

# **Board of Health**

## **Minutes**

### **January 21, 2020**

Chairman Novotny called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner Greenough; Commissioner Perry; Dr. Mark Schueler, M.D.; Trisha Thompson, RN, Public Health; Bill Hawley, Prevention Specialist; Brandi Carder, Deputy Clerk and Sheila Newcomb, Commissioners Assistant

Commissioner Greenough moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting and Nurse Trisha Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Reports were presented:

#### **Trisha Thompson, RN**

Nurse Thompson said that the legislative has proposed meningococcal meningitis vaccines be required for school age children. The state will not cover the cost of the vaccines. Public Health will have to cover the cost. Public Health has money to use for vaccines. Children 11-12-year-old will be required to be vaccinated with a booster in their senior year of school. The cost for the shot costs around \$35-\$45 dollars. Public Health could get reimbursed from the insurance companies. Several board members discussed the issue.

#### **Dr. Schueler, MD**

There are active influenza cases in the community and the emergency room. Usually these types of cases reach Wyoming toward the end of flu season. Influenza B is a prevailing strain. Dr. Schueler stated that last years flu season was more severe than average. The effectiveness of the vaccine last year was about 29%. Our demographics are older and sicker population and they do not respond well to a vaccine. There is anti-viral therapy available to shorten the illness. This only is helpful if taken within 48 hours of when the illness occurs. Johnson County is down to one mental health counselor in the county. Patients that are seeking mental health services are driving to Sheridan to receive the help that they need. The Hospital has been invited to attend a Title 25 meeting in Sheridan. Sheridan Hospital is considering lobbying for a facility to hold and treat people. Sheridan and Buffalo do not have trained staff to handle Title 25 patients, but they are forced to treat them anyway.

#### **Bill Hawley, Community Prevention Specialist**

Mr. Hawley gave an update. Alliance for Hope had QPR training in November. They are holding monthly soup suppers at HJP and will continue with Fit for Life. JCSPC is creating a community suicide prevention plan and will hold an applied suicide intervention skills training. They are raising funds for a scholarship. There is a class at the end of January for compliance check violators. WQTP materials have been distributed to Buffalo Urgent Care, Cornerstone Pharmacy and Kaycee clinic. They are working on policy, procedure and billing for tobacco cessation program at JCPH. Deterra kits have been distributed. Governor Gordon heard and appointed \$400,000 for a designated Wyoming suicide hotline. It will need to go through legislative.

Commissioner Greenough moved and Commissioner Perry seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

(A recording of the meeting is available upon request)