

**Fergus County Board of Health Meeting
January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Sheriff's Office Basement Complex**

Present:

Donna Vantassel, BOH Chair
Whitney Potts, BOH member
Heather Thom, FCNO Director
Marlo Thomas, FCNO Staff
Bridger Giglio, SIT

Laurie Ray, BOH Vice-chair
Holly Phelps, City Manager
Sue Irvin, Family Planning Director
Ron Hrubes, City Commissioner
Jennifer Saunders, County Commissioner

Donna Vantassel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved as presented.

Public Comment on any agenda items:

There were no comments.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Laurie Ray moved, and Whitney Potts seconded the approval of the October 23, 2023 Board minutes as written.

Public Hearing:

No Comments.

Personnel Announcements:

No announcements to present.

Announcements/Reports:

- Reports from Departments
 - Department reports were provided in the Board packets. There was discussion with the Nurses Office staff on the number of fall vaccines provided, reportable conditions, drug screening options and the SART team. Amanda Rouse will be attending the upcoming training to become a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. Sue Irvin with Family Planning informed the Board the date for the 50th year anniversary will be later this fall. She also stated that new signage for Smoke-Free buildings will be going up around town. The federal minimum age for tobacco sales is 21. Bridger Giglio, SIT, continues to study for the national exam to become a Registered Sanitarian.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Board of Health 2024 Meeting dates
 - The Board was presented with the dates for the quarterly meetings for the new year.

- Fergus Sample Transport Plan
 - No action was needed. Periodical review of plans is required for the PHEP grant. The Fergus Sample Transport plan was reviewed with a minor phone number change. Heather has worked closely with Shannon from the lab at the hospital as most of the Health Departments samples would go through Central Montana Medical Center for transport.

- Heather informed the Board that Snowy Mountain Development was granted funds for Community Lead Testing. The Health Department will be subcontracted to help provide screening for the community. Heather will be meeting with Cathy Barta in February. The screening will be available free of charge to anyone wanting to be tested. There was discussion on possible lead exposures in our community.

- There was also discussion about the possible increase in population to our community and the effects it could have on Public Health. Are there Health impact studies that can be reviewed?

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items:

No Public comments

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held April 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Laurie Ray made a motion to adjourn. Whitney Potts seconded. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectively submitted by: Marlo Thomas, FCNO

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Secretary: _____ Date: _____