

Madison County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2020

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On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, a meeting of the Madison County Board of Health came to order at 1:03 p.m. in the Commissioners conference room 3rd floor of the Madison County Administration Building, located at 103 West Wallace, in Virginia City, Montana.

Board Members in attendance were, Douglas B. Young D.V.M, Melinda Tichenor- MVMC Lab Director, Whitney Marsh – RN Ennis Schools and Dr. Molly Biehl – D.O. via conference call. Also in attendance were, Melissa Brummell – MCPHD Director, Jennifer Martens - Public Health Clerk, Van Puckett – Sanitarian, Kacey Smart – Sanitarian's office Joe Brummell – DES, Rob Wallingford – DES, Hanna Kearse – The Madisonian, Margaret Bortko – public and Ryan Wolter - IT.

Melissa Brummell, RN, Director:

Coronavirus Covid -19:

The Madison County is looking for recommendations on how to proceed regarding Covid – 19.

Business Closures – Governor Bullock has a scheduled press release around 2:30pm Tuesday, March 24, 2020. At this time he may discuss his recommendations and previous executive orders. The Board supports his orders, and will reassess the county's situation and tighten or extend the orders if needed.

Doug Young made the motion to continue to support the Executive Orders by Governor Bullock with regard to the protection of the public health and safety. Melinda Tichenor second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion was passed unanimously. The notice for Madison County will be placed on the county Public Health website for reference as a press release.

Senior Shuttle – The senior shuttle is used for non-emergent tasks such as groceries, pharmacy visits and non-emergent doctor's visits. Most services are offering delivery or visits over the phone. We currently have no driver for the shuttle service. Kacey Smart suggested we offer a contact phone number for those that need essentials and have no way to obtain them such as Pony and Harrison residents. We will discuss with the commissioners to determine which number they can call. The board would like to eliminate this shuttle service until further notice. We will revisit the topic at a later date.

Melinda Tichenor made a motion to extend the Order for the Madison County Senior Bus Shuttle Operation Suspension. Molly Biehl second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board will reevaluate this order after the threat of COVID-19 decreases.

Non-essential recommendations –

Child care – The board recommends no more than 10 children per caregiver. If the facility has more than 1 caregiver or more than 10 children, the groups must stay within social distancing guidelines and not congregate ex: meals. The Board encourages facilities to prioritize childcare for those caregivers who are identified as an essential critical infrastructure worker as defined by U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Doug Young made the motion

to adopt the board's recommendations regarding childcare. Whitney Marsh second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Yellowstone National Park – Melissa Brummell recommended the Board consider drafting a letter to the governor and the park administrators recommending the closure of Yellowstone National Park due to the Covid-19 outbreak to prevent further spread in surrounding counties and states. Molly Biehl notified the board that she heard it was closed officially as of this morning but would check for confirmation.

National PPE supply - Hanna Kears with The Madisonian asked which hospitals will get national supplies that are being shipped out this week. Melissa Brummell said she has no details about who will receive these supplies. We should plan for the worst and hope that we receive some additional supplies.

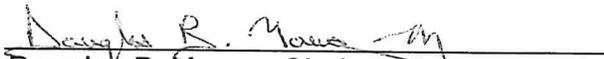
As of now Madison County has 1 active cases of Covid -19.

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Young at 1:37pm, Molly Biehl second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Next meeting date:

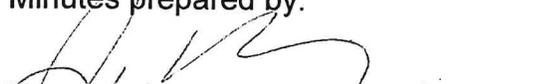
To be determined



Douglas B. Young, Chairman
Madison County Board of Health

Date Approved: April 7, 2020

Minutes prepared by:



Jennifer Martens, Public Health Clerk