

Board of Health
Minutes
January 19, 2016

Chairman Novotny called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner Hicks, Commissioner Novotny, Commissioner Greenough, Dr. Schueler, MD, Dr. Christensen, DVM, Dr. Cotant, DDS, Trisha Thompson, RN, Public Health Nurse, County Clerk Vicki Edelman, Deputy Attorney Barry Crago and Sheila Newcomb, Commissioners Assistant.

Dr. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Greenough seconded. Motion carried.

Reports were presented:

Dr. Christiansen, DVM: The Avian Flu outbreak is winding down. Rabies vaccination is available year round. Some places are running a special this time of year to get your animals vaccinated. There is a project starting in Meteeste where they are trying to develop a vaccine for the Bubonic Plague which is a treatable disease in humans. The vaccine would be an oral vaccine. The hope is that they can spread the oral vaccine in the colonies and cut down on the amount of the plague.

Trisha Thompson, RN: The Zika virus is going around which is carried by mosquitos. Travel restrictions for women who are planning to be pregnant or are pregnant. In Brazil in the last year they have had 3,500 cases which is small head small brain. There have been some cases in the U.S. but they have been imported from Brazil, Texas and Hawaii.

The 3 new computers are working great. The internet is still a little sporadic, goes out and we are told to reset the box, they reset the box and still no internet. We do have a jet pack from Verizon and that works great with the laptops. Public Health still has flu vaccine available for Medicaid and Private.

Chairman Novotny stated that they will have Rande Money check out the internet issues at Public Health.

Dr. Schueler, MD: The hospital is full; a lot of different things going on. The hospital is short on Nurses. It is the 11th hour to get your flu shot; sporadic flu activity has been reported in Wyoming. It will increase from here on and it takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to become effected. People over 70 years who don't respond well to vaccine are counting on those of us who do to decrease the reservoir for the influenza virus. Dr. Schueler has not spoken to anyone on the City Council on the efforts to introduce fluoride into the water. It has been 6 months; we have spent around \$80,000 fixing kids rotten teeth. We are entering depression season. In 2012 Wyoming had the highest suicide rate in the country. We are the 4th highest now. There is some training going around which is called QPR; people are trained to recognize the early signs of suicide. We can all be proactive in helping those at risk. This training is available through Mr. Hawley and it is free of charge. Most effective treatment for depression is physical activity, the more strenuous the better.

Dr. Cotant, DDS: We are continuing the fluoride treatments within the schools. Dr. Schueler stated that the Medicaid dental expenses are around \$160,000 for Johnson County. Dr. Cotant stated that the reimbursement on that is ½ of the standard fees. Public Screening in public schools will be February 18th 2016. Meadowlark and Cloud Peak schools will be screened.

Dr. Schueler stated that the completion of the new nursing home is close to schedule. The completion date should be May 1, 2016. Currently were the nursing home is, this will be leveled and a paved helipad will be put in; which will be adjacent to the ER, which will save up to 30 minutes for transfers. They will have 44 private rooms with private bathrooms.

The next meeting will be April 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. With no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Christenson moved and Commissioner Hicks seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Newcomb