

Sweetwater County District Board of Health

March 30, 2016

Present:

Board members:

Chuck Sykes, Chairperson
Elina Chernyak
Mark Sanders
Kathy Luzmoor

Craig Wolfing – Vice Chairperson
Brett Stokes - Absent
Donald West, Secretary

Board of Health Director:

Grant Christensen

Board Attorney: Charles Barnum - absent

County Health Officer

Dr. Jean Stachon

Commissioner Reid West

Nursing Staff/Environmental Health Staff

Rocket Miner Newspaper – absent

Guest Nell Johnson

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

Grant asked Chuck to please add to the agenda to approve January 2016 minutes and approve vouchers for February and March since we did not have a quorum at the February meeting. Also, Grant asked for a short executive meeting. Motion to approve additions to the agenda was made by Mark, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January minutes was made by Kathy, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Motion to approve February and March vouchers was made by Kathy, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Grant discussed the MOU with the State is now going to be permanent. He said the monies should be the same as last year, but does not have the figures at this time. He said the added requirements were noted in red which he said we are doing now. He will report the exact amount of money we will be receiving from the State at the next meeting.

County Health Officer reported on the month of March. Dr. Stachon handed out the County Health Rankings and communicated anyone can go onto their website and get more information.

Sara from Environmental health reported on the month of March. She said Paul just finished up inspections on the schools. She said they had a case of salmonella which they followed up on.

Grant handed out the article from the Rocket-Miner that our agency participated in for the progress report addition for those who do not get the paper.

He mentioned that he had a meeting with the Department of Health and they want to know if Sweetwater County would be interested in doing a pilot program called telehealth. One example of the program would be our diabetes program. We have two certified diabetes education nurses in our county where other counties do not. We could get referrals from other counties and educate diabetes through the telehealth program. Grant asked the board if they would be opposed of our agency getting more information on the program. The board had not objections.

Gant announced he met with the new director, Amanda Stearns from Western Wyoming Family Health regarding the services we are required to do to meet the MOU with the State. He explained to her one service we will both have is the STD testing and counseling.

Grant informed the board we have run out of our MCH monies and we will not be getting any MCH funding for the next three months. We still have money in the TANF grant.

Kathy stated she would like to know if we are within our budget to date. She does not understand where we are at in the budget in the financial reports. She said on previous boards that she has been on; they were required to have 180 days of reserves. She asked grant how many days he has in reserves. Grant said he thinks about 90 days or so. He will get this information for Kathy at the next board of health meeting.

Reid announced that there is a big possibility insurance costs will be increasing this year. He said that there was \$900,000 in claims this fiscal year. He said that was a significant increase from last fiscal year. Mark commented they will have to think about hiring younger employees.

Motion to go out of regular session and into executive session for personnel issues was made by Mark, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Motion to resume regular meeting with no discussion from the executive session was made by Kathy, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mark, seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.

Next DBOH meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Allen
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