

Fallon County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April, 4, 2019

FALLON COUNTY COMMISSION	
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The Fallon County Board of Health met on April 4, 2019 at 12:00pm in the Fallon Medical Complex dining room. Members in attendance included: Deb Ranum, Fallon County Commissioner; Trenton Harbaugh, Fallon County Sheriff; Rich Menger, Fallon County Sanitarian; Mindi Murnion, Fallon County Public Health Specialist; Justin LaCroix, Baker Police Officer; and Kim Cuppy, Fallon County Director of Public Health.

The meeting was called to order and Kim passed out minutes from previous meeting. No questions or concerns were raised regarding meeting minutes. Unfinished business was then discussed. Mindi Murnion stated there was good attendance at the Tabletop Exercise conducted in February and that it was complete and given to the state. She also told the group that the next LEPC meeting would be held on May 22nd at 5:30pm at the Fire Hall. Everyone's attendance is encouraged.

Reports were then presented. Kim gave the health department report and told the board that there had been a significant increase in influenza activity in March, but it now seems to be going down. There has also been a significant number of strep throat and pneumonia cases this late winter/early spring. Kim also stated that the health department had received a positive STD test that was unable to be tracked due to lack of information. She told the board this may start to be a problem in the future with the transient population, so she may call on other entities at times to help with tracking.

Rich gave the environmental health/sanitation report. He states that he would be attended a Retail Food Safety training in Butte next week. He told the board that the lake project was going well and that more planting would take place in May-July. He stated that there is plenty of water to fill the lake and that the boat docks are looking good. He also told the board that his inspections were going well, which included many drain fields.

Justin and Trent gave the law enforcement report. They commented on the pipeline activity and stated that many workers were staying in town, but working out of town so traffic activity was high. They also explained that the Keystone project was currently on hold, but everyone is continuing to watch what will happen with that.

No other departments or reporters were present at meeting.

New business was then discussed. Kim explained to the board that Fallon Medical Complex was currently conducting a Community Health Assessment and a part of this included many Focus Groups taking place. While the board, as a whole, is unable to attend one of those focus groups, Kim got a copy of the questions to discuss today and then will present the boards responses at one of the focus group meetings. The board went over these questions (supplemental information – may be provided at request). Deb asked Kim to please let the board know how the focus group went and any further discussion. Other new business included discussing state regulations on the production, use, and sales of medical marijuana. Trent explained that it was getting harder to track these individuals, which sometimes poses a problem from a law enforcement point of view. He also explained procedures of tracking and individuals receiving a medical marijuana card. The board did not feel it needed to implement any regulations as we follow the state regulations.

The next regular quarterly meeting was then set for July 11, 2019 (due to the 4th of July holiday). There were no further questions or discussion at this time and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written and submitted by:

Kim Cuppy, RN
Director of Public Health