

Meeting Minutes

MT Public Health System Improvement Task Force Conference Call

Wednesday February 27, 2019

Task Force Members Present: Todd Harwell PHSD; Lora Wier MPHA; Cindia Ellis Small County, Jennifer McCully Medium County, Tony Ward UM, Hillary Hanson AMPHO, Dustin Schreiner MEHA, Kristi Aklestad Frontier County, Andy Hunthausen MACo, Natalie Claimborn AHEC/ORH, Kris Juliar AHEC/ORH, Kari Smith DEQ

Task Force Members Not Present: Rosemary Cree Medicine, Tanya Houston

Non-Task Force Members Present: Terry Ray, Kerry Pride, Hallie Koeppen, Alexis Wolf (PHSIO), Jeremy Brokaw, Kara Hughes, Jim DeTienne,

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Introduction –

New Members: Andy Hunthausen representing MACo, and Karen Sullivan (Large County) representing Silverbow County Health Department in Butte.

Members leaving: Tanya Houston (Large County) and Kristi Aklestad Frontier County.

Vacant Positions: Tribal Health Department and Frontier County Health Department.

Block Grant Updates – Terry Ray

CDC distribution for 2019 will come out next week (March 4-8th). No allocation yet for 2019 current funding laws.

Look over 2018 annual report and 2019 workplan, provided in the calendar email appointment.

EMS – Jim DeTienne

Implementing strategies for workforce education and public education, especially in rural areas. Exceeded goal.

Data base- allowing EMS to do patient care online. Goal not met yet, due to patients not having internet access or transportation to hospitals. Continued training for staff on the data base is the next step for 2019-2020.

Workforce Development- new strategies include Mental health first aid course for first responders and volunteers. Will be training instructors to have this more ingrained in EMS.

Evaluation to assess challenges of the workforce and volunteers for how we deliver EMS across the state. Applying for a larger grant to make this happen.

Nutrition and Physical Activity – Kara Hughes

Supporting hospitals who are encouraging breastfeeding, are baby friendly and using the best practices. Designation can take up to 5 years. Went from 11 to 10 hospitals this year. New goal is to make it to 12 next year.

Increase number of communities that adopt/ develop a pedestrian or transportation master plan from 24 to 26. We need to strengthen our relationship with local Health Departments.

Increase local farms and farmers markets to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Poison Control – Jim DeTienne

Preventing number of deaths from poisoning. EMS and Trauma System section will implement 2 mitigation and prevention strategies using poison data to inform stakeholders of the poison issue. Opioid crisis is included in this.

Rocky Mountain Poison Group will be attending our Opioid Task Force Meeting to collaborate and help delegate more mitigation steps.

Improving the Poison Control call system to help callers faster and more accurately. 3/4th of the poison calls are taken over the phone.

Todd Harwell: Will epidemiologists be able to obtain raw data from Poison Control?

Jim: Yes, they give us full access to theirs and vice versa.

Todd: Can you describe the public education you are doing?

Jim: We've piloted a new call system. Most of our calls are people who don't know what a medication is. Our phone system identifies those through a menu of options and questions, instead of the Poison Control staff trying to answer all those questions personally, one at a time.

Office of Epidemiology and Scientific Support – Hallie Koeppen

We contract with a calling center to conduct monthly phone interviews to collect data for the Montana Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

In 2018, our contract targeted 500 complete interviews a month; we averaged about 447 completes per month. We have contracted with a new data collector (Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center (WYSAC) at the University of Wyoming) for 2019. The target sample for monthly completes remains at 500.

We are making our data sets available via the Montana Indicator-Based Information System, (MT IBIS). Goal was 5, we've reached 7 and will be adding an 8th.

We sought to increase the percent of customers that use the MT IBIS site from 35% 50%. Our goal was exceeded by 4%. We are scheduling 4 trainings for our customers on how to access data on the site with ease.

Public Health System Improvement Office –Alexis Wolf

We aim to provide workforce development trainings to 200 public health professionals from state, local and tribal health departments. Exceeded the goal (289). Workforce Development group has been essential for making that happen.

Having changed the metric, next years goal is to have 21 trainings.

Strategic Planning – Terry Ray

Hired a new Strategic planner last year (Anna Bradley). Funding is minimal.

We have met our goal of coming out with 2 strategic plans (State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan). Continuously reviewing progress.

Public Health System Improvement Plan - Kerry Pride

Goal of 6 tribal and local departments to develop an assessment or improvement plan. Exceeded our goal to 11.

Goal of 9 tribal and local health departments to create a Strategic Planning, Quality Improvement, and Workforce Development plan. Only had 4. We only offered funding this grant cycle for CHAs, CHIPs, and SPs.

This year we will add in QI, WFD, and PMs.

Sexual Violence and Adolescent Health – Jeremy Brokaw

Used funding to coordinate Positive Youth Development Training, Evaluation workshop and Diversity and Inclusivity Training that happened at the annual Rape Prevention and Education Conference.

A goal for the conference was to get 3,000 students trained, exceeded that goal, 3106 students trained.

Also distributed affirmative consent contraceptives on 5 different campus' for the Make Your Move Affirmative Consent Campaign.

In 2019, Montana Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence, providing training for 100 youth for a youth focused leadership network. Various trainings and events will be happening in 2019.

Zoonotic Disease – Kerry Pride

This is a new section in the grant. Kerry works with Communicable Disease and Epidemiology with the focus of zoonotic disease outbreaks, also with the Department of Livestock to create a One Health Day for Veterinarians and Public Health, to help with the accreditation process for new veterinarians in MT to help them understand why public health is important.

Working w/ Dept. of Livestock for their quarterly vet orientation.

Sits in the National Committee that sets recommendations regarding zoonotic disease transition from animals and people in public settings.

Budget Overview – Terry Ray

(See doc. that was emailed to you).

Todd: We need to get Andy and Karen up to speed on budget details. At our next meeting, we will go over proposed changes to the grant budget.

Public comment period – no comment from non Task Force members in attendance.

Todd took a vote to approve workplan. Everybody agreed with the way it is.

Reviewed the approved changes to the Task Force Charter. No further changes were proposed, task force approved updated charter.

Legislative Actions Update – Todd Harwell

Clean Indoor Air Act:

- Action to remove authority for Local Board of Health
- Action to allow private social clubs to allow smoking indoors. Andy Hunthausen came in to defend
- Action to prohibit vaporizers and nicotine use on school grounds – hoping it will pass.

Multiple Immunization Bills are up.

Passed recently, Rep. Pearson's bill to allow for a provision to opt out for into the immunization registry (as opposed to opting in).

Decisions to child immunization bills actions to remove provisions for immunizations in daycares and foster care.

Unsafe Milk Bills- one was tabled in committee, another passed out of committee but was defeated. Americans for Prosperity thought it had too many restrictions and regulations.

Training – Alexis Wolf

Workforce development group made decisions on the 2019 trainings.

Summer Institute in July 15-19, Missoula, MT.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse workshop (1 ½ days) in Great Falls and Miles City.

Will be sponsoring fewer locals to go to various trainings, due to limited funding.

Food and Consumer Safety Section is putting on a few trainings as well.

Continuing Education – Alexis Wolf

Application is closed for the Certified Public Health program (CPH), through University of Montana. We have 15 participants (4 from PHSD, 11 from local health departments).

Certified Public Manager program through University of Arizona has 6 participants (3 from PHSD, 3 from local health departments).

AMPHO- Community Health Strategist Program had 26 participants (all local health departments), and will be finishing in June, 2019. New program will start at Summer Institute.

Workforce Assessment – Alexis Wolf

Contracted University of Montana's Center for Children, Family and Workforce Development. Currently looking at past surveys for how to make the assessment instrument as comprehensive as possible. Come summer, we will have a draft made up. Alexis asked for feedback.

Todd: When will this standardized state-wide survey be out?

Alexis: By fall. We have a 1-year grant. We want it out before MPHA's conference.

Member Updates

AMPHO, Hillary Hanson – Legislative session is keeping us busy. Working with Jane Smilie.

MACo, Andy Hunthausen – Looking at policy for MACo, making it clear where we stand during legislative session.

DEQ, Kari Smith – Provided MACo's health policy positions document. Senate Bill 48, schools test for lead in water. Funding to fix the lead problem, if it is identified. Further, that daycares are regulated by DPHHS for similar problems. There has been good support.

MEHA, Dustin Schreiner – MEHA has been busy with legislative session, I am not directly involved as advised by Montana State University. However, if you have specific questions about MEHA's activity in the legislative session, please contact me.

At MSU, we've put a specific forum added to the MEHA website, intended to be a place where Health Departments can hire interns. Students can post resumes and profiles.

Accreditation committee was on campus recently, went very well.

Fall Conference planning is in full swing.

MPHA, Lora Wier – The fall conference is Sept. 17th-18th Grand Tree Bozeman, MT. Theme: Moving Forward, The changing Landscape in Public and Environmental Health. Would like for Public Health and Safety to come up with potential topics, include your work groups on this.

Started working on Public Health 101 grant. Awarded by the Montana Healthcare Foundation to create a series of online modules on educating our workforce in public health. We've been working closely with the Montana Workforce Development group and the Rocky Mountain Training Center.

University of Montana – Tony Ward - Gearing up for second cohort for the Certificate of Public Health students in fall. Accepting applications now. Working with Alexis on finding instructors for the trainings.

Trying to get students, staff and faculty to the MPHA conference.

Working on Public Health 101 online trainings.

MSU Office of Rural Health, Natalie Claiborne – Critical access health *something* fund, completing their community health needs assessment and implantation plans. One of our staff is finishing her masters at UM, she's been reviewing implementation plans and best strategies. We've created a portal on our website to look at current health assessments from hospitals and health departments. Also has various resources for assessment work.

Continuing trainings on behavioral health workforce and community health worker staff.

Todd: Has anything catch your attention as for different priorities compared to the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) or are things in line as identified with the SHIP group?

Natalie: Were right in the think of it. We have seen changes in stats on access to care, because of the expansion. Concerns we've seen have been right in line with the State Health Assessment.

Terry Ray - SHA/SHIP both have been released on DPHHS Web site and DPHHS Strategic Plan. Please review those if you have not.

Next Meeting: April 17th, 2019, 10:00am-2:00pm, Delta Hotel, Helena.

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