

Sweetwater County District Board of Health
February 24, 2016

Present:

Board members:

Chuck Sykes, Chairperson

Craig Wolfing – Vice Chairperson - Absent

Elina Chernyak - Absent

Mark Sanders

Kathy Luzmoor - Absent

Brett Stokes

Donald West, Secretary - Absent

Board of Health Director:

Board Attorney: Charles Barnum - absent

County Health Officer

Commissioner Reid West

Nursing Staff/Environmental Health Staff

Rocket Miner Newspaper - absent

Public – Nell Johnson

Grant Christensen

Dr. Jean Stachon

Meeting opened by Chuck, Chairperson at 7:15 AM.

Informational meeting only due to no quorum.

County Health Officer Report – Granger was out of water for almost three weeks. They lost one million gallons of water due to a leak underground. Emergency Management hauled water out to them. Little America offered their facilities to the town of Granger for shower use. The EPA was involved. Water samples will be checked weekly. Tracy Murphy from the State was also involved.

Environment Health report – Sara said that they are working with Planning and Zoning with a septic tank issue.

Director report – Grant discussed the legislature is debating; as we speak; on a permanent formula for Public Health offices who have MOU's with State to receive monies from the State each year. He thinks it will pass. Grant said he will be receiving the budget forms at the end of March for the County. He also announced that our part-time receptionist resigned the end of February and he is not going to replace her at this time. He said he and Jean, Nurse Supervisor, will be attending Conflict Free Provider training in April regarding the Medicaid waiver changes.

Grant recognized Mark Sanders with a plaque for his eight years of dedication to the District Board of Health.

Reid said one of the other County Commissioners asked him "since the DBOH is no longer doing home health, what are the home health nurses doing with their time", he said he thought this was a legitimate question and he would bring it up at the next board meeting. Grand discussed he has three and a half nurses that were doing home health

and now they are doing other duties to fulfill the MOU with the State. Lisa and Anna are both Diabetes Certified. They are doing diabetic counseling which will take time to build up clientele. Anna also has an adult health client and she also does LT101's as does Lisa. Anna is a part-time nurse. Arlene and Doni have filled their time with HIV clients, HIV, STI testing and LT101's. Arlene also does TB infectious disease control. He explained to Reid that Public Health will never be a money making agency. He explained the State would not pay our agency to do home health care, but they will pay us to do diabetic teaching. Grant explained that we still do adult health care may it be Medicaid waiver long term care, private pay or insurance. Reid asked what the difference was between home health and adult health. Grant explained that home health is skilled nursing and is acute care as adult health is people who are not eligible for Medicare. Home health skilled nursing keeps patient's at home where adult health is a different level of care – chronic illness. Grant said Public Health is a tool for teaching and educating. Reid told Grant to be prepared to go in front of the County Commissioners because they will want to know what the home health nurses are doing to replace home health time.

Next DBOH meeting will be Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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