

BIG HORN COUNTY HEALTH BOARD

Big Horn County Courthouse
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Hardin, MT, 59034
(Commissioners' Office)



BIG HORN COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MINUTES December 6, 2024 10:00 AM

Members

Board Members:

Larry Vandersloot (Chairman) , George
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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call

Board Members:

Larry Vandersloot (Chairman) , Lawrence Big Hair , Paula Small-Plenty , Kelsey Torske

Staff:

Anna Hein , Peri Schenderline , Kelsey Roebling-Public Health Report & WIC Report , Megan Spry-Sanitarian Report , Alyssa Pitsch -PHEP Report

3. Review / Approval of Minutes & Bylaws

Big Horn County Board of Health Bylaws

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4. County Sanitarian Report

There has been multiple truck wrecks: one was salvaged. Food was sent to the Helping Hands Food Bank in Hardin. Which was grateful for the donation.

Draft Co-op agreement with the State. Megan made her selections and the agreement will be heading to the commissioners in the next couple of weeks, for review and signature. It is just like the contract; that states what our capabilities are. Almost all capabilities are covered; except for pools. If a pool inspection needs to be covered, it will be done by the State Environmental Health and Food Safety Section (EHFSS).

Plan to go to training this year for pool inspections, for future inspections.

ServSafe classes have been keeping her busy. Just completed a class on Tuesday 12/3/24 in Stillwater county. Deposits will fall under Big Horn county.

5. Public Health Report

Immunizations:

Busy with appointments. Just sent a letter to the school in regards to the change in recommendation on the meningococcal B vaccine. Kelsey Torske and Dianna Albert will get that out to all seniors at HHS. Hopefully see those kiddos during Christmas break. The price of vaccine continues to increase. Will try to get a budget amendment by April or May. Vaccinations are increasing. Uptick in Tdap

vaccinations with news about the increase of Pertussis (whooping cough) cases in Montana. MCH: Chandale has scheduled a car seat clinic in Lodge Grass on the 14th at the daycare, with collaboration from Bailey Chalfant from Crow. Jeramie Middlestead may plan to send his deputy (certified car seat technician) to assist. Nola has brought Toys 4 Tots to the Big Horn Center. There are QR codes for sign up. Pick up will be the 14th from 10am to 8pm. This is the first time Hardin has been a pick up center. The closest pick up center was in Sherdian WY. Will need someone to open the doors on Saturday. Nola has posted fliers to request wrapping paper and tape for donations. FICMMR MOUs with the tribes have not been signed yet. Another attempt to try and reach out about these MOUs have been made. She is waiting to hear back. Next FICMMR meeting is the 12/12/24 at 9am in Big Horn Center (ph conference room). Would like to have someone from Crow tribe sit on the FICMMR board. For the previous course of child birth classes there were 6 enrolled. Next child birth classes are scheduled in January. Will send out information soon. Have not seen many COVID cases this fall. Administered COVID shots: 180 Moderna 40 Pfizer. Weekly flu reporting has started as of 9/29/24: 0 flu at county , 160 state-wide w/ 4 hospitalizations. Have not hit the peak of the flu season yet. 0 RSV cases. STI outreach: posting informational fliers in HHS restrooms. Teaching teenagers the importance of sexual education. This has opened the door for teens to have those important conversations with parents and teachers. Working in MIDIS during spare time to close out cases. Working with Jeanne on STI MOA. Resubmitted the CDD application that goes to Texas for the testing equipment. Will have to create a billing platform to bill for the STI services. Need the ability to add more hours for Chandale. So, Alyssa may pass more billing duties onto her. Would like to pull Alyssa to take the DIS training for case investigations and follow ups. Will need to increase Chandale's hours up 16 - 20 hours. Working on Community Health Assessment and combining effects with the Hospital. Toys for Tots is coming up. Management Of Aggressive Behaviors (MOAB) training will be taken by PH staff: Chandale in December and Alyssa in January. Reflex Protect (gell "pepper spray") will be held at the office for trained users. Working with Jeanne Torske on that.

6. WIC Program Report

Deb not available for meeting. Kelsey's report:

State is pulling contract from Crow. Will need to have someone hired by January 2025. Kelsey will reach out to HR for job posting. Talked with Lacey at the State WIC office; working on getting the budget amended to cover all of the individual's wages/benefits/travel expenses...etc. Spoke with Jeanne; she said the best way to work with the travel is to get a Fleet card. Would bill the county WIC card. In turn, will bill the State mileage. Work with Mike to get a cellphone and hotspot for mobile use while the individual is in Crow & Lodge Grass providing WIC services. They will clock in at Hardin every morning, then head out to Crow or Lodge Grass. They will start with Lodge Grass as they still had at least 50 participants. Then Crow will be next, after they have worked out the issues. It is in the air as to if the trailer in Crow or an IHS office may be used for the site. Not sure on the period of time this position will be held under the county.

Hardin WIC is still providing services to 400+ participants. Deb is out of the office and will most likely not be back to the office until mid-January. Is working remotely during this time.

7. PHEP Report

Quarter 2 deliverables due January 15th. HVA is done, with support of the THIRA and BHHA HVA. HVA/Risk Assessment for PH Sections: 1. Infectious Disease, 2. Transport Incident, 3.

Snow/Blizzard, 4. Fire/Wildfire, 5. Pandemic Influenza. PHEP collaborative has switched locations. The nearest location is in Sydney. Spoke with Hillary Hanson at UM, she will look into changing this location to Hardin for future meeting. CBAT / DWES kit is complete. Transport plan is on hold for Health Board approval; as it will need to be reviewed and approved by the LEPC first. The LEPC meeting has been canceled in November and is scheduled out into January, last meeting was in July. Point of Dispense (POD) deliverable is done for the year. Foodborne/Waterborne outbreak plan will be reviewed by Megan before the tabletop exercise on March 19th 2025. Access and Functional

Needs (AFN) workshop has been set with Kelsey and Brian on February 4th. Have applied for a cybersecurity training in TX, which will be held in August 2025. PH has been invited to the BHHA active shooter exercise. Looking at bringing a ICS300 class to Big Horn. Will request the city fire hall for location of the class. PH 24/7 communication system plan was tested. It is a quarterly deliverable for PHEP and part of the task order. Last quarter our test had failed. Spoke with dispatch about the plan and made a call list for easy reference. With help from Kelsey. Discussion on DES status. DPHHS PHEP will make the Infectious Disease table top exercise a annual deliverable until at least 2026. The exercise will be held in the Big Horn Center community room.

Paula from BHHA, reporting on her planned exercise in August:

" CISA will return to Hardin. Co-Exercise with the school district, hospital, des program, pep program, and all other regional partners. This will be August 7th at the school. Right before school starts, when teachers are back. That will be a Functional Active Shooter Exercise. "

BHCPH EOP Section Three: HAZARD SPECIFIC ANNEX B: Truck & Train Wreck Protocol

8. Public Comments

9. Discussion

Next Meeting Date: 03/07/2025

10. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned: 11:10