**December 9th, 2015**

The quarterly meeting of the Valley County Board of Health was held Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 at 5:15pm. Board members present were: Chairman Clay Berger and Brandi Knierim, RN. Others in attendance: Cam Shipp, RS, Director Connie Boreson, Leslie Simensen, RN, Dr. Gordon Bell, MD, and Commissioner Bruce Peterson; guests Chuck Lippert, Nick Dirkes, and Brittany Archambeault.

There was no quorum to approve minutes from September 9th, 2015. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting on March 9th, 2016.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Cam Shipp, RS, reported that it appears the Roosevelt Hotel has not operated under licensure at the state as a public accommodation for about a year and a half, and is therefore not inspected by the sanitarian.

Director Connie Boreson reported that Public Health has partnered with Mental Health and Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital for the Community Health Assessment. The tentative date for the survey is Saturday, April 23rd, 2016. There have been bi-weekly calls with the Shareholders (Public Health, Mental Health and FMDH) and Molly Hale UM MPH Student, , who is developing the questionnaire.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nick Dirkes of FMDH requested everyone’s contact information to help complete the Community Health Assessment survey for the Hospital.

**SANITARIAN REPORT**

Cam Shipp, RS, presented the Cooperative Agreement between DPHHS/FCSS and the Valley County Board of Health, the purpose of which is to establish a payment schedule for maximize the disbursement of funds to the Board of Health to support inspections of licensed establishments and to determine which optional programs the BOH will conduct. The document was signed by Board of Health Chairman Clay Berger.

Cam then presented his quarterly Sanitarian’s Report.

Cam received the 2015 MT DEQ Excellence Award, presented by Subdivision Review Section.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Brittany Archambeault has joined the staff at the Health Department as the Secretary/Administrative Assistant.

Leslie Simensen, RN, presented information on immunizations.

Director Connie Boreson reported an increased income from balance billing in Family Planning.

Valley County and DES held an Isolation and Quarantine Class on October 26th and 27th, 2015. 31 people attended.

Leslie and Connie discussed a newly organized Blood Pressure Clinic, which will be held at 10:30am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at Prairie Ridge, beginning in January 2016.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Cam Shipp, RS, discussed the issue of patrons continuing to smoke inside bars. He requested to be notified if any similar behavior is observed by anyone in the future.

Commissioner Bruce Peterson mentioned the need for a community member volunteer who would be interested in joining the Board of Directors for the School of Deaf and Blind in our region.

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Clay Berger, Valley County Board of Health Chairman