

Board of Health

4/17/20 Special meeting

Present:

- Jill Domek-GMC
- Stephen Schreiberis- Glendive Schools
- Cindy Heidt- Mental Health
- Joe Leal- Medical Officer
- Dennis Zander- Commissioner
- Justin Cross- licensed establishment
- Jerry Jimison- City of Glendive
- Brett Irigoien- County Attorney

Staff present:

- Timber Dempewolf
- Naome Wright

Guests: Shawna Sargent, Gary Kartevold, Joe Sharbono, Mary Jo Gehmert, John Hickman, Noah French, Katie Mills, Ross Canen, Jason Bunn



Agenda item New Business:	Discussion	Follow-up
<p>COVID-19</p>	<p>A motion was made by Dennis to approve meeting minutes as published, 1/13, 3/15, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10. Seconded by Stephen.</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>Montana currently has 422 cases, 8 deaths, 54 hospitalizations and 233 persons who have recovered. Richland County has 3 positive cases and Roosevelt County now has 6.</p> <p>Dawson County currently has 0 cases however, there are 2 Dawson County residents who have been named as close contacts. They are currently quarantined and being monitored by public health. Quarantine will run through 4/27 as long as they do not exhibit any symptoms.</p> <p>AMPHO (Association of MT Public Health Officials) and DPHHS are developing a phased plan to reopen Montana, to be presented to the Governor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are looking at a statewide approach • Developing metrics so there is more defined guidance on what public activities will be allowed based on the number of cases and hospitalizations. • It will be a phased approach. • Possible occupancy limits for business, and a requirement to maintain social distancing. <p>Antibody testing- there are a number of products going through the approval process, it may be used for determining if a person is able to return to work. It shouldn't be used as a diagnostic tool for new cases.</p>	

	<p>The State is working on messaging about what the “new normal” will look like. Timber has reached out to State officials to request guidance on outdoor activities, such as are greenhouses an essential service and how to handle large outdoor events.</p> <p>There are sufficient test kits available. The need for testing is determined by patient history and symptom screening and then based on the findings the physician may or may not order a COVID-19 test. If you hear of anyone having concerns about not being tested and they have been triaged by the respiratory hot-line, have them call Shawna Dorwart or Jill Domek.</p> <p>Mental health is providing services through distance options. There is concern about mental health issues being on the rise due to social isolation.</p> <p>Commissioner Zander- We may have an obligation to make more restrictions for Dawson County depending on what the Governor’s plan is moving forward. We should keep in mind that while we may not have as many cases on the front end we may have more on the tail end.</p> <p>Staffing could be a potential problem for the Health Department depending on how businesses are reopened and what services the Health Department provides to the public. This will need to be closely monitored as we move forward as monitoring quarantined individuals and contract tracing could potentially overwhelm DCHD staff as the number increases.</p> <p>Ross had suggested last week after the BOH call, notices be posted at Lions Back as there were a number of people still using the area including out of state persons. Flyers were also placed under vehicle windshields.</p> <p>The hospital has a surge plan in place and contingency plans, depending on what the needs are. There are designated rooms for COVID patients and then there is also a plan for patients who are sick and need to be placed on a ventilator.</p>	
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Next meeting – 4-24-20 at 11:00

Notes by: Timber Dempewolf



BOH Chair Signature

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Date