

Board of Health

Minutes

October 16 2018

Chairman Novotny called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Greenough, Dr. Cotant, DDS, Dr. Christiansen, DVM, Trisha Thompson, RN, Public Health, Bill Hawley, Prevention Specialist, County Clerk Vicki Edelman and Sheila Newcomb, Commissioners Assistant

Absent: Dr. Mark Schueler, MD, Public Health Officer

Dr. Christianson moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting with corrections under Dr. Cotant's report, in the 3rd sentence change position assistant to physician assistant. And the next to last sentence in his report change Position Assistant to Dental Health Therapist. Commissioner Greenough seconded. Motion carried.

Reports were presented:

Dr. Christiansen, DVM

Dr. Schueler's issue is the only recorded event in Johnson County on the state Vet Lab website for a rabid skunk in the County. Statewide there have been 1 horse, 1 cow, 20 skunks and several bats with rabies. With hunting season starting the Game & Fish is trying to monitor the chronic wasting disease and brucellosis in elk. The Game & Fish will be handing out kits to the elk hunters. A judge has disallowed one of the elk feeding areas because of the controversy that with a lot of animals in one area it could contribute to the spread of chronic wasting disease and brucellosis. United Wildlife Service and the Game & Fish in three (3) different states all agreed that the grizzly bear is no longer an endangered species. One federal judge can negate the work of several thousand biologists

Dr. Cotant, DDS:

There is nothing new with Dental Medicaid. During the next legislative session there should be a decision on the dental health therapist. There is talk about Medicare Expansion for dental benefits. This will not be happening anytime soon. The process is lengthy. The candy buy back will be on November 1st. Along with the dental offices in the area, the YMCA will be joining the effort. Dr. Cotant's office manager has reached out to the schools to set up dates for dental screening in schools. Dr. Hein goes into Cloud Peak and Dr. Cotant goes into Meadowlark. Dr. Cotant will look into going into the Kaycee School.

Trish Thompson, RN

The new phones have been installed and are working well. With the 340b funding Nurse Thompson was able to talk with the hospital to see if they can go into a partnership with the providers. The providers seemed excited about partnering with Public Health to provide pap smears and wellness visits. They were working on getting a contract through County Attorney Ruby and the lawyers at the hospital. With Nicole Hobbs leaving at the end of the year this may take longer. Public Health has ordered 340 flu shots this year. They should be done with the shots by the end of November. They are anticipating a milder flu season this year. They have had 2 car seat events with insurance companies. The events went very well. They held a walk to school in Kaycee and Buffalo and had several hundred people involved with the walk.

Bill Hawley, Prevention Specialist

The Prevention Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The Suicide Prevention Coalition meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The Alliance for Hope meets the 3rd Thursday

of the month in Kaycee. The Statewide Prevention Conference will meet in Laramie the first week in November. In the next 90 days Mr. Hawley will be working on a strategic work plan and budget to submit to the WY Department of Health. Mr. Hawley talked about the recent and current happenings and highlights with each group. The next Drug TAKE BACK Event will be held on October 27 at Shopko. Mr. Hawley will look into providing the same event in Kaycee sometime in April. Public Health has a program that you can donate unused drugs. These drugs are sent to Cheyenne to see if they are still viable and then they come back to Johnson County for Public Health to distribute. There are Deterra Bags that people can use to dispose of drugs at home. These keep drugs out of local water systems.

With no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Christianson moved to adjourn and Commissioner Greenough seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

(A recording of the meeting is available upon request)