

Madison County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2020

On Tuesday, June 30, 2020, a meeting of the Madison County Board of Health came to order at 4:37 p.m. via web/phone.

Board Members in attendance were, Douglas B. Young D.V.M, Melinda Tichenor - MVMC Lab Director, Dayna Therghesen – CPNP, Molly Biehl – D.O., Margaret Bortko – FNP, DNP Clinical Professor MSU and Whitney Marsh – RN Ennis Schools. Also in attendance were Melissa Brummell – MCPHD Director, Jennifer Martens - Public Health Clerk, Mikayla Hudson – 4H, Van Puckett – Sanitarian, Kacey Smart – Sanitarian assistant/Livestock Sales Committee, Robert Bates – MC Safety, Bonnie O’Neill – Chief Administrative Officer, Madison County Department of Emergency Services, Jeff Diebert – Ennis Rodeo, Lacy - 4H Parent, Dana Escott - MC Fair Board, Walker VanWagoner – MCPHD RN, Erin Montgomery - MCPHD Tobacco, Joe Lazarus– Sanitarian in Training Community members: Kindra Todd, Joe Haas, John, Steve Orr, Darcy, PK, Dan, Heather Puckett, Kathy LaClair and various others phone numbers from the public that did not identify themselves.

Madison County Board Introduction

Dr. Doug Young introduced a new Board of Health member Margaret Bortko.

Madison County Event Plan Review

Plans to review:

a. Madison County 4H

The Madison County 4H plan was reviewed by the board with a few clarification questions regarding separating groups. Mikayla explained that they plan to section off in the Friends Arena a checkerboard pattern and skip every other one to comply with social distancing of household groups. There will also be signage, washing stations and volunteers available. Whitney Marsh made a motion to approve the Madison County 4H 2020 plan as written. Dayna Therghesen seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Madison County Fair Ranch Rodeo/Arena

The board reviewed the Madison County Fair Ranch Rodeo/Arena plan. Dayna would like to see the tickets offered as presale to help control the attendance. Dana Escott stated that the fair board has not made any solid decisions as of yet. They are watching the current COVID-19 situation and will determine if they will move forward at a later time. They will not open entries until mid-July. There were no further concerns by the Board of Health. Melinda Tichenor made a motion to approve the Madison County Fair Ranch Rodeo/Arena 2020 plan as written. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Ennis 4th of July Rodeo – Jeff Diebert

Jeff Diebert presented the Ennis 4th of July Rodeo plan for July 3-4th. The board reviewed the plan. Dayna wanted to know if presale tickets were a possibility to help with attendance. Molly inquired about seating arrangements. Jeff stated seating

arrangements are difficult to prepare. Signage has been purchased to help spread the word regarding social distancing and presale tickets are occurring. Jeff presented a quick rundown of the different events and when they occur. Dayna questioned the attendance numbers expected. Jeff stated that they generally sell approximately 4000-5000 tickets between the 2 events. Seating is generally 3500 total. Melissa suggested limiting ticket sales. Melinda Tichenor made the motion to approve the Ennis 4th of July Rodeo 2020 plan as written. Whitney Marsh seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Agenda Items

An email from a community member and business owner was presented to the Board for review. In the email he thanked the Board of Health and Public Health Department for their diligent work. He also asked that mandatory masks be considered for public spaces in Madison County. The Board had a discussion regarding their opinions on the matter. The Board came to the consensus that we should strongly encourage and not make it mandatory. Van agreed that it would be difficult to mandate. We can certainly explore the possibility to mandate licensed facilities.

Van would like to discuss potential response to non-compliant events at the next board meeting. He would like the County Attorney to attend as well.

Melissa gave an update on local surveillance testing:
Big Sky has surveillance testing tomorrow at Big Sky Clinic 9-5 for asymptomatic.
Next week the Big Sky Resort has a 3rd party coming in to test all employees.
DES, DPHHS, MCPHD and Virginia City Chamber are working on drive thru testing in Virginia City the first part of July with the National Guard.
Madison Valley Medical Center and Ruby Valley Medical Center are working on their programs currently.

Schools would like some involvement from the Board regarding recommendations for the upcoming school year. The Board will work on a school toolkit for guidance recommendations.

Van gave an update on the amended cooperative agreement. Van and Joe are working on completing inspections. Joe is working on risk category 1 & 2 while Van is working on risk category 3 & 4.

Approval of Minutes

Melinda Tichenor made the motion to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting date:

The next Special COVID-19 meeting will be on Thursday, July 09, 2020.

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

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn was made by Whitney Marsh at 6:11 pm, Melinda Tichenor second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Douglas B. Young, Chairman
Madison County Board of Health

Date Approved: July 09, 2020
Minutes prepared by:

Jennifer Martens, Public Health Clerk