

Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Fallon Medical Complex Dining Room

Members Present: Commissioner Deb Ranum, Commissioner Steve Baldwin, Sanitarian Rich Menger, Sheriff Trenton Harbaugh, Mayor Clayton Hornung, Health Officer Dr. Darryl Espeland, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Mindi Murnion, and Public Health Nurse Kim Cuppy.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting on 10/14/2014 were presented. Approved with no questions.

Unfinished Business:

*Discussed nominations for new members. Kim had sent out letters to several individuals who may be interested in Health Board membership based on community involvement and leadership. A letter was also sent to the local paper accepting volunteers to be considered for nomination.

*We received several letter back expressing interest in being considered for the board.

*After discussion it was decided that voting membership would be offered to Commissioner Bill Randash, Don Schillinger (Superintendent of Baker Public Schools), Trenton Harbaugh (Fallon County Sheriff), Sandra Kinsey (Mental Health Professional), Clayton Hornung (Mayor of Baker), Justin LaCroix (Baker Police Department), and Chuck Lee (DES Coordinator for Fallon County). Non-Voting members would consist of Commissioner Deb Ranum, Commissioner Steve Baldwin, Health Officer Dr. Darryl Espeland, Public Health Nurse Kim Cuppy, and Sanitarian Rich Menger.

*Kim will contact Brenda to work on appointing new members and that process.

Reports:

*Health Department – Kim reported that influenza numbers had been increasing over this flu season. The health department has not seen a lot of severe cases, but a lot of children and caregivers had tested positive. Influenza has also been in the nursing home and assisted living center. It was discussed with the Health Officer what amount of time is being recommended out of work/school when testing positive. Dr. Espeland stated that he recommends 2 days without any symptoms or 7 days after treatment is started. Also discussed was the Pertussis outbreak in Montana that has been happening and the importance of the Tdap vaccine, as well as the measles outbreak.

Kim also reported that in 2014 Fallon County only had two positive Chlamydia cases, which is a decrease. No other STDs reported. It was also reported that the health department is now contracting with the Baker Public Schools to provide school nursing services as of January 1, 2015. So far, this is going well.

*Sanitarian – Rich reported that there are now 51 licensed facilities in Fallon County. This includes 'The Box' that was recently taken over by Carson Beach and significant other. Rich said that, overall, facilities in Fallon County are doing well, but here have been a couple of issues.

Rich said he had recently attended the Serve Safe training to help train the community in food service. Rich asked Dr. Espeland about the old humane society. It was stated that this is set to reopen this spring/summer but there are some issues there as well.

*Health Officer – Dr. Espeland reiterated the information above relating to influenza, pertussis, and the measles. He then stated he had no other news to report.

*Other – Trent reported that the jail has been very busy and full. It was discussed that the health department start setting up and helping with medication administration. Kim and Trent will discuss

further after the meeting. Trent also stated that he had been talking with Fergus County in Lewistown regarding the Safe Organization.

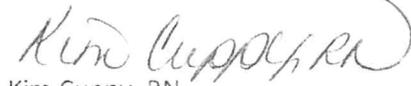
New Business:

*No other new business.

*Again, Kim will work with Brenda to get new members appointed to Board.

*Next meeting tentatively set for Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Kim will contact all members when this date gets closer to confirm and put out public announcement.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Kim Cuppy, RN

Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2014
Fallon Medical Complex Dining Room

Members Present: Commissioner Deb Ranum, Commissioner Steve Baldwin, Commissioner Bill Randash, Health Department Representative Mindi Murnion, Sanitarian Renee Gnerer, Health Officer Dr. Darryl Espeland, Mayor Clayton Hornung.

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

*The Health Board by-laws were reviewed for the 2nd time and approved. Those members in attendance signed.

*Discussion took place regarding appointment of new members. It was decided for Kim Cuppy to send out letters to potential nominees as well as put an ad in the paper.

Reports:

*Health Department

-Kim is currently out of town attending training.

-Mindi provided a handout on 'What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 flu season. It was noted that the health department has begun giving flu shots and that several flu clinics are planned.

-A handout was also provided on the Ebola Outbreak. The health department has gotten several phone calls about this and is attending the state teleconferences to keep up to date on this.

*Sanitarian Report

- Renee was present and presented her report. (Minutes not available as Kim was gone and they were not taken for meeting).

*Health Officer Report

-Dr. Espeland was present and gave his report. (Minutes not available as Kim was gone and they were not taken for meeting).

New Business:

*We will discuss potential new members and voting procedures at the next meeting.

*Next meeting is set for January 7, 2015 (had to be reschedule to January 21, 2015 due to scheduling conflicts.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Kim Cuppy

Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
Fallon Medical Complex Dining Room

Members Present: Commissioner Deb Ranum, Commissioner Steve Baldwin, Sanitarian Mike Rinaldi, Sheriff Tim Barkley, Mayor Clayton Hornung, Health Officer Dr. Darryl Espeland, and Public Health Nurse Kim Cuppy.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting on 3/5/14 were presented. Approved with no questions.

Unfinished Business:

*Discussed appointment officers and how to go about this. Dr. Espeland stated that we should have a member from the school and also brought about the idea of a nominating committee. Sheriff Barkley said he also felt it was important to have a mental health professional on the board. It was decided to make a call to Brenda about getting the word out about this. Kim will go ahead with this.

Reports:

*Health Department – Kim reported that flu and RSV season were coming to a close and numbers were relatively “average to below average” this year. We have had no confirmed STD cases in Fallon County this year. Kim also reported that the health department is holding a car seat safety day on June 21st, an Immunization Awareness Run/Walk on August 21st, and a bike safety day sometime after school starts. She reports the health department is working hard on letting the community know what services are offered there. They will also be busy with school physicals over the next few months.

*Sanitarian – Mike presented the second reading of Resolution 14-xxx regarding subdivisions. Dr. Espeland voted to approve this resolution and Commissioner Baldwin seconded this and the vote was called. Mike also spoke with Mayor Hornung about not signing certain forms brought to him by engineers. They will discuss this further in private.

*Health Officer – Dr. Espeland told the board that there has been two cases of cryptosporidium in Fallon County over the last couple of weeks. Mike stated this may be because it is branding time. Dr. Espeland explained the illness and types of e. coli.

*Other – No other reports.

New Business:

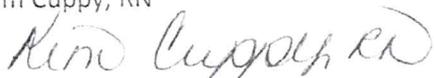
*Health Board by-laws were presented for first reading. No changes or questions noted. Will be presented at meeting in September for second reading.

*Commissioner Ranum stated that the pipeliners are coming back to town so there may be an increase in communicable disease over the next few months.

*Dr. Espeland stated that there is the possibility of a new drug coming out for Hepatitis C. We will continue to watch for developments in this area.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Cuppy, RN



Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, March 5, 2014
Fallon Medical Complex Dining Room

Members Present: Commissioner Deb Ranum, Commissioner Steve Baldwin, Commissioner Bill Randash, Sanitarian Mike Rinaldi, Health Officer Darryl Espeland, Sheriff's Office representative Trent Harbaugh, Public Health Nurse Kim Cuppy

Minutes from previous meeting were not available.

Unfinished Business:

*Dr. Espeland reported that he and Kim had been discussing having more regular meetings and that the Health Board should be meeting at least quarterly.

*It was discussed that there had been talk previously of working the ambulance out of the hospital, but this is no longer an issue.

Reports:

***Health Department**

-Kim reported that flu season numbers have been down so far this year. There have been 15 confirmed cases of influenza in Fallon County with 1 hospitalization this year. RSV season is also starting up, but so far there are no cases in Fallon County.

-The state health improvement plan was passed out and asked to review. Kim mentioned that the plan focused more on prevention.

-The new powers and duties of the Health Board were also passed out to members. It was noted that some of these have changed and again stated that the board needs to be meeting more regularly. Kim agreed to take the role of scheduling regular quarterly meetings.

-Kim also said that she had talked to Barb Maus from Wibaux County Health Department on the suggestion of Dr. Espeland to get a copy of their by-laws. This was passed out and suggested that we adapt it to make our own by-laws. Mike suggested getting copies of Glendive and Glasgow's by-laws as well to get some ideas. Kim agreed to get these and get them to all board members. We will review and vote on these at the next meeting.

-It was also reported that Fallon County is getting a new Tobacco Prevention Specialist who would come speak at our next meeting.

-The number of STD cases has stayed low within Fallon County, seeing only 6 confirmed cases of Chlamydia last year and no other STDs.

-Kim also reported that the Southeastern Montana Health Fair was coming up on April 30th. The theme will be 'Start a New Routine in 2014'. Commissioner Ranum urged Kim to get supplies for the health department to hand out as done in previous years.

***Sanitarian Report**

- Mike discussed the powers and duties of health board changes and said that the changes in particular had to do with the health officer having fewer duties and those duties being passed to the board.

-Mike also discussed some resolutions and the board was given handouts that need to be addressed within the next year. These have to do with subdivisions.

-It was also reported that the Big K is getting ready to open again, there have been a steady number of septic systems, and that QPC had now changed hands to Jay and Michelle Schumaker.

*Health Officer Report

-Dr. Espeland stated he had nothing new to report that hadn't already been discussed.

-It was suggested that DES also be invited to the next board meeting. Appointed members were suggested to be someone from the school as well as asking Sandy Kinsey from mental health.

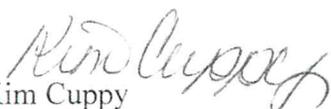
New Business:

*It was reported by Commissioner Randash that there is now an ambulance board and that a crew director will be hired. That job opening is closing March 11th.

*Commissioner Ranum asked Kim to please call Brenda and get on the agenda at one of the future commissioner's meeting to discuss some of the reports further. Kim agreed.

*It was reported by Commissioner Ranum that TransCanada was now on hold and nothing new would be coming for at least 18 months.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Kim Cuppy