

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTE SUMMARY**

January 13, 2016

3:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Burrows  
Michael Turner  
Roger De Haan  
Dr. Wayne Chilcote  
Katherine Scholl

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Carol Calderwood, MD, HO  
John Palacio, RCEH  
LuAnn Burgmuller, PHN  
Terry Nelson, Minutes  
Dan Browder, Deputy County Attorney (temporarily on speaker phone)

**Member/staff absent:**

**Guests Present:**

Salima Witt

December 9, 2015 draft minutes:

**Mick made a motion to approve the December 9, 2015 minutes as read. Roger seconded the motion.** Discussion: none. Public Comment: none. **All voted "aye". (5-0)**

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Health Officer: Carol Calderwood MD,

Health officer Carol Calderwood:

Noro virus identified in hospital patients. John required better cleaning protocols. No other hospitalizations after following CDC guidelines

Talked last meeting about backup health officer: she is going to drop it and is ok with no backup.

Not on agenda: monkey menagerie. Salima Witt is here (Recap: whether to allow 8 new species, up to 8 primates total, several already allowed and is requesting more. See handout from Salima which states no public contact allowed but there is some contact with her 17 year old daughter. Only 8 individual primates allowed at one time. Macaque monkeys are an issue and they have the potential to carry herpes b, which is rare, but we should consider all macaque monkeys to be considered positive).

Salima stated that her macaque has been tested 3 times and has been negative all 3 times, which proves low risk. Salima is willing to not bring in any more macaque monkeys. Carol stated she is ok to have the one. Salima spoke with Mike Lee who is ok with this macaque. Herpes B is rarely passed to humans. There have been around 50 suspected cases with 20 documented cases, which those all rhesus macaques. She has Japanese macaques and there are no documented cases.

Jeff asked what we are wanting to accomplish at the meeting today concerning the monkeys. Salima stated that Doctors in Bozeman and Missoula have worked with the macaque and her male will be getting neutered this spring. Males do have fights, but neutering helps. Katie asked if Salima is wanting to add more. Salima said they are only licensed up to 8 total.

Carol is requesting masks be worn to work with the macaque, as CDC recommends it. Most infections come from cuts and bites to the face. We (health board) can make recommendations on the new species. Carol stated her reservations are based on a risk to Salima and public. Salima said all infections were from research facilities. Jeff said there is already a permitting agency that has reviewed this, knows what they are doing, and is permitting this. Carol explained that FWP makes the licensure and the county does have authority to come up with its own rules. County has 3 options.

1. OK as is
2. Ok with additional recommendations
3. Make a rule in the county.

Mick said RML has macaques and asked if we are setting a precedent of how they or other individuals need to handle the macaques? Carol said the County does not do licensure. She is 99% happy because Salima agreed to no new macaques, and anyone with new macaques in our county must wear facemasks. Salima said she is the only primate exhibition in the State. One other had another monkey that would take them to see children, etc. In this environment with the primates, you do not wear masks. No zoo or preserve she has worked with has ever used masks with the primates. Roger asked if members of the public are coming to see the primates. Salima said she has let schools come, but she follows US federal guidelines, which are very strict guidelines per State and Federal licensing. There is a 5' barrier fence the kids stay behind. USDA comes once or twice a year unannounced and to date, she has never had a violation. Fish and Game has been there once and the State has been there once.

Katie said the ADA CDC recommended capuchin be added from infectious list. John asked if we really need a rule to make a recommendation to the State. Roger said since the USDA and State are involved in the permitting, therefore feels OK with what they recommend and permit. Salima explained that she has worked in zoos and preserves and had to take test with USDA after thousands of hours working with primates to be able to have them.

**Mick moved to accept Carol's recommendation to require and use face masks per CDC. Seconded by Katie.** Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: Roger asked if the mask is for those working with them only, or for public also. Mick says everyone, including the public. Roger is worried we are tweaking what others agencies have already decided. Mick pointed out that CDC has decided differently. Jeff said he will be voting against the motion and is not comfortable putting additional stipulation when other permitting agency is already OK without the masks. Carol thinks the experts wanted the masks worn in their original discussions, but changed to only have masks available for use, but no requirement to use them, in their written decision. Jeff doesn't want to add additional stipulation. Salima said she has never seen someone use a mask and shield in all the zoos she has seen. Roger said the most important thing is no more macaques for non-federal use in the county. Katie said it's a matter of precedent. If another menagerie comes in, it would be under the same rules as we decide today. Mick said the next

person may not worry about the rules. Salima explained that she is legally bound to have \$3 million liability for the state. Katie said if something comes up, we have made a recommendation and should have minimal liability. Roger agrees with Jeff, but if the motion was to simply follow the CDC guidelines, he would be OK with the motion.

**Mick amended his motion to approve with the condition that all CDC guidelines are followed.**

**Katie seconded the amended motion.** Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: Carol will get back with Dan Browder on what else needs to happen for this recommendation and ask Dan about how to go about restricting future macaques. Jeff will send Dan an email on the motion if it passes. John said he is guessing that these rules from the state could be a loophole. Carol stated that the county does have the right to exclude all monkeys. Salima pointed out that there are 2 monkeys in Florence that are illegal and have diabetes. **All voted “aye” (5-0).**

Public Health Nurse: LuAnn Burgmuller  
Nothing to report on.

RCEH: John Palacio

December 2015 was quiet for septic. Overall for the 2015 calendar year was 51 permits issued, including both new and replacement systems. RCEH has been busier with complaints and inquiries. Number of subdivision submittals are higher than last year.

Mick asked about what is a subdivision site visit entails. John explained that RCEH meets with consultant to see where things fit.

John said the February BOH meeting is going to be fun:

- \* Junk Vehicle contract expired – Junk vehicle hauler – open bid.
- \* Appeal by a property owner regarding denial of a replacement permit.
- \* Open complaint in Florence, which has subdivision approval, for a single family home and owner wants to start a trailer park. A couple of complaints that there are 6 trailers there now. Son works for a septic pumping business and rent is being charged.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Additional vendor fees:

Item dropped from agenda since fees are set by BCC.

Long Avenue site visit:

John said the property owners have submitted an application. Power point presentation by John. See Attached Power point. John said the BOH can require it be put back to single family house. Roger asked what the overall proposal is. John explained to remove one trailer and hooking up shop (2 bedroom studio). Mick asked are there separate drain fields. John said yes and said the owner wants to make house single family for 2 bedroom permanently, which requires changes or leave as is. John said this is probably a Dan Browder question and maybe Dan would have the proper procedure and/or maybe affidavit would do it. BOH called Dan Browder on speaker phone and asked what options the BOH have to ensure this will not become a duplex again. John explained that there was an on-site inspection completed. Dan stated he would rather have enough time to give a memo after thinking about it. The house is just one single family living in it now. BOH is ok with pushing it off to another meeting. **Item tabled to February 2016 meeting.**

Federal EPA letter draft – Judy Hoy:

Jeff put Roger's DRAFT letter up on screen. Ravalli County is not actually increasing greatly in cancer rates. Do we want to make a strong statement that we agree with her, or we don't make that endorsement but pass on her concerns? Mick said that these products can be used safely with proper procedures and it is very hard to criticize when EPA have already said they can be used safely. There is a re-evaluation review every 15 years for these products. The adjuvants are very important, whether a surfactant or whatever. They are trade secrets that we would not know what they are. They all have the same products but how they mix is unknown. Katie said it depends upon the commercial use. It is real clear that it is not clear. If you start adding chemicals together, you don't know what you will get. Mick recommended sending the letter from Judy so they have the recommendation. Jeff said that Judy has done a lot of work, but it is hard to follow charts. Katie said the report appears to have been made to fulfill an agenda and asked that Judy compile in a more logical format and we can send it on. Katie will be happy to pay the postage. Jeff asked for BOH Concurrence to forward Judy's letter.

Roger said that several years ago, Dr. Don McLane and Dr. Ellyn Jones were members of the BOH. They invited a doctor to speak about pesticides, who laid out how to test pesticides and said don't ever use more than you have to. To date, there is so much more roundup being used, more than ever before.

Roger will take another crack at the letter and let Judy know to condense her study. **Continue to February 2016 meeting.**

Meeting Adjournment:

**Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM. Seconded by Mick. All voted "aye" (5-0).**