

Campbell County Board of Health
2301 South 4-J road
Gillette, WY 82718
November 16, 2017

Present: Patty McJilton, Chairman; Jane Glaser, MSN,RN,APHN Public Health Executive Director; Kelly Hubbard, Public Health Supervisor; Baerbel Merrill; Nick Bouzis, DDS; Grace Wang, M.D.; Carol Muirhead; Kirtikumar Patel, MD, Health Officer; Rebecca Dow, Consumer Health; Deanne Dinsmoore, Secretary; Special Guest – John Balk

The November 16, 2017 Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman Patty McJilton.

Introductions were made.

John Balk, co-owner of Pain For Sale, asked to speak with the board. Mr. Balk has been a professional body piercer for fifteen years. He came to Gillette from Michigan. Mr. Balk voiced concerns about the regulations for performing tattoos. He feels the regulations need to be stricter. Mr. Balk follows the standards set which can be found at safepiercing.org. Some of the improvements he would like to see are as follows:

- Better metal quality – nickel is found in a lot of jewelry because it is a cheap metal to manufacture and it binds easily with other metals. It has been found that a lot of metal allergies stem from the nickel, therefore making it not satisfactory to use in body piercing.
- Proper training with a minimum of three month as a trainee, learning sterilization, disinfection, cross contamination, other health and safety issues before piercing. Studying 6 month to 1 year in full time supervised training as an apprentice before receiving license.
- The jewelry type should be considered. External threading verses the internal threading. The internal threading causing less damage and irritation than external threading.
- A separate room just for piercing, equipped with heap filter.
- Everything should be completely sterile.

The state of Wyoming does not have tattooing/piercing regulations. There are only two or three counties in Wyoming that have any regulations in this area, which they have developed themselves. The Board will review the current regulations and take into consideration the changes Mr. Balk has suggested. Dr. Patel explained the difficulty of enforcing some of the changes suggested. The regulations that Campbell County does have pertains to tattooing only.

piercing is not included in these regulations. Mr. Balk was told to contact the State Health Department to see what needs to be done to get these changes in place.

The September 21, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Baerbel Merrill moved to approve the minutes as written, Nick Bouzis second the motion, motion passed.

FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

Carol Muirhead stated that she had not been called to review and sign purchase orders since her nomination of Financial Officer. Deanne Dinsmoore assured her she would be called in November when purchase orders were ready to be signed.

CONSUMER HEALTH REPORT:

Rebecca Dow submitted her report for the board to review. Rebecca explained the format of the new report. There were two major complaints in the last two months. The first involved Amber Sushi. They were using hibachi grills that were not approved for proper ventilation. Doug Evans and the fire department asked them to remove these. They have been sent letters stating that if these were not removed they would be shut down. They did remove the grills and are now in compliance. Rebecca was forced to close Sapporo’s for four days not knowing that prior to Rebecca closing them down, the fire department had closed them down but they were still operating. The fire department has been called in for reports of outlets smoking and live wires on the floor with a steel table over the top. Rebecca closed them for n unsanitary conditions.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

Dr. Patel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING REPORT:

There have been over 1700 flu shots given through Public Health since September.

The School Flu Clinics ended November 7th. The nurses gave 2366 flu vaccines to students in 26 schools in 12 days. This is 90% of the student population in Campbell County. There were 110 doses of vaccine left from the school vaccine, which Public Health is now giving to school age children through the office.

Public Health was asked to do a presentation for the Rotary Club. They gave the School Flu Project \$2000 for next year's clinics.

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There have been one hundred five cases of influenza reported in the state as of November 4th. Eleven of these were in Campbell County. The twenty – thirty-nine year old population are the highest number of cases and the sixty plus group are among the lowest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jane has brought the Campbell County Board By-Laws to the attention of Charlotte Terry, in Human Resources. Charlotte feels the by-laws are no longer applicable. Charlotte suggested Jane give them to Carol Seeger to review and get her opinion whether these by-laws are necessary. The Board agreed with having Carol Seeger look this over and advising the Board on what will need to be done.

Jane is still working with Kip Farnum on the acquisition of the School District Mobile Van Clinic. The Commissioners have given Jane permission to pursue this. The school is still checking on the legalities of transferring this van to Public Health.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vivian Watson, Public Health Nurse, will be retiring December 1, 2017. Jane will be submitting the form to justify refilling this position. Jane feels confident that the commissioners will approve to have this position filled.

There have been two indigent burials since July 1, 2017. There was only \$3500 in the indigent burial budget so that line item is now depleted. Jane will need to go to the commissioners if there are any more indigent burials before the next fiscal year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on January 18, 2018.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Muirhead, Baerbel Merrill second the motion, meeting adjourned.

Patty McJilton, Chairman

Date

Deanne Dinsmoore, Secretary

Date

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