

Description	County Courthouse Community Room, Third Floor, 311 W. Main, Bozeman, MT		
Date	09/27/2012	Location	Board of Health
Time	Speaker	Note	
6:57:19 AM		<p><i>Members:</i> Robin Cory, Steve Custer, Becky Franks, Laura Larsson, Gretchen Rupp, Buck Taylor, Carson Taylor, <i>Excused:</i> Berk Knighton, Bill Murdock <i>Staff:</i> Matt Kelley, Toni Lucker, Tim Roark, Dustin Schreiner, Jill Steeley <i>Public:</i> Connie Bengtson; Candy Lubansky, Eric Merchant; Hoby Rash; Michelle Snowberger; Michael Tucker</p>	
7:04:11 AM		Meeting Called to Order	
7:04:25 AM		Disclaimer for Audio Broadcasting	
7:04:46 AM		Public Comment on a Non-Agenda Item - none	
7:05:02 AM		Consent Agenda	
7:05:27 AM		Matt provided clarification to the Board regarding the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor task order.	
7:06:22 AM	Motion	Carson made a motion to pass all items on the consent agenda including the WIC program services amended form.	
7:06:35 AM	Second	Buck seconded the motion.	
7:06:38 AM	Vote	<p>Roll Call: Robin - yes Steve - yes Becky - yes Laura - yes Gretchen - yes Buck - yes Carson - yes</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
7:06:47 AM		Regular Agenda	
7:07:00 AM		Chair changed the order of the agenda due to the Health Officer's schedule	
7:07:04 AM		Health Officer Report	
7:07:15 AM		<p>Matt reported on the initial strategic planning meeting for the Community Health Improvement Plan. Some of the areas identified included 1) access to services; 2) collaboration among organizations; and 3) engaging youth and families and healthy behaviors.</p> <p>A trainer from the National Association of City-County Health Officials is scheduled for October 16th to help the committee dive into the strategic areas.</p>	
7:09:06 AM		<p>Communicable Disease: Matt reported that August saw an uptake in pertussis but no outbreak activity.</p> <p>Staffing: the department is hiring a sanitarian position; a social worker, a prevention screening program position, and a temporary part-time web designer.</p>	
7:11:22 AM		The Board asked about the availability of flu shots and Matt invited the Board to participate in the health department walk-in flu clinics on Mondays and Tuesdays	

		or to call for an appointment.
7:11:59 AM		Matt also reported on the big October 3 rd community walk-in-clinics at the Belgrade Special Event Center and the Bozeman Senior Center. This will be an emergency preparedness exercise to practice managing large and multiple Points of Distribution (PODs).
7:13:20 AM		MDEQ Presentation regarding Air Quality Monitoring in Gallatin County
7:13:33 AM		The Board Chair, Gretchen, opened the meeting to public comment regarding air quality monitoring
7:13:46 AM	Candy Lubansky	Ms. Lubansky is the Belgrade superintendent of schools and expressed her concern about the process for assessing the air quality for Belgrade students.
7:15:53 AM	Michelle Snowberger	Ms. Snowberger spoke as a private citizen with respiratory issues. She encourage the Board to have better technology for assessing air quality.
7:17:02 AM	Hoby Rash	Mr. Rash, MDEQ air monitoring supervisor with Montana Department of Environmental Quality, was open to any questions from the Board and the Public and to share what he knows and does not know about air quality in Gallatin County
7:17:29 AM	Eric Merchant	Mr. Merchant, supervisor of policy and planning with DEQ Air Resources Bureau, develops and implements the Montana State implementation plan for the protection of the national ambient air quality standards. This includes the monitoring of particulate matter in the Gallatin Valley; statewide evaluation of particulate matter levels as they relate to health-based ambient air quality standards; development of rules in response to legislative action as well as federal standards that may be changing; and the quality assurance work for the monitoring program.
7:19:23 AM		Mr. Rash distributed handouts and maps to share, provided the history of monitoring in the county and entertained questions.
7:20:09 AM	Questions by the Board	The DEQ representatives answered questions by the Board. They discussed the standards for different criteria pollutants, national ambient air quality standards, particulate matter, seasonal air quality, and the link to health effects.
7:31:25 AM		The DEQ representatives discussed the status of the Bozeman / Belgrade air quality related to woodstove burning in the winter.
7:34:22 AM		Mr. Rash discussed particulate matter components related to fire smoke and resulting respiratory irritants.
7:38:43 AM		Mr. Rash reported that DEQ monitoring data is now available on the web for citizens to look at and use to make their own health-based decisions for outdoor activity level.
7:39:37 AM		He also discussed that DEQ is commissioned to put monitors in places that will give the best information for the greatest number of people. Because the standards are health-driven and based on the protection of public health, DEQ is making more of a real-time basis information effort.
7:42:11 AM		Discussion continued to what DEQ sees as a more immediate public health concern - PM 2.5. In an effort to help with this, DEQ would like to partner with county agencies to communicate with citizens about their risks, particularly during seasons such as this dramatic wildfire season.
7:43:05 AM		Mr. Rash continued by referring to the map that shows the positions of current & historic monitoring stations. He provided some history regarding monitoring - TSP (total suspended particles) progressed to the PM10 standard; progressed to

		PM2.5 (smaller particles go deeper into our lungs and we cannot get rid of them). Today DEQ looks exclusively for PM 2.5 except for the West Yellowstone monitors in the community that monitor for gasses as well due to snow mobile use in the park.
7:47:09 AM		He continued to discuss the Belgrade / Bozeman air shed characteristics to answer the question "do we have an accumulation of PM 2.5 from the region to the Belgrade area?"
7:48:02 AM		The former Belgrade monitor was discussed and based on the data collected through time and the population base, DEQ has determined that a single monitor at the Bozeman High School represents the population center of the Bozeman / Belgrade area. Discussion continued and Mr. Rash agreed to share the monitoring data with the health department..
7:53:28 AM		In response to the Board's question about other end use of the data, Mr. Rash described how it determines long-term compliance with national standards and provides information to the public at near real-time basis - analysis within an hour.
7:57:22 AM		The Board was concerned about how to alert the public when there is a bad air quality day in town. DEQ makes the data and recommendations available on Today's Air website for people to make individual decisions. Continued Board discussions.
8:07:21 AM		More discussion about why the air quality in Belgrade is considered very similar to that in Bozeman at the same time.
8:10:44 AM		DEQ is required by law to annually review the network of monitors across the state of Montana, which happens every January. DEQ solicits input from county programs and if Gallatin County wants to see additional monitoring, DEQ will look at the request with respect to the available resources and Mr. Rash discussed the monitor cost and the annual costs associated with maintenance, facilities, etc.
8:14:50 AM		Mr. Merchant answered the Board's question about on-going relationships between MDEQ, the US Forest Service and other major managed burners in the state. (Matt had to leave).
8:17:46 AM		Mr. Rash discussed his belief that a monitoring device purchased by a local entity could feed it's data to the DEQ website and the discussion continued about digital communication costs (cellular internet connection).
8:19:29 AM		He continued to answer additional Board questions about the website down time and the ability to predict tomorrow's air quality using the website.
8:27:03 AM		The Board asked for clarification about how Bozeman and Belgrade air quality could match when the Belgrade school site is closer to the train tracks and is more impacted by the diesel trains and the resulting concentrations of PM 2.5.
8:32:14 AM		Mr Merchant gave a synopsis of PM 2.5 behavior
8:33:08 AM		More discussion about the ambient air quality standards and management of national wilderness areas.
8:41:04 AM		Discussion about the Bozeman monitor regarding its ability to differentiate where the chemical constituents being measured are coming from.
8:41:55 AM		Becky had to leave
8:45:17 AM		Discussion about Holcim plant monitoring.
8:50:02 AM		Board discussion on how to carry this discussion forward and the role the health department needs to take.

8:53:16 AM		The Board thanked Hoby Rash and Eric Merchant for sharing their expertise and clarifying relative responsibilities. Dusting will be the air quality contact for the health department.
8:54:21 AM		Officer Nominations and Elections
8:54:34 AM	Nomination	Buck nominated Gretchen and Laura to serve another year term.
8:54:58 AM	Second	Carson seconded the nomination.
8:55:09 AM	Discussion	Board discussion & both nominees are willing to serve another year term.
8:55:36 AM	Vote	<u>Roll Call:</u> Steve - yes Carson - yes Laura - yes Gretchen - yes Robin - yes Buck - yes The nominations passed unanimously.
8:56:08 AM		Subcommittee Reports Prevention Alliance will report later
8:56:17 AM		Environmental Health Subcommittee did not meet.
8:56:23 AM		Meeting adjourned

Secretary

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Chair

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