



Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Butte-Silver Bow Health Department

1. Administrative Agenda Items

- a. Call to order at 7:02am
- b. Roll call.
 - i. Ivy Fredrickson, JD
 - ii. Julie Hart, PhD
 - iii. Mike Welker, DC
 - iv. Seth Cornell, MD
 - v. Toby Richards, DDS
 - vi. Commissioner Cindi Shaw
- c. Approval of the minutes from the November 9, 2022, Board of Health meeting. Dr. Cornell moved to approve the minutes, with Dr. Welker providing a second. The minutes were approved.

2. Public Comment(s) On Any Items on the Agenda

- a. None

3. Action Agenda Items

- a. The Board of Health is asked to authorize an amendment for a contract between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department. This contract provides Hepatitis C prevention activities within syringe services/harm reduction programs. The original contract amount is \$11,200 and if authorized, will be amended to add an additional \$10,000 for a total contract amount of \$21,200. Dr. Welker moved to approve the amendment, with Commissioner Shaw providing a second. The amendment was authorized.
- b. The Board of Health is asked to authorize the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Mini-Grant Agreement. The amount of this award is \$5,000 and will be used to assist with our response to address Substance Use Disorder/Opioid Use Disorder

(SUD/OD) to reduce substance and opioid related morbidity and mortality, specifically the development of a 3-year strategic plan. Dr. Cornell moved to approve mini-grant amendment, with Dr. Welker providing a second. The mini-grant amendment was authorized.

- c. The Board of Health is asked to authorize a professional agreement between Butte Native Wellness Center (BNWC) and the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department. The purpose is to provide an Adult Nurse Practitioner to BNWC to perform 8 hours of primary care services per week to its population until BNWC achieves staff capacity or June 30, 2023, whichever comes first. Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the professional agreement, with Dr. Hart providing a second. The professional agreement was authorized

4. Briefing Agenda Items

- a. Health Department Update
 - i. Covid/Flu/RSV cases are spreading throughout the community. There have been eight hospitalizations, four outbreaks in congregate living centers, and one fatality is currently pending.
 - ii. We are starting to increase the number of our off site covid clinics.
 - iii. Currently out of private flu vaccine but we still have VFC and VFA flu.
 - iv. Samantha Patrick, the Tobacco Education Specialist will be presenting to the high school in spring and fall. She usually only visits in the spring but they want her to come back for both.
 - v. One Pill Can Kill Campaign has launched, and it is very powerful. The new website www.keepbutte.safe is up and running now.
 - vi. Staffing update- Nurse Family Partnership position closed with no applicants. The Community Health Division Director position is vacant. Duties have been divided up within the health department.
 - vii. Pathways to Accreditation is something we have been looking at and are looking to applying to the program for consideration.
- b. Department Finance Report – Will be sent out to board members.
- c. Well information update
 - i. Nikia Greene provided an update on the well testing. Validation should be finished within the next week. Nikia requested the board of health to review the letter template. Dr. Cornell requested Nikia to report back to the board of health on how the outreach is going.

5. Other Business

- a. Commissioner Shaw is retiring. Hattie Thatcher will be taking her place on the board of health.
- b. A letter would be sent to JP Gallagher to disband the Health Advisory Committee. Dr. Welker made a motion to send letter to JP Gallagher, with Dr. Hart providing a second. The agreement to send the disband letter was approved.

6. Presentations

a. None

7. Public Comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda

None

8. Next Meeting

a. The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 7 a.m. December 14, 2022, in the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department conference room.

9. Adjournment

a. Dr. Welker made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Dr. Cornell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.