

Madison County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, a meeting of the Madison County Board of Health came to order at 4:40 p.m. via web/phone.

Board Members in attendance were, Douglas B. Young D.V.M, Melinda Tichenor - MVMC Lab Director, Dayna Thergesen – CPNP, Molly Biehl – D.O. and Whitney Marsh – RN Ennis Schools. Also in attendance were, Melissa Brummell – MCPHD Director, Jennifer Martens - Public Health Clerk, Lisa Roberts – Town of Ennis, Van Puckett – Sanitarian, Kacey Smart – Sanitarian assistant/Livestock Sales Committee, Robert Bates – MC Safety, Tracy Christensen, MCPHD RN, Bonnie O’Neill – Chief Administrative Officer, Amy Grice - VC Council, Blake Leavitt - Ennis Mayor, Christy Todd - 4H Council, Janet Allestad - VC Preservation Alliance, Justin Gatewood - Virginia City Mayor, Lacy - 4H Parent, Corinna Christensen - Ennis Lions Club/Ennis Chamber, Commissioner Dan Allhands - Madison County, Dana Escott - MC Fair Board, Allen Rohrback - MVMC CEO, Erin Montgomery - MCPHD Tobacco, Hannah Kearse - The Madisonian, Tony Simonsen - Home Park, Aaron Davis - Upper Canyon Outfitters, Community members: Sheri Jarvis, Abbi Lee, Amy Kelley, Becky DiGiovanna, Dawn Marie Dickson, Gay Rossow, Heather Puckett, Janie Alt, Jani Flinn, John D White, Jonnie Beth, Kristie Turck, Mary Oliver, Cindy Gockel and various others phone numbers from the public that did not identify themselves.

Governor Bullocks Phase 2 directives

Melissa Brummell, Public Health Director reminded all attendees that we are still in Phase 2 of Governor Bullock’s Reopening Montana directive. Doug reminded everyone that the Board of Health is not involved in helping with event planning only to review plans, approve or deny and give suggestions on keeping events within the Governor and CDC guidelines.

Madison County Event Plan Review

a. Approval process for events over 50 people

Melissa read the portion of Governor Bullocks Phase 2 directive on page 4 regarding the Increase in Permissible Group Size to Groups of 50. It reads, Groups larger than 50 people should be cancelled unless physical distancing can be maintained. If you are planning an event with more than 50 people you should consult with your local public health office on a plan to implement adequate social distancing. Melissa suggests the board change the language: If you are planning an event with more than 50 people you **are REQUIRED** to consult with your local public health office on a plan to implement adequate social distancing. The board supports the change in verbiage. Melinda questioned making this a requirement if there is potentially no enforcement from local law enforcement. Melissa explained that everything is enforceable. We will deal with these on a case by case basis if need be. Per the directive it is enforceable by the Attorney General, DPHHS, a county attorney or other local authorities under the direction of a county attorney. Melissa would

like the board to decide on which cases they would like brought before the board for review. With the staffing in Public Health, she is comfortable with staff to review cases up to 200 people. The board agreed they would like to have plans submitted with attendees starting at 201. If there are complications and the Public Health Department would like input from the Board it will then be placed for review on the next agenda. The board was presented with a draft plan for the plan submission process. Erin Montgomery with MCPHD worked on the document to slightly mirror the Gallatin County documents and online submission form. Melissa recommends that if the board approves these documents tailored to Madison counties needs they can be placed on the county web page and have a paper copy also available to the public to submit their plans. Melissa stressed that the plans must be submitted in sufficient time before the agenda is finalized to be included in the meeting and also to only submit one version to prevent confusion and overload on documents. If adjustments need to be made please contact the office. Molly made a motion to accept the event plan documents and update verbiage to state that events occurring with more than 51 people are required to submit a plan for approval by the Public Health Department and events occurring over 200 people must be reviewed by the Board of Health for approval. Whitney Marsh seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Recommendations and/or order for Parades, Celebrations, Rodeos, Fairs and Gatherings

Doug Young would like to see the verbiage outdoor concerts added to this topic in the future.

Plans to review:

a. Ennis July 4th Celebrations

Blake Leavitt Mayor of Ennis announced he would not approve the permit for the Ennis 4th of July celebration. The board was made aware of the situation and notified they no longer need to vote on the review plan. Marshall Bettendorf Executive Director of Ennis Chamber of Commerce and Tourism had originally submitted the plan to the board for review during the May 28, 2020 meeting. Marshall notified the Public Health department that they will not pursue any other plans for that day and thanked us for our assistance and time on this topic.

b. Virginia City 4th of July Drive Thru

The board reviewed the plan submitted by the Virginia City Chamber of Commerce. Melinda Tichenor made a motion to approve the Virginia City 4th of July fireworks 2020 social distancing and safety plan. Dayna Therghesen seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Madison County Fair – Livestock Plan

Madison County Commissioner support with the Madison County Fair Committees decision to cancel the NRA and entertainment. The final fair plans will go before the Commissioner at next week's meeting. Molly expressed concern over the number of approved campsites this year. Van stated that they submitted a plan for campgrounds and are approved. He is afraid if sites are limited then it could cause issues with accidents etc. for people that travel quite a distance. Melissa explained social distancing guidelines and the difference between households and other spectators grouping together. Dayna Thergheson made the motion to conditionally approve the Phase 2 Madison County 4H sale plan with further language regarding attendance as proposed with spectator social distancing amendments. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously. The board was asked to review the Ranch Rodeo, Team Roping, Barrel Racing and Beer Garden

also. Melinda Tichenor made the motion to conditionally approve the Madison County fair attraction plan with further language regarding attendance as proposed with spectator social distancing amendments. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Virginia City Victorian Masquerade Ball

The plan is anticipating less than 50 people. The Board of Health would like the Public Health Department to review the plan.

e. Bozeman Trail Annual Chuck Wagon Cook-off

The plan anticipates approximately 75 participants. The Board of Health would like the Public Health Department to review the plan.

Madison County Senior Shuttle Bus Service Review

The Board of Health previously put a halt to the Senior Shuttle Bus operations due to COVID-19. Bonnie O'Neill would like to see if the board would like to continue that decision or restart the program with some precautionary measures in place. It is a vital operation for the senior population in Madison County. Bonnie has been talking with Whitehall Transportation to potentially help out. Typically the bus has 3-6 people riding at any given time. It can hold up to 12 if you double up the seats. It is the board's recommendations that the Senior Shuttle resume operation. They would like hand sanitizer available and recommend mask usage. The bus will also be sprayed down with a 24hr disinfecting spray. Melinda Tichenor made the motion to reinstate Senior Shuttle services and recommend masks and hand sanitizer. Whitney Marsh seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Sanitarian – DPHHS Cooperative agreement amendment

Van presented the amended DPHHS Cooperative agreement. It will include nursing home inspections and reimbursement. This is the tentative agreement. The final document is pending finalization from DPHHS. Melinda Tichenor made the motion to approve the DPHHS Cooperative agreement amendment as written. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Renova Hot Springs

Renova Hot Springs was previously closed by the Board of Health due to COVID-19. Melinda Tichenor made the motion to rescind the order of closure. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Agenda Items

Community member Sheri Jarvis has a question regarding Governor Bullocks Reopening Phase 2 plan page 18 titled: Phase Two: Tourism. There is a section that states The State will execute a robust public health plan in communities most impacted by tourism, including Surveillance testing of employees, enhanced contact tracing resources deployed to these areas as requested by local authorities, ability to surge personal protective equipment to impacted health care systems and guidelines for operation for businesses that see high-tourist activity. Sheri believes this to apply to Virginia City and local tourist communities in Madison County. She would like to know what the additional guidance is. Melissa explained that the Public Health Department has not received additional guidance as of this meeting. Van said that he has only received additional guidance regarding restaurant type scenarios. Sheri also wanted to know if the county will be performing any waste water testing. As of

now there are no plans to test waste water. Melissa also gave guidance and clarification on contact tracing and how cases are reported to their county of residence.

Approval of Minutes

Melinda Tichenor made the motion to approve the May 28, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting date:

The next special plan review meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. We will review any plans submitted to the board that need board approval.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

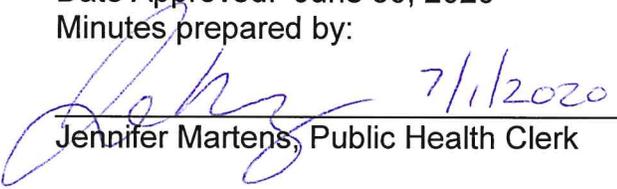
Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn was made by Molly Biehl at 7:15 pm, Whitney Marsh second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Douglas B. Young, Chairman
Madison County Board of Health

Date Approved: June 30, 2020

Minutes prepared by:

 7/1/2020
Jennifer Martens, Public Health Clerk