

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2016

Present: Jim Hodgskiss, Gayle Harris, Ken Bassmann, Jane DeBruckyker, Austin Moyer, Elaine Sedlack, Tim Sinton, and Melissa Moyer

Absent: Randy Morris

Guest: Choteau Mayor Jack Conaster

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Melissa Moyer.

The minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ken moved that the minutes be approved. It was seconded by Jane and approved by unanimous vote.

Melissa requested a change in the meeting order to allow Jack Conaster to speak first so he could leave to attend another meeting.

New Business:

Jarr Yard Expansion: Jack wants the Jarr vehicle wrecking yard fenced so it can't be seen from the crown of the road which requires a 6 ft tall fence. He also wants Jarr's yard behind DeSoto's cleaned up as well. But he does not want to lose another business in town. He has talked to the owner and given him until October 1, 2016 to clean it up. Austin has also contacted the owner and told him he must start moving vehicles immediately and gave him 45 days to comply (until May 20th). The lot by the railroad tracks contains junk vehicles which are vehicles that are dismantled, not registered, and cannot run under their own power. The owner wants the agreement with Austin dissolved because he has the agreement with the city. Austin will inspect on May 20th and as long as work has started he will continue to inspect monthly to ensure that cleanup work continues. If he does not comply his license could not be renewed in December in which case he would have to go to DEQ to get relicensed. Jack said the city can also enforce the law through the courts and there is a \$50/day violation charge. If the owner simply decides to close, the junk vehicles will end up in the county junk yard. Elaine asked if there is a requirement to drain all the fluids from the junk vehicles and Austin said yes it is required. If the owner expands the yard there must be an environmental assessment done. The price of scrap metal has fallen which is why more junk vehicles are being stockpiled. Austin and Jack will continue to work with the owner to ensure that he is working on complying with the cleanup.

Drug Problem: Jane asked Melissa if the health department is involved in the drug problem that has become so prevalent. Melissa said no. Tim said homemade meth used to be the problem but now it is being manufactured in big labs in Mexico and imported to the U.S.. Elaine mentioned the problem with abuse of RX drugs and the need for a collection point for unneeded, unused, and outdated drugs. Security would be an issue and the health dept does

not have the necessary security. The collection point would have to be the sheriff, hospital, or drug store which have security measures in place.

Melissa asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Gayle said she wondered why there wasn't anything about her in the last meeting minutes. Melissa replied because she wasn't at the meeting when each member talked about their background and interest in the board of health but she could do that at this meeting.

Old business:

Bynum Rock Shop Holding Tank: Austin contacted Dave Trexler about the holding tank. Dave said the digging nearby was not related to the holding tank. Ken Hart will be installing the system later this spring and will notify Austin prior to installing it.

Broken O: Austin spoke to Corrine who believed all the requirements had been met. He reviewed their file and confirmed that they have installed and permitted the septic systems in question.

Temporary Food Permits: Previously the state handled all temporary food permits and charged the maximum fee. The fee is now being set at the county level, with the maximum being \$85 for 1-2 employees and \$115 for 3+ employees. Some counties are structuring their fees based on the number of days the event will run. Non-profits do not need a license if they serve food less than 4 x year. All temporary food service vendors need a plan for food prep, cleanup, etc. Austin wants to charge enough to cover his costs. There is also an 8 hour safe-serv class dealing with food safety which is available through private contractors but in Conrad the extension service and Corrine are doing it together. Food handlers would need the class every 5 years. The cost in Great Falls for the class is \$150 but is \$100 in Conrad. Austin would like to offer an incentive for food servers to take the class by offering a \$20 reduction in the cost of their permit. It makes his job easier if they have had that training. Austin proposes the following fee schedule:

- Permit for establishment lasting 1-3 days: \$40
- Permit for establishment with 1-2 employees lasting 4+ days: \$85
- Permit for establishment with 3+ employees lasting 4+ days: \$115
- Permit for non-profit establishment: no fee
- A \$20 reduction in fee for establishment with safe-serv certification

Tim made a motion to establish the fee schedule as proposed with the \$20 incentive. Ken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gayle Harris: Gayle said she is on the board of health because she always had an interest in health and fitness and followed through with that interest by earning a master's degree in public health. She owned a business in Great Falls with 20 employees and established a wellness program for the company that included fitness, health education, and fitness tests

with bonuses based on those results. She now is retired from the business but ranches and likes to volunteer to help her community.

County Wrecking Yard: Jim said the yard is located on the Priest Butte Road and the fence is collapsing. Austin agrees it needs to be fenced. The county has a contractor who empties the fluids and crushes and stores the junk.

Sanitation Training Updates: Austin reports he attended the following trainings: Non-degradation training from the DEQ; Certified Septic Installer class by Lewis and Clark County Health Dept.; and Certified Pool Operator course. He is in the middle of an online Medical Microbiology course. He inspected the Developmentally Disabled Group Homes. They had some expired medications and need a drug collection site. He closed the tattoo aspect of the Jagged Edge. It needs a license for tattooing including permanent makeup. He will work with them to license the facility.

Influenza Season: Melissa reported the flu season got off to a late start in the beginning of March. Six people were hospitalized locally as a result of complications from the flu. Twenty-nine percent of the cases were children under 18 and fourteen percent were adults over 65. Most of the people affected were not vaccinated so the vaccine appears to have been a good match to the circulating viruses this year.

Maternal and Child Health: Melissa reported that 89% of WIC patients breast fed their babies initially but at 6 months of age the rate had dropped to 50%. Dawn is a certified lactation consultant and works with the mothers. The health dept. also has some breast pumps they can loan to mothers who need to return to work. MCH has received a \$2,000 grant to increase the breast feeding rate. They also plan to hire a breast feeding peer counselor who would be available in the region (Glacier, Toole, Pondera, Chouteau and Teton Counties) to help breast feeding mothers. Several women have expressed an interest but no one has been hired yet. Jane asked about home visits to mothers of newborns. Melissa said Dawn receives referrals from Benefis on high risk babies and does home visits on them but generally there is no home visiting program. A home visiting program may be coming to some of the larger counties soon and maybe smaller counties in the future. WIC has about 30 babies enrolled generally. The WIC program in Augusta is doing well. The health dept. goes there once every 3 months and the program is reimbursed based on the number of clients enrolled and it is more convenient to serve that area from Teton County rather than the Lewis and Clark County Health Dept. in Helena.

Cancer Control: Melissa reported that the emphasis this year is on colorectal cancer. Fifteen FIT test kits have been sent out and returned to Dawn who tests them and sends the results to the person's private health care provider. If they don't have a provider she sends the results to Tim.

Chronic Disease Self Management: Melissa reported on this new 8 week program developed by Stanford University to empower people to take responsibility for managing their chronic

diseases. It includes goal setting, taking meds, talking with their health care provider, nutrition, exercise, and advanced directives. Glen is currently working with the program but a community volunteer leader is needed. Training will be June 30th. Toole County is doing it now and maybe in the fall Teton County can go to the training.

Melissa asked about the best way to get information to the eastern towns in the county like Power and Dutton. Jane suggested contacting the libraries, senior centers and schools. She said the Dutton Librarian is particularly helpful.

Adolescent Immunizations: Melissa reported they have been going around partnering with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Care Van to the county's schools offering the Tdap vaccine which is required and also the recommended vaccines such as meningococcal, Hepatitis A, and HPV but the response has been poor. Even though they mail letters to parents of teens with the information and consent forms they have a poor response. Only one student was vaccinated in Power and 3 at Dutton. Jane said the population in Dutton and Power are somewhat transient and that may be part of the problem. Many of the parents go to medical providers in Great Falls so the adolescents may be getting their vaccines at the providers. Melissa wonders if it is worth their time to go to those schools if the response is so poor. There is also resistance to the recommended immunizations.

Public Health Accreditation: Melissa reported that as part of the accreditation process a Community Themes and Strengths Assessment is needed. As part of that process she asked the board to respond to 4 questions:

What are the characteristics of a healthy community?

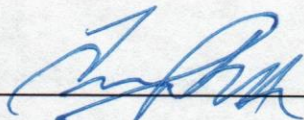
What are we most proud of in our community?

What examples are there of people/groups working together?

What are the most important issues to address?

The board discussed these questions and responded with our thoughts on these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Tim Sinton, Chairman



Elaine Sedlack, Secretary