



Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health
Wednesday, Dec. 08, 2021

1. Administrative Agenda Items

- a. Call to order.
- b. Roll call.
 - i. Ivy Fredrickson, JD
 - ii. Julie Hart, PhD
 - iii. Seth Cornell, MD
 - iv. Toby Richards, DDS
 - v. Sarah Mallowney, MD
- c. Approval of the minutes from the Nov. 10, 2021, Board of Health meeting. Dr. Cornell moved to approve the minutes, with Dr. Richards 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 was asked to authorize a cooperative agreement between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Butte-Silver Bow Health department to pay the Health Department for inspections of licensed establishments and other related duties. License fees are established under Montana statute. The agreement is effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Dr. Cornell moved to authorize the cooperative agreement, with Dr. Hart providing a second. The cooperative agreement was authorized.
- b. The Board of Health was asked to authorize an amendment to a Public Health Emergency preparedness contract between the Montana Department of Public and Human Services and the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department. The amendment provides \$130,000, for annual salary and benefits, to retain a PHEP program manager. Payments will be made after submission of Workforce Crisis Development deliverables that will be reported in PHEP's regular quarterly progress report. The PHEP program manager's duties will include COVID-19

prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. The additional funding to hire the PHEP program manager is revenue unanticipated to the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Dr. Cornell moved to authorize the amendment, with Dr. Hart providing a second. The contract amendment was authorized.

4. Briefing Agenda Items

- a. Open positions at the Health Department were discussed:
 - i. Environmental Health RN
 - ii. Maternal/Child Health RN (Nurse-Family Partnership) – according to Tina Randall, interviews will be conducted on December 09, 2021
 - iii. Public Health RN – the department recently retained Samantha Walsh to this position
 - iv. HIV Early Intervention Services Coordinator
 - v. HIV Prevention Coordinator, according to Tina Randall, this position has been filled Lee Ann Tierney
- b. Pending positions at the Health Department were discussed:
 - i. Health Officer – the Board of Health continues to deliberate after the November 18th interviews
 - ii. Congregate Care Coordinator (addendum to PHEP contract)
 - iii. Pandemic Preparedness and Response Coordinator (this ARPA-funded position would support the current pandemic response and identify lessons learned to help prepare for possible future disease outbreaks)
- c. Update on COVID-19 event management – The Health Department’s EPI week was changed to match the State of Montana’s EPI week, which is intended to alleviate the data/statistical disparity. There were two new fatalities in Butte in the past week. BSB’s vaccination rate is 61%, putting us in 3rd place behind Missoula and Anaconda (both at 63%). Additionally, the first two cases of Influenza A for 2022 had been reported in Butte and were being confirmed at the MT DPHHS Lab.
- d. Department finance report – Danette Gleason will come to the February 2022 Board of Health meeting to discuss annual budgets

5. Other Business

- a. None.

6. Presentations

- a. None.

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

- a. None.

8. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 7 a.m. Jan. 12, 2022 in the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department conference room. Attendance may be in person or via call in at 1-877-820-7831, passcode 616123#.

9. Adjournment

- a. Dr. Cornell made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Dr. Mullaney. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 a.m.