

**Minutes**  
**Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health**  
**7 a.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

**1. Administrative Agenda Items**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 a.m. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Becky Sprunger. Attendees were Pat Dudley, Lyn Ankelman and Ivy Fredrickson. Excused were Danette Melvin, Cindi Shaw and Julie Hart.
- b. The minutes of the April 6, 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Mr. Dudley moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Ankelman seconded. The minutes were approved.

**2. Public Comment(s) On Any Items on the Agenda**

- a. None.

**3. Action Agenda Items**

- a. The Board of Health was asked to authorize an amendment to the Health Department's contract with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for cancer screening services. The amendment adds \$5,000.00 to the original contract amount of \$126,200.00, to implement a colorectal cancer screening program during the department's annual influenza vaccination campaign. The original contract extends from July 2, 2015 through Sept. 30, 2016, with the new contract amount totaling \$131,200.00. Tina Randall explained that the extent of this work will occur this coming fall. Ms. Ankelman asked how the department publicizes the effort; Ms. Randall relayed that presentations are planned, as well as one-on-one interactions. Mr. Dudley moved to approve the amendment, Ms. Fredrickson second. The request was authorized by a unanimous voice vote.
- b. The board was asked to authorize second-year funding of the Health Department's Wood Stove Change-out Program. The amount of \$75,000 was requested by the program's coordinator, Stephan Burns, out of the Health Initiatives component of the Redevelopment Trust. Mr. Burns reported that 23 wood stoves will have been changed out by year's end, and he anticipates the same amount of change-outs in the program's second year. Mr. Burns relayed that the program will expand boundaries in the Greeley School neighborhood for the second year. Mr. Burns relayed that Butte-Silver Bow remained in compliance with Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) standards this year; while the data are not yet in, he and other Environmental Health staff believe the program has had a big part in that achievement. Ms. Sprunger asked whether he follows up with residents once a change-out occurs. Mr. Burns replied that he does extensive follow-up with residents, including asking where the program can improve. Mr. Burns added that he plans a second neighborhood coalition meeting in June or July to begin recruiting for second-year change-outs. Mr. Burns also relayed that the program

has begun doing some indoor air quality measurement. Ms. Sullivan said the program intends to issue a news release soon, in regard to outcomes from the first year of the program, and to remind the community that this program isn't just about changing out wood stoves, but is actually a program about the public's health. Mr. Dudley moved to approve the \$75,000 expenditure from the Health Initiatives component, Ms. Ankelman second. The request was authorized by a unanimous verbal vote.

#### **4. Briefing Agenda Items**

- a. Health Officer's Report – Ms. Sullivan said she took the opportunity to streamline the monthly board report, making it less cumbersome and easier to read. Ms. Sullivan said she and her staff would continue to work on making the report as meaningful as possible, including specifics on how the department's work is enhancing the health of the community. Ms. Sullivan did relay the following highlights: The department has submitted its preliminary budgets to the county's Finance/Budget Department. The department has concluded negotiations with the Montana Nurses Association, which represents the department's registered nurses and mid-level providers, providing for a 1.5 percent salary/benefit increase for FY16 and FY17. Ms. Sullivan reported that the Suicide Prevention Committee is evolving into a Community Action Team; a first step in that involvement is the interviewing of several community "stakeholders" in regard to suicide prevention and mental health issues. Ms. Sullivan reported that the department is currently involved in the FY17 budgeting process, and underscored that the department continues to be heavily funded by grants – a challenge, since salaries and benefits inch upward, but grant amounts tend not to increase. The department, like all other departments, has been instructed to keep budgetary line items level, and avoid major expenditures for the rest of the fiscal year – Montana Resources continues to be the county's largest taxpayer, and the current price of copper does have an effect on the county budget. All departments have been asked to assist in regard to replacing positions – filling an open administrative assistant position at the Health Department is on temporary hold, for example. Mr. Dudley asked whether the board could write a letter of support to maintain positions, and Ms. Sullivan said she may look to the board for assistance and input as the FY17 budget is crafted. For now, however, the department is attempting to do its part as the county attempts to correspond the FY17 budget with the realities related to local tax revenues. Ms. Sullivan said the department continues to follow updates on the Zika virus and relays related information to the community. Ms. Sullivan relayed to the board that both she and Dan Powers recently attended a Montana Department of Environmental Quality open house regarding the Montana Pole site. Ms. Sullivan also relayed that she continues to represent public health interests in the Consent Decree negotiations related to the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit. Ms. Sullivan said the Environmental Health staff has begun meeting with summer festival organizers to ensure food/consumer safety. Other department highlights: Worksite Wellness personnel Callie Boyle and Theresa Dennehy recently returned from Florida, a trip financed by scholarships – the

conference focused on Worksite Wellness. The department recently participated in a Get Yourself Tested campaign – condoms were distributed at several taverns in the city. Additionally, 35 rapid HIV tests were administered at Montana Tech, and an article was published in the Butte High School newspaper. The Immunization program is preparing for a routine state clinic review in June – in April, the program administered 260 vaccines to 105 clients, and managed 10 dog bite cases. The department’s home visitors are now staffing at Rocky Mountain Clinic, so that providers can seamlessly make referrals to the programs. The three home visiting programs located in Butte-Silver Bow will be participating in a site visit by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – this is actually a site visit for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Butte was selected as a site for reviewers to see how the home visiting programs are being carried out locally. WIC had 726 clients in April. Funding for the department’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness program will decline by \$15,000 – the \$15,000 provided in FY16 was one-time for Ebola management. Hearing and vision screenings are beginning today for Melrose, Divide and Ramsay. Flu is on a downward trend – the flu season officially ends May 31. Ms. Ankelman asked about tick-related illness – Ms. Sullivan relayed that The Montana Standard recently called to interview about ticks – Karen Maloughney, R.N., is managing the issue. Dan Powers has been meeting with the Mosquito District – Ms. Ankelman asked about Zika – Mr. Powers relayed that the biggest worry is related to travelers returning from affected areas.

- b. Diane Regan provided a Finance/Budget report – the department billed for \$12,000 in immunizations in April. The department likely will move money from various line items in the Immunization budget to ensure enough capacity to purchase vaccines through the end of the year.

## **5. Other Business**

- a. Due to Ms. Melvin’s absence, the Superfund Advisory and Redevelopment Trust Authority report was not provided.
- b. Ms. Sullivan discussed revisions to the application for Health Initiatives monies, and thanked Ms. Fredrickson for her work on the document. Mr. Dudley moved to approve the document as it stands, with the knowledge that the document over time could be fluid. Ms. Fredrickson second. The document was authorized by a unanimous verbal vote.
- c. Ms. Randall spoke about the department’s application to Medicaid to bill for targeted case management services for the Nurse-Family Partnership program. The company that accepts these applications on behalf of Medicaid has relayed that it needs not only the health officer’s name, date of birth and Social Security number, but prospectively board member information as well. Ms. Randall said she would work to determine if the chair or vice chair’s information would suffice. Ms. Sprunger said that she would be willing to provide her information, and Ms. Randall said she would contact Ms. Melvin for the same. Ms. Randall said she would keep the board apprised as to whether Medicaid ultimately will want more information.

**6. Presentations**

a. None

**7. Public Comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda**

a. None

**8. Next Meeting**

a. The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7 a.m. at the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department conference room, 25 W. Front St., Butte, Mont.

**9. Adjournment**

cc: Matt Vincent, Chief Executive  
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