

**FLATHEAD CITY/COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
 MAY 16, 2024  
 ZOOM/PHONE  
 EARL BENNETT BUILDING  
 1035 1ST AVENUE WEST  
 KALISPELL, MONTANA  
 VIDEO: [May 16, 2024 BOH Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)**

Members Present	Other Attendees	
Don Barnhart Pamela Holmquist Rod Kuntz Ardis Larsen Michael Boharski, MD James Trevino – Not Attending. Ann Ingram Grant Hughes – Not Attending. Tobias Liechti - Zoom	Jennifer Rankosky Kilani Klette Jenelle Grau Nicole Parker James Wardensky Kirk Zander Mandie Fleming Brock Boll	Malia Freeman Marisa Fisher Mackenzie Gress

**1. Call to Order**

Don Barnhart called the meeting to order at (1:00pm) Started at (0:00:01)

**2. Attendance**

Started at (0:00:08)

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Started at (0:00:22)

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Ann Ingram makes a motion to approve, Rod Kuntz seconds the motion. (Started at 0:00:40)

**Motion Passes**

**5. Citizen Comment**

**Written Citizen Comment:**

No Written public comment at this time.

**Verbal Citizen Comment:**

No verbal public comment at this time.

**6. Approve Minutes from April 18th, 2024**

Rod Kuntz makes a motion to approve, Michael Boharski seconds the motion. (Started at 0:01:09)

**Motion Passes**

**7. Departmental Reports**

**Community Health**

- Mackenzie Gress introduced new staff member Hailey Timlick. (Started at 0:01:34)
- Hailey Timlick introduced herself and that she is a public health major. (Started at 0:01:57)

- Mackenzie Gress discussed the numbers in the immunization clinic are looking similar to what they would expect. (Started at 0:02:15)
- Mackenzie Gress discussed the Asthma program caseload increase and that they are working on getting referrals and doing outreach. (Started at 0:02:25)
- Mackenzie Gress discussed that WIC visits were slightly up this month. (Started at 0:03:08)
- Mackenzie Gress discussed that the WIC team is completing training on their new documentation software and preparing for the Farmer's Market program. (Started at 0:03:29)
- Mackenzie Gress discussed that they will be filling a Home Visiting position as Karen Weaver has left to take a new position at Logan Health. (Started at 0:03:58)
- Mackenzie Gress discussed Home Visiting's numbers from last month. (Started at 0:04:36)
- Rod Kuntz and Hailey Timlick discussed where she is doing her undergraduate studies. (Started at 0:04:56)

### **Population Health**

- Malia Freeman discussed that they are trending out of respiratory illness season. (Started at 0:05:21)
- Malia Freeman discussed that they did not see any significant outliers in any of the reported outbreaks. (Started at 0:05:49)
- Malia Freeman discussed that the Cancer Screening program hosted a mobile mammography event in Hungry Horse on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The program is doing really well, and they are close to meeting their annual goal. (Started at 0:06:05)

### **Family Planning**

- Mandie Fleming discussed that they had an uptick in patients in April and it also marked the beginning of the Family Planning grant year. (Started at 0:07:46)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that they partnered with the immunization clinic to offer walk in clinics for immunizations and sports physicals. (Started at 0:07:46)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that the Harm Reduction numbers are staying pretty even. (Started at 0:08:26)

### **Environmental Health**

- James Wardensky discussed that their numbers are coming up as this is when it starts getting busier. (Started at 0:08:59)
- James Wardensky discussed that they have been attending and meeting with organizers for Under the Big Sky, Scout and Gather, the food truck festival, and farmer's markets. (Started at 0:09:19)
- James Wardensky discussed that they are continuing with the hiring process for the front office position. (Started at 0:09:46)
- James Wardensky discussed Air Quality and the process of turning on and off the ability to burn and that the process seems to be working. (Started at 0:10:24)

- James Wardensky discussed food recalls they have had over the last month and how they are alerted to those. (Started at 0:11:32)
- James Wardensky discussed that they have been receiving a bunch of different types of complaints and are working through those. (Started at 0:12:53)
- Pamela Holmquist, James Wardensky, Jennifer Rankosky, and Michael Boharski discussed examples of complaints that have been received and the categories they fall into. (Started at 0:14:59)
- James Wardensky discussed Groundwater monitoring and that it seems that it is looking to be a normal year so far. (Started at 0:20:06)
- Ardis Larsen and James Wardensky discussed open burning and activating a burn permit. (Started at 0:21:34)
- Rod Kuntz and James Wardensky discussed tattoo piercing inspections. (0:23:02)

### **Mosquito**

- Brock Boll discussed that they are transitioning their efforts along most of the rivers as they are filling up. They will also be losing one of their seasonal employees next week. (Started at 0:28:04)
- Brock Boll discussed that the Mosquito program has been very busy conducting inspections and treating sites (Started at 0:28:48)
- Brock Boll discussed that the West Nile (Culex) mosquito is a little early this year. They have seen it in all areas of the valley. (0:29:08)
- Brock Boll discussed that David Nixon attended a conference in Washington DC to discuss Vector control and funding in Montana. (0:29:26)
- Michael Boharski and Brock Boll discussed flooding and whether it would cause more mosquito problems. (Started at 0:30:01)

### **Health Officer's Report**

- Jennifer Rankosky discussed the budget meeting they had with the Commissioners. (Started at 0:31:04)
- Jennifer Rankosky gave kudos to Kiani Klette and discussed the behavioral health program. (Started at 0:31:32)
- Michael Boharski and Jennifer Rankosky discussed that Jeremy Dear-Ruel left the position. (Started at 0:34:05)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that bat season is in full swing and what to do if someone interacts with one. (Started at 0:34:31)
- (Started at 0:36:59)

## **10. Committee Reports**

- No committee reports at this time.

## **11. Board Member Discussion**

- Rod Kuntz gave comment.
- Ann Ingram gave comment.

## 12. Adjournment

Meeting ended at (0:40:23)

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Approved by Don W. Barnhart

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Date of Approval