by educational means and drop-off of a yellow-colored hanger/flyer. A canvas of the Air Pollution District consisted from Walkerville to Hamblin Heights to Rocker Hill. Residents were visited to offer educational services. A meeting with the State for review to determine if any new monitoring equipment was in order but to no avail.

2. Community Enrichment: Gary Corbin is the new Code Enforcement Specialist working on junk vehicles and garbage complaints that fall within the Community Enrichment Program. The forefathers of Walkerville adopted the Community Enrichment Ordinance and diligent work has transpired in that area, including the St. Lawrence Church and School. A canvassing of all areas of the county checking for junk vehicles and garbage problems; also coordinating efforts with Weed Control Department.

3. Food & Consumer Safety: An electronic Inspection Form has been submitted to the State and waiting for their approval. Proposal made to inspect and license all School cafeterias that make food at their facilities, including West and East Jr. High, Butte Senior High, Margaret Leary, Hillcrest, etc.

4. Residential Metals: A booklet of completed projects was distributed to Board members for their review. A change in timeframe has been shifted from fiscal year (County-July thru June) (EPA-October thru September) (ARCO-January thru December) to a straight Calendar Year from January thru December. Remediation and abatement included yards, soils, houses, attics, paint, siding, windows, doors, etc. Only privately-owned/residential properties are considered at this time. A proposal for commercially-owned properties is being considered. Meetings with EPA and ARCO continue.

5. Melrose Refuse District: A Resolution proposal goes before the Council of Commissioners to become the governing board over the Melrose Refuse District. Council can appoint a special board if applicable. Next step will include the Public Hearing process.

6. Policy Proposal: Due to economic downfall, a number of complaints (3-4 per week) have been received regarding individuals living in trailers, campers, vacant houses, and pick-up truck without any running water or bathroom facilities. Meeting with the County Attorney to create a policy or set directions or guidelines have been proposed. If human waste is found on the ground, then it is considered a Health Department issue. If someone is sleeping in their camping trailer or truck for an extended period of 2-3 day, then it will be considered a Camping issue through the Planning Department. Coordinated efforts will include those with the Health Department, Planning Department, Sheriff's Department, and County Attorney's Office.

7. Mosquito Control District: Over 6,500 letters of information regarding the Mosquito Control District have been mailed proposing extending the coverage area requesting those interested to sign the petition to change the State law. We must receive at least 40% of those residents to sign and return the petition. The cost per household would be approximately \$13.00 and added to their property taxes. The spraying of mosquitoes would occur at night with a 12-hour pocket of concentration before it diminishes. The fogging machine sends concentrated spray into the air; the result of the spray depends on the air flow, temperature, and moisture levels.

B. Health Services – Report by Terri Hocking, Health Officer and Karen Billson, Assistant Health Director of Health Services.

1. Health Department Building: More leaks in the roof are occurring, even though it was entirely repaired last spring/summer. Pat Holland will handle the issue with the Contractor. Carpeting is also completed in all designated areas throughout the building. Difficulty with furniture moving, but staff has assisted with the matters as needed.

2. Vaccines: Opportunity now to increase vaccines for the adult population regarding Tdap, Pneumonia, and Herpes for those aged 19-64. Population targeted is parents and grandparents or those with any type of chronic disease(s). Medicare Part B covers 100% of vaccines such as Influenza, Pneumonia, and Hepatitis B while Medicare Part D covers a portion of Zoster (Shingles) vaccine. Cost of Herpes is from \$90-150 per dose with a series of 3. Those under the age of 19 can receive vaccines on a sliding vaccine, including the HPV/Gardasil vaccine. The H1N1 focus is still working with anyone with a chronic disease and children obtaining their second dose. There was a non-safety recall on the vaccine released in October and November due to the serum losing its potency after a period of time. Otherwise, there have been no other safety recalls and no one has had to be revaccinated.

3. Home Health Evaluation: Discussion with Advisory Council to increase Skilled Nursing rate from \$100.00 per visit to \$125.00 per visit and for Therapy increase to \$110.00 per visit. Medicare will reimburse this rate increase and pays for a 60-day episode, depending upon the diagnosis and needs of each patient plus private insurance and State-funded Medicaid will also pay for the increase per visit. This increase is necessary with the rising costs of supplies and medical care. It has been years since an increase was made.

4. Customer Service Training: All county employees will attend a mandatory training offered by the County Human Resources Department regarding Customer Service Training held at the Butte Civic Center today. There are two sessions (AM & PM) so everyone can attend depending upon their schedules.

5. Evacuation Plan for Health Department: Due to a recent problem where a possible natural gas leak was suspected, it was found that fumes from the use of bleach for cleaning and carpet glue combined. The Fire Department responded with North Western Energy to evaluate the situation and no gas leakage was found. In the past, the Evaluation Plan was for those in the front/east part of the building were to meet at the Old Bus Depot located north of Triple S Building and those in the back/west part at the Alternative School (Webster Garfield). Since the old Bus Depot area is now privately owned, a new plan will be created for the employees as soon as possible.

C. Chemical Dependency Services – Report by Tom McGloin, Assistant Health Director for Addictive Services.

1. Tri-County: As of January 7, 2010 the Tri-County Services area was closed with three individuals being let go. All equipment and supplies have been moved back to the Health Department for use and storage.

2. Leadership for Mirah's Challenge: Dan Haffey, Program Director of Prevention Program has been conducting a Workshop on the Leadership for Mirah's Challenge in conjunction with other groups. The turnout for this workshop was 132 people the first day and increasing the next day with a number of kids travels to attend this event and motivational interaction and connection with the participants. This is the second year and Butte Cares ensures that kids can attend the convention. Mr. Haffey obtained funding through grants allowing decision marking very beneficial.

3. Presentation in March: Gina Pate-Terry, Program Director for Chemical Dependency Program will be making a presentation regarding the changes she has accomplished since she has taken over the program including updating past practices, incorporating new materials, ensuring adoption appropriately, beneficial practices for everyone involved, plus completed in a timely fashion. Mrs. Pate-Terry is a great asset to the program and diligently works with staff, employees, and clients.

VI. OTHER ISSUES:

1. The Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 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 Mr. Frasz, seconded by Dr. Graham, and passed unanimously by the other Board members. This Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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