

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Valley County Health Department
400 4th Ave South
Glasgow, MT 59230

March 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Health was held Tuesday at 5:15pm at the Annex Meeting Room. Board members present, Clay Berger, Maggan Walstad, Bronwin Hanshew. Others in attendance: Mary Armstrong, Dr. Anne Millard, Cam Shipp RS, Crystal Alvarado, Lynn Miller RN, and Teri Long.

The minutes of the December 17, 2019 were reviewed, motion by Maggan Walstad to approve the minutes, seconded by Bronwin Hanshew, and it was carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Cam Shipp RS,,presented the Granting Statutory Authority to County Sanitarian. Dr. Bell signed a form in 2014 that if the Health Officer is not present that the County Sanitarian can take over those duties. It became a PHEP requirement in 2014. Cam has the form and Dr. Millard signed the form.

Health Department

Coronavirus- Guidance and plans received from the State. A Health Alert was received from state, showing lab results and numbers. Montana is now able to test for COVID-19. It is up to the physician but must consult with the State and CDC to see if person is a good candidate. Dr. Millard stated that FMDH did its first COVID-19 test.

A phone meeting with the state was attended by the commissioners. One of the things that was discussed was how the county would handle the situation If COVID-19 did come here. We would follow our non-pharmaceutical intervention plan and isolation quarantine under our communicable diseases We went over how that would be handled.

Crystal suggested we would a round table and discuss COVID-19. Maggan questions how we handle if it went to Valley View, they are to older age group.

Lynn stated that information has been sent to Valley View, Nemont Manor, and Prairie Ridge. Lynn will send future links that would affect their facility.

She sent links to all Valley County schools with the links to assists them. It is up to the facility to research and handle. We will continue to send information to them as we receive them.

Cam stated that the Food and Consumer Safety Section will be taking on the piece regarding proper sanitizing and when done he can send it out to retail foods and public accommodations.

Clay stated that he had calls from hospitals about flying patients out and he said Stat Air would not be able to do it.

Maggan asks if a resident at Valley View is ill, should they come down to hospital. Dr. Millard at this time stated that Valley View can bring them down but would rather have them stay there and provide care to them there.

Tisa is working on handwashing posters to put in businesses. Health Dept will be sending county businesses links from the CDC for education regarding COVID-19, and cleaning and sanitizing recommendations.

Montana's website stated that there are 21 cases of COVID-19 as 3/10/2020.
Discussion how to get information out about how to keep safe during this time. Chamber can be contacted to distribute information and education on COVID-19.

Family Planning-Title X funds are available because Planned Parenthood is dropping their Title X services. We have some funds coming to put on a 2-day training conference, 17 people are signed up and the class is approved for nursing contact hours. Date is March 25 & 26, 2020. This is to train people who provide sex education, including cultural aspects and trauma. It is how to teach it to all ages.

Strategic Plan Review- Lynn put out a survey for the department's services. Once that survey ends, the results will be compiled and used for our strategic plan. These results will be reported to the BOH.

Sanitarian Department

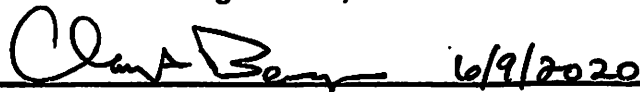
Cam Shipp RS, reported that he completed 20 Health Inspections for the quarter, dealt with two health complaints. One is with the Hill top trailer court which will have to wait till the ice melts to check. The other health complaint was with Oswego lagoon. He has issued one Septic Systems permit for this quarter and has one subdivision rewrite for lot 9 in the cabin area.

Other Business

Maggan wanted to know if another nurse has been hired. We have an interview set up for next week.

Motion was made by Dr. Anne Millard and second by Maggan Walstad to end the meeting.
Motion was carried.

Next Board Meeting is June 9, 2020.



Clay Berger, Chairman

Health Officer Order 2020-02

WHEREAS the County of Valley Board of Health has the duty to protect the public from the introduction and spread of communicable diseases or other conditions of public health importance, including through actions to ensure the prevention and removal of any and all contaminants that might cause disease, or adversely affect public health;

WHEREAS Valley County Health Officer has determined that the potential spread of COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency and actions must be taken to avert and minimize the outbreak of this communicable disease;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 50-2-118 of the Montana Code Annotated, a local health officer shall take steps to limit contact between the people in order to protect public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Title 50, Ch. 2 of the Montana Code annotated:

1. Any persons entering into Valley County from outside the county lines and remaining in Valley County shall self-quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days upon arrival within the County.
2. Persons passing through Valley County must maintain six (6) feet of separation from all other people while utilizing hotel, service stations, curbside restaurant delivery, or other services, and proceed on their journey without delay.
3. Essential employees who must travel to other counties to perform their usual work duties must do so in a manner that minimizes time out of Valley County and maintains (six) 6 feet of separation from other persons except as required to carry out their usual work duties.
4. All individuals who enter Valley County for any length of time are to abide by the 14-day quarantine. A person who departs and then returns to Valley County will self-quarantine for another 14-day time period. This requirement applies to all persons who newly entered Valley County within the previous 48 hours of the effective date and time of this order.
5. During any period of self-quarantine, the individual subject to the same shall remain indoors to the greatest extent possible, and shall limit all interactions with individuals. When interacting with any individuals, such interaction should occur in a way that accommodates at least (6) feet of distance between the individuals.
6. This order does not supplant or nullify any previous Health Officer Order previously issued, and is an independent requirement enforced above and beyond all currently operable Executive Orders and Health Directives issued by the Governor of the State of Montana.
7. This order shall be strictly enforced.

This order shall be effective at 12:01 on March 28, 2020.



ANNE MILLARD, M.D.
Valley County Health Officer

Health Order Best Practices Supplement

Businesses that are identified as essential /critical must limit access inside their doors.

- 1. Restaurants must only allow pickup (curb side) outside of business or by drive through window. Customers will not be allowed inside any restaurant; they must wait outside in their vehicle for their order.**
- 2. Hardware stores and grocery stores must continue to keep customer levels below twenty (20) people at any given time. These stores must limit one shopper per family.**
- 3. Convenience Stores must limit access to their buildings and maintain 6-foot separation between customers. They also need to limit one person per family/vehicle to enter the store.**
- 4. All other essential/critical businesses must also maintain the 6-foot requirement.**

For purposes of enforcement, the County recognizes the logistical difficulties attendant to this sort of order. We will be relying on the good-faith cooperation of community partners to be compliant with this order. However, if non-compliance becomes habitual, penalties may be assessed as needed to enforce the order. The County is working with the Chamber of Commerce as a point of contact to answer logistical questions, and we encourage business owners to work with them to get those questions answered to ensure expectations are clearly defined.

Health Officer Order 2020-03

WHEREAS the County of Valley Board of Health has the duty to protect the public from the introduction and spread of communicable diseases or other conditions of public health importance, including through actions to ensure the prevention and removal of any contaminants that might cause disease, or adversely affect public health;

WHEREAS Valley County's Health Officer has determined that the potential spread of COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency and actions must be taken to avert and minimize the outbreak of this communicable disease;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 50-2-118 of the Montana Code Annotated, a local health officer shall take steps to limit contact between the people in order to protect public health;

WHEREAS on March 27, 2020, the Valley County Health Officer issued Order 2020-02;

WHEREAS clarification has been sought on the applicability of State agents and officers who may be required from time to time to enter Valley County intermittently,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Title 50, Ch. 2 of the Montana Code annotated:

1. Health Officer Order 2020-02 does not and shall not be construed to apply to any law enforcement officer or peace officer as contemplated by Title 7 Chapter 32 of the Montana Code Annotated, nor any designate of such officers, who may be required to enter into Valley County for law enforcement and public safety purposes as may be necessary during the duration of the order.
2. Further, Health Officer Order 2020-02 shall not be construed to be applicable to any governmental agent who has been designated as essential personnel by the Governor of the State of Montana while they are acting in the course of their respective duties, but is applicable to any period of time in which they remain in Valley County and are not acting in the course of their employment.
3. This order shall be construed holistically with Health Officer Order 2020-02, and is retroactive as to the date that order was issued.

This order shall be effective immediately.


ANNE MILLARD, M.D.
Valley County Health Officer