

Fallon County Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

8/3/16, 12pm, FMC Dining Room

The Fallon County Health Board held their regular quarterly meeting on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Kim Cuppy, RN. Those in attendance were; Kim Cuppy, RN; Rich Menger, FC Sanitarian; Deb Ranum, FC Commissioner; Tammy Reetz, FMC Purchasing; Sue Lunde, FMC DON; Bill Randash, FC Commissioner; Mindi Murnion, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor; Justin LaCroix, Baker Police Department; Nic Eisele, FC Sheriff's Office; Marci Sears, FCHD Home Health Aide; Chuck Lee, FC DES; Darryl Espeland, DO, Health Officer; and Sandra Kinsey, Mental Health Representative.

Minutes from the previous meeting were given to all in attendance and no questions were raised. Unfinished business included the need for electing a chairperson and vice-chairperson. Kim Cuppy asked if anyone in attendance would be interested in serving in either of these positions. She also stated that per MT code chairpersons cannot be the Health Officer, Public Health Nurse, or County Sanitarian. Sandy Kinsey stated that she would be willing to serve as vice-chairperson. No one volunteered at this time to serve as chairperson. This was tabled until the next meeting. The board then discussed the CSCT program that was presented at the last meeting. The board and Baker Public Schools agreed that this is a much needed program and Mr. Don Schillinger has said that the school would be happy to provide office space for this program, however, staffing is currently an issue. We will continue to work with Eastern Montana Mental Health as they hire new staff and try to get this program up and running when able. Other unfinished business included continuation of the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan that staff at the health department have been working on. Kim Cuppy stated that staff is almost done with the completed CHA and it will be officially presented at the next meeting.

The board then discussed our current local mental health services, as this seemed to be something that was significantly lacking on the CHA and it had become an issue within our community on several occasions. Kim asked Sue Lunde and Tammy Reetz to join the meeting to discuss some new services offered by FMC. Sue explained that FMC had recently implemented an E-Emergency system with Avera Health Care. This is a 24/7 service that can be utilized through the emergency room should a patient present with mental health issues. She stated that if a patient presented with mental health problems, they could push a button to be connected via camera. Sue explained that a trained professional would be on the camera with a patient to complete a mental health screening. If they then felt that the patient needed placement, they would help find this for the individual at no cost. The patient would only be liable for the emergency room charges. Chuck asked where the possible placement options were and Sue stated that it depended on the timing and age, but some potential locations were discussed including Billings, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Helena, etc. Sue stated that Helena was the only geriatric psych location currently. Kim then asked about transportation and how the patient would get to placement. Sue stated that the ambulance could transport and/or Avera could coordinate transportation if the patient does not have it. Sue also stated that Avera would make phone calls to inpatient sites to try to find placement. Nic asked if EMS was able to do this. This seems to be

something that needs looked into given current staffing situations. Sandy stated that there may be a grant coming for Glendive to re-open its inpatient psych unit, but that is not settled at this time. Tammy did tell the board that patients did have some telemed options for follow up care after inpatient treatment or after an initial dr's visit as well. It was then discussed that there are specific issues with no counselors from Eastern Montana mental health coming to Baker due to staffing issues. Nic stated this had caused a problem with an inmate at the jail that needed services quickly. Sandy suggested calling Jeff Regan or Keith Clawson (EMMH Board President) and asking them. Kim stated that we paid Eastern Montana Mental Health for services that are not being provided, which is a significant issue. It is unknown at this time if the county has a written contract with EMMH, but Kim will look into this. Nic also asked about the decertified beds at FMC and if they could be used. He stated that an officer could certainly stay with a patient if needed. It wasn't clear if these could be used in this manner or not, but it is something that will be looked into. Kim will be in contact with EMMH to inquire about services and exactly what can be provided when.

Reports were then made by all members. The health department report was given by Kim Cuppy. Kim gave all members of the board the latest MT Communicable Disease report. She reported that STD numbers were way down from the previous year and that, currently, there were no other communicable disease issues at this time. The Zika virus was discussed and Dr. Espeland stated that this could become a real concern if it travelled to our area and began spreading through sexual activity. He reported that there have been cases in Montana, but nothing to widespread at this point. It will continue to be monitored closely by the doctors at FMC as well as the health department. Rich Menger then gave the sanitarian report. He states his inspections are going well. Rich also wanted to discuss with the board the process of starting to charge individuals for sewer disposal applications. Rich recommended starting this fee at \$200. He stated that, on average, he makes 3 round trips to inspect these and it take a significant amount of time. Bill Randash had stated some concerns regarding the fact that rates for subdivisions had just gone up and if we added more that was a concern for our tax payers. It was reported that most other counties are charging for this. The board agreed that \$200 seemed like a reasonable amount to charge. Dr. Espeland stated he did not have anything further to report as the Health Officer. There were no school officials present at this meeting so no school report was given. Law enforcement had nothing further. Chuck Lee then gave the DES report. He stated that he was still waiting for the Presidential declaration from the tornado, but expected it to come soon. He also reported that 80%+ of homes were damaged within the city limits from the hail storm. There are many contractors in town performing repairs, all of which have checked out ok with licensing, etc. Chuck stated that they are looking into a Community Safe House as well as three more sirens to help during the storm season. No other reports presented at this time.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 2, 2016 at noon in the FMC dining room. Mental health discussions will be continued at this time along with regular business. The meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes written and submitted by:

Kim Cuppy, RN

Director of Public Health