

July 16, 2024

QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING; The Commission was joined by Granite County Public Health Nurse, Deb Robinson; Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Amanda Bohrer; Local Health Officer, Dr. Kira Conn; Public Health & Safety Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; Granite County Board of Health Chairperson, Ashley Westphal, and the Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw. Commissioner McLure called the meeting to order. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the minutes from April 16, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously. Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes was not able to join the meeting and provided a written report. The group reviewed the report that explained that onsite septic development is still going very strong with septic systems being installed all along the length of Rock Creek, in the existing subdivisions such as Whiskey Flats and Greystone Subdivision, as well as increased interest in mining claims and other remote (and at times, large) parcels. His office has also been steadily completing plan reviews for food businesses with a heavy emphasis on mobile food units. The Sanitarian's Office is working on how to handle certain food issues including those that previously required licensure and inspection but are now allowed events such as farmers markets without oversight. They are working on some sort of notification to assist people in understanding the difference between "licensed and inspected" and "allowed but unregulated". They feel strongly that the general public should be educated about the potential risks associated to allow them to make informed decisions. There are also some complaints that the Office is still working on that may require legal notification. Chad Lanes will keep the Board updated on these matters as they move forward. Commissioner Adler raised concerns over a trailer that needs to be cleaned up 7.5 miles west of Drummond; he would like an update on this matter. Chairperson Westphal will reach out to Chad Lanes and share the update with the Board. Granite County Public Health Nurse Deb Robinson provided an update of Public Health operations noting that they have been working on grant administration, and everything is up to date. Additionally, they had their Immunization Audit last week and no deficiencies were found. The Public Health Department is looking forward to events including School and Daycare Immunization Clinics, the Blue Shield Van for Flu Shots, and hosting a Babysitting class that assists also young people to get CPR Certified. The Department is also hoping to host a Children's Health Fair focused on safety, and are working with area schools to partner for this event. The Board reviewed a WIC Participation Update that was provided from Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, who are currently providing WIC services in Granite County. Granite County Public Health & Safety Coordinator, Jackie Bolster joined the session to provide an update on the PHEP program, which is on track with all quarterly reporting deliverables. Jackie Bolster and Deb Robinson are working together to ensure all PHEP tasks are completed. Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Amanda Bohrer joined the group explaining that she has ordered new provider packets concerning cessation, which will be sent to providers in the area. The packet also includes an updated list of cessation medications that are approved. She explained that she will be resuming youth activities in Granite County and will also be sending out a survey to collect public opinion on whether a distance ruling would be in the best interest of the communities within the County. There will be an update on that information in a year to provide time to gain that data. Amanda Bohrer will continue working with local partners to build youth programs focused on prevention including County schools. Commissioner Adler inquired what days she would be working in Granite County. Amanda Bohrer explained she is still determining which days she will be present in the County. Dr. Conn noted that she does not have anything specific to comment on at this time. The Session adjourned at 9:28 a.m.