



Cheyenne Laramie County Public Health Board of Health
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center – Meeting Room C

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ Noon

Present:

Lorie Chesnut, DrPH, MPH, President
Sue Hume, MS, RN (ret.), Vice President
Dr. Tracie Caller, MPH, Secretary
Gus Lopez, Member
Dr. Max Silver, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Kathy Emmons, Executive Director
Kasey Mullins, RN, Director of Nursing/Deputy Director
Dalene Frantz, Director of Operation and Human Resources
Jennifer Escobedo, Director of Environmental Health
Laura Malone, Director of Finance
Dr. Stan Hartman, Chief Health Officer

Guests Present:

Tammy Deisch, Laramie County Treasurer
Rebekha Dostal, Deputy County Attorney

Absent:

Commissioner Troy Thompson, Ex Officio
City Councilman Jeff White, Ex Officio

President Chesnut called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Dr. Chesnut introduced Ty Snarr, Public Health Response Coordinator.

Consent Agenda: Dr. Chesnut asked for input or changes to the consent agenda which included the agenda for June 2023, minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting, and the ratification of the VDCI contract. Mr. Lopez moved to accept the consent agenda, Ms. Hume seconded, the motion approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report for May 2023: Ms. Deisch reviewed the treasurer's report for May 2023 reviewing cash in the bank account, the cash flow, and the investment account balance. Ms. Hume moved to accept the treasurer's report with Mr. Lopez seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Revenues and Expenses for May 2023: Ms. Malone presented the May Revenue and Expense report. Ms. Malone noted the expected percentages of budget by year end: Nursing revenue to be at 120%; Environmental Health should be at 85% revenue and Grants should be at 125% of revenue. Dr. Chestnut asked about the Building Repairs and Maintenance as to the percentage over budget. Much of the overage was the new flooring in Immunizations, Lobby and Family Planning which we did receive ARPA funds for this expense and these funds are recorded in revenues. Dr. Hartman asked about account 6115 Other Expenses and what is included. Ms. Malone stated these are items that do not fit in any of the current accounts and are small expenses. Mr. Lopez moved to approve the May Revenues and Expenses and Ms. Hume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mental Health Moment: Dr. Emmons discussed a meeting with Volunteers of America with our staff and some of their staff discussing what each organization does to educate each organization. Ms. Hume also stated that in the past some of the case managers came to work with staff on difficult patients and felt this was helpful for the staff.

In addition, Dr. Emmons stated she is a member of the County Fatality Review Committee which reviews suicides looking at each case to discuss and hopefully develop strategies to help reduce suicides in the county.

Dr. Caller also discussed some interesting papers that have been written this year on noise and mental health including noise being linked to hearing loss and memory decline in older adults. In addition, loud noise is also linked to stress which influences worsening overall health.

Contracts and Agreements

» None

Official Business

- » Dr. Chesnut provided an update that when a board member is unable to attend, we will be recording the session (audio only) for the board member to review.
- » Dr. Chesnut also gave an update on the Executive Director annual review with Ms. Hume, Ms. Frantz, and Dr. Chesnut meeting to review the information from the Board today. Dr. Chesnut also thanked the Board for sending in their comments on the annual review.

Information for the Board:

Executive Director Update

- » Dr. Emmons discussed the COVID numbers currently having fewer cases in Wyoming since the beginning of the pandemic with numbers going down significantly.
- » Dr. Emmons and Ms. Mullins met with the State on some funding opportunities as there are still some COVID funds available.
- » Dr. Emmons stated June and July are our infrastructure months, keeping us busy with updating our policies.



- » Maria, one of our custodians, is retiring this Wednesday after 16 years.
- » Ty Snarr and Carlee Porch in public health response and Dr. Emmons attending the state public health response meeting where Ty Snarr gave a presentation at the meeting and did a great job.
- » Dr. Emmons stated we are still waiting for our budget approval with the County as they do not meet until June 29th for the approval. Once we have approval, then at the July meeting we will ask for final approval from the Board.
- » Dr. Emmons discussed our presence at Burns Day and the success of the event.

Environmental Health Division - Ms. Escobedo reported that this has been a busy start to the summer with inspections of pools and many new food trucks and restaurants opening. There was an incident at the Bunkhouse with their water, but they have since brought in a bulk water source and reopened last Saturday. They are still working on their well and with the EPA to hopefully figure out the source so that it can be mitigated. Environmental Health has worked closely with the EPA to facilitate the restaurant side while the EPA is working closely on the water issues. Dr. Chesnut asked if we notified the residents and schools nearby. Ms. Escobedo stated we can put a PSA on our Facebook page in reference to testing their own water.

Nursing Division - Ms. Mullins discussed that the immunization team is almost all through orientation and our vaccine coordinator will be back from military leave at the end of June. LCSD #1 vaccine clinics were successful in May and the students and nurses liked the new MRU. We will be back in the schools in the fall to get anyone that needs the vaccines. A private dental office had a staff member with a needle stick and our Occupational Health program was used to help the staff member who will be tracking for 6 months. The Adult Health Team is doing their summer outreach to the nursing home residents. Almost all state contract payments are up to date currently. Mr. Lopez asked when we worked with LCSD #2 with Ms. Mullins stating that was in April with Albin, Carpenter and Burns and will again be visited in August.

Public Health Response Presentation - Mr. Snarr reviewed the evacuation efforts at Granite Rehabilitation and Wellness discussing our process as Public Health and what we could contribute, the successes had, areas of improvement, improvement ideas and access and functional needs if this were to happen again in our community. Dr. Emmons also reviewed the role that Public Health plays in these incidents with Ms. Mullens and Dr. Emmons meeting with the Wyoming Department of Health Chair to discuss liabilities in this type of incident. Dr. Emmons complimented Mr. Snarr on his work in this public health response.

With no further business, Dr. Chesnut adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.