

**Minutes**  
**Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health**  
**7 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020**  
**Health Department Conference Room**

**1. Administrative Agenda Items**

- a. Call to order.
- b. Roll call:
  - i. Ivy Fredrickson, JD
  - ii. Commissioner Cindi Shaw
  - iii. Julie Hart, PhD
  - iv. Lyn Ankelman, EdD
  - v. Mike Welker, DC
  - vi. Seth Cornell, MD
  - vii. Toby Richards, DDS
- c. Approval of the minutes from the Dec. 4, 2019 Board of Health meeting, and a special meeting of the board held Dec. 12, 2019 – Dr. Welker moved to approve the minutes, with Ms. Shaw providing a second. The minutes from both meetings were approved.

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

None.

**3. Action Agenda Items**

- a. Election of Board of Health officers- Ms. Fredrickson was nominated as chair, and Dr. Ankelman as vice chair. Ms. Shaw moved to approve the election of Board of Health officers, with Dr. Welker providing a second. The election of Board of Health officers was approved.
- b. Creation of the Butte-Silver Bow Health Study Committee – Butte-Silver Bow Chief Executive Dave Palmer and Health Officer Karen Sullivan provided a report on the proposed committee. Ms. Shaw moved to approve creation of committee, with Dr. Cornell providing a second. Creation of the committee was authorized.

- c. Bylaws – The board’s bylaws call for an annual review of the board’s broad objectives at its January meeting. Ms. Sullivan recommends that the board set aside designated time at its February meeting for this discussion. There was no associated motion.
- d. Request for the Board of Health’s authorization of a cooperative agreement between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Board of Health to establish a payment schedule to support inspections of licensed establishments and to determine which optional programs, through the Health Department, the board will conduct. Establishments inspected include retail and wholesale food establishments; trailer courts and campgrounds; public accommodations; pools, spas and other water features; and body art establishments. The Health Department also agrees to provide peer-to-peer inspector training. Each inspection completed on a licensed establishment results in a payment equal to the license fee or a portion of that fee, designated in state statute. The cooperative agreement is effective Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020. Dr. Ankelman moved to authorize the agreement, with Dr. Welker providing a second. The agreement was authorized.
- e. Request for the Board of Health’s authorization of a contract between the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department and the Melrose School District, for the provision of school nursing services to the district. These services include immunization screening and reporting, hearing and vision screening and referrals, if necessary for all students, and health consultations for students with a medical need, as requested by district staff members. Payment for services is \$50.00 per hour, plus travel expenses at the current federal mileage reimbursement. Term of the contract is the school year 2019-2020. Dr. Ankelman moved to authorize the contract, with Ms. Shaw providing a second. The contract was authorized.

#### **4. Other Business**

- a. Continued discussion of recent health studies, including the meconium study and the recently released brain cancer study.

#### **5. Briefing Agenda Items**

- a. Health Officer’s Report – Ms. Sullivan.
  - Ms. Sullivan met with Family Planning staff to discuss the clinic’s operational performance and strategic plan.
  - Ms. Sullivan attended weekly meetings for release of the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit consent decree and associated communications plan
  - Ms. Sullivan attended a meeting of the Medical Monitoring Health Study Working Group.
  - Along with other department heads, Ms. Sullivan made a budget presentation to the Council of Commissioners’ Finance/Budget Committee.
  - Ms. Sullivan traveled with Katie Smith and Lori Stenson to Anaconda, to meet with the new lead local health official, Leigh Ann Holmes, and to extend assistance as she ramps up.

- Ms. Sullivan met with new Montana Standard reporter Kristine De Leon; among other issues, Ms. De Leon will be covering Superfund issues for the Standard.
  - Ms. Sullivan continued to manage a variety of communications and issues associated with the recent meconium study. This included an email to the study's co-author, Suzanne McDermott, PhD.
  - Ms. Sullivan reviewed the manuscript of new health study by Dr. McDermott and others on brain cancer in Butte-Silver Bow and Anaconda-Deer Lodge.
  - Ms. Sullivan wrote letter of support for the continued efforts by Bill Macgregor and Raja Nagisetty for National Institutes of Health funding to study community engagement in Butte-Silver Bow on health issues.
  - Ms. Sullivan continued to receive communications regarding ban of flavored vaping products and delegating related issues to applicable staff.
  - Ms. Sullivan announced finalization of BPSOU consent decree documents and rollout soon to the public.
  - Mr. Rolich explained Greeley Air Quality Monitoring Project – Bison Engineering submitted the 3rd quarter (July-September) data report for Total Suspended Particles and PM10. The data indicated that virtually all of the airborne particulate at the Greeley School site during the third quarter was smaller than 10 microns in diameter. The PM2.5 values are roughly one-quarter of the TSP and PM10 values. The report states that it is suspected that large particulate may become more prominent during the summer and fall months, as drier conditions are more favorable to large particulate generation. However, the third-quarter quarter of 2019 was wetter than average, with no protracted hot dry periods and very little wildfire smoke; therefore, no high concentration of large particulate was seen during the quarter. The report also shows that an easterly wind produces the highest TSP concentrations. During this time period, particulate concentrations were well below U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM10 and PM2.5. The data also show the concentrations for arsenic, cadmium, copper, manganese, molybdenum, lead and zinc were well below the most conservative worst-case guidelines. Montana Tech's Kumar Ganesan has been retained to produce a report for public consumption.
  - Ms. Randall relayed that she drafted an implementation/evaluation plan, participant agreement form and educational flyer for the Syringe Services Program; these were sent to the health officer and HIV team for review.
  - Ms. Randall reported on HIV/HCV/Syphilis rapid testing data; rapid testing for July-December 2019:
    - HIV – 134 tests, 1 reactive and confirmed positive
    - HCV – 130 tests, 21 reactive
    - Syphilis – 16 tests, 2 reactive and 2 confirmed positive
- b. Finance Report – Questions from board members.
- Dr. Cornell expressed interest in more explanation of the financial report, on a quarterly basis.
- c. Communicable Disease Report – Karen Maloughney.

- Ms. Maloughney continued to communicate with DPHHS regarding vaping illnesses and messaging moving forward; she is currently investigating two additional suspect vaping illness cases.
  - Ms. Maloughney reported having had a total of seven confirmed and reported influenza cases so far this influenza season. The most active time for influenza for our area is January through March.
  - For the month of December, the Health Department investigated and assisted in treating contacts of 26 cases of chlamydia, 16 cases of gonorrhea and one case of syphilis.
  - The Health Department continues to offer walk-in flu shot availability daily.
- d. Butte-Silver Bow Health Department 2019-2023 Strategic Plan – Discussion.
- Ms. Randall reported the Community Health Division has started working on its goals.

**6. Presentations**

- a. None

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

- a. None.

**8. Next Meeting**

- a. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held Feb. 5, 2020 at the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department Conference Room, 25 W. Front St., Butte, Mont.

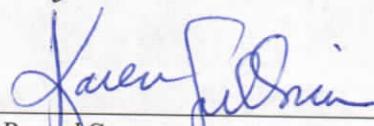
**9. Adjournment**

- a. The board meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m.

*Minutes submitted by Taylor Edden*

  
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 Board Vice Chair

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