**Board of Health**  
**Date:** 1-12-15  

**Present:**  
☐ Jill Domek ☐ Joe Leal ☒ Jerry Jimison ☒ Ross Farber  
☐ Adam Gartner ☐ Meghann Gambee ☒ Tracey Miller ☒ Cindy Heidt  

**Staff present:**  
☒ Timber Dempewolf ☒ Kevin Pena  

**Guests:** Laureen Murphree, Gary Kartervold

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<td>Laureen Murphree- Tobacco Prevention Coordinator for the Health Department</td>
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| Election of Officers | Jerry made a motion to nominate Jill as chair and Kevin as Vice Chair, Ross second  
Jerry motioned that nominations cease Cindy seconded  
Chair- Jill Domek  
Vice Chair- Kevin Pena  
Secretary- Timber Dempewolf |                                                                           |  |
| Approval of Minutes  | Ross made a motion to approve minutes with corrections of Tracey and Cindy in attendance, date added to minutes, introduction of members changed to introduction of guests, Tracey seconded.                                                                 |                                                                           |  |

**New Business:**  
*Health Department Report*

**Tobacco**  
Charlie Nemic from Smokes are Less would like to form a partnership to help people quit smoking. He sells natural tobacco. He proposes that he will help someone who wants to quit smoking, the 1st month they get half of what they would normally smoke and cut that in half monthly thereafter. There is a onetime fee to the customer of $30. Reports he has data to support this type of program. However, he has given that information to us at this time. He isn’t looking for funding would just like to have referrals from the Tobacco Prevention Program.  
The Health Department will not be able to endorse this.  

Legislation- SB 66 is a bill revising the youth access to tobacco products, defining electronic smoking device and revising the definition of tobacco product. The hearing is scheduled for 1/19/15. Laureen has spoken with Matt Rosendale and Alan Doane about Dawson County’s Tobacco Prevention Program.  

Wibaux has form a new REACT group with 8 kids participating. Three will be attending the Celebration on the Hill in February. The MTUPP program will teach the kids how to talk to legislators about anti-tobacco movements.
Laureen is giving presentation to school staff on E-cigarettes. Activities planned for through with chew week, and kick butts day.

### Communicable Disease
- Influenza activity in Montana remains widespread. The number of cases and hospitalizations due to influenza has increased sharply over the last two weeks, with more than 1,600 cases reported to date this season. The majority (98%) of laboratory specimens testing positive have been influenza A and of those subtyped, the majority are H3N2
- 192 hospitalizations have been reported. Of these, 72% were among those ages 65 years and older
  - **120 hospitalizations were reported in the last 2 weeks**
- While reporting is not yet complete, at least 2 deaths have been attributed to influenza at this time. Both were in individuals greater than 65 years of age
- Activity/severity of influenza this season is similar to earlier years when H3 strains have circulated.

### PHEP
Jerry made a motion to approve the plans as written, Kevin second

Plan reviews:
- Emergency Medical Countermeasures
  - EMC the purpose of is to describe how resources may be obtained and distributed to treat a large number of individuals mass vaccination or mass prophylaxis
  - Revisions
    - The tactical communications portion was removed and placed in the Communication Annex
    - Added reporting and documentation procedure to the Chem Pack Plan section and updated current population estimates.

Communication Annex- purpose of this plan is to gather and disseminate incident data, inform the public and analyze public perceptions of the response and share information with partners and stakeholders.

Communications Annex- revisions include
- Tactical communication portion of the EMC plan placed in this plan
- Contact information updated
- Added HAN cover sheet to appendices

CBRNE – purpose is to identify potential situations, general indicator of possible weapons of mass destruction incident and describes who would likely respond to such events.
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<td>CBRNE Chemical, Biological Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Annex revision</td>
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| Food and Consumer Safety Annex  | New- Dawson County Truck Wreck Protocol- Outlines procedure in regards to distressed foods and other consumer products resulting from a transportation accident  
Revisions  
• Also included in this plan is our Shelter Protocol. It identifies the roles of various agencies in opening, conducting and closing a shelter should the need arise. |
| Training                        | The Health Department will be hosting an Isolation and Quarantine training February 3rd and 4th. February 3rd is geared for elected officials and Board of Health members. This training will cover how to institute measures legally. February 4th is for Public Health and medical personnel. To register contact Jen at 377-5213 or fladagerj@dawsoncountymail.com |
| Sanitarian Report               | Kevin was able to inspect all but one food establishment this past year.  
New FDA codes will be in effect soon. Kevin will offer a one-two day Serve Safe course February 19. The State is recommending establishments be in compliance within 90 days after the new rule goes into effect. Kevin’s goal is to have establishments be in compliance by the end of the year, feels this is more realistic for a Department of this size.  
Pigeons- Has received 2 public nuisance petitions with over 100 signatures each. Specifically cited the BNSF underpass and the Jordan Hotel.  
In the past it was a shared responsibility/cost of all of the business owners on Merrill Ave. It would be ideal if business owners would share the cost again. Options for control are poisoning and Pigeon Birth Control. The cost of doing a Birth Control program is $200-300 per 100 birds per month and needs to run 2-3 years. There were a lot of complaints when the poisoning was done in 2006. |
| Health Officer Report           | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Round Table                     | Jerry- The County and the City and WBI have been contributing annually to clean-up week during the week of Earth Day. The money is used for dump passes to encourage people to clean-up around their homes. The Waste Water treatment facility construction is moving along, out of 330 piers all but 65 have been completed. Steel and rebar are in place for the waste water facility. |
treatment basin and control building. Completion date is projected for April or May 2016. The city is looking at writing a RFP for water plant upgrades for the treatment area and the bottle necks. The plan is to have 2 basins with the ability to add on in the future. With the upgrade the capacity for water treatment will include plans to expand the availability of City water to the county and a 30% overbuild.

Ross- Are currently having heating problems at Lincoln and Washington Schools. There will be a workshop on School Emergency Planning on Wednesday 1/14.

Gary- Is orienting to his new position as County Commissioner.

Next meeting – April 13
Notes by: Timber Dempewolf