

**Gallatin County Local Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Gallatin County Health Center**  
**September 29, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Janet Bledsoe  
Micha Dryden  
Judy Morley  
Joe Mylor, Chairman  
Sally Peace  
Patricia Riddle  
Terri Towles

**Members Absent:**

Richard Ackermann  
Thomas Beringer  
Judge Ken McFarland  
Eric Moore

**Staff Present:**

Georgia Heise  
Justin Pittman  
Candice Selph  
Michelle Wilburn

**Community:**

Bernard Walsh

**Welcome and Remarks:** Chairman Joe Mylor called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Mylor asked new board member, Terri Towles, to introduce herself to the group.

**Topic:** Recognition of Mr. Bernard Walsh

**Discussion:** Mr. Mylor welcomed former Gallatin County Local Board of Health member, Mr. Bernard Walsh, to the meeting. In appreciation and recognition of Mr. Walsh's nine years of service to the Gallatin County Local Board of Health, Mr. Mylor presented a plaque to Mr. Walsh on behalf of the Board. Mr. Walsh expressed his appreciation and thanks, and the Board responded in kind.

Georgia Heise reminded the Board that the position vacated by Mr. Walsh necessitates the appointment of a new board member. Sally Peace recommended one of her neighbors, Scarlett Hall, who is a registered nurse. Ms. Peace stated that she would approach Ms. Hall about the vacancy to gauge her interest. Micha Dryden also recommended Britt Hendricks, who is the granddaughter of former Gallatin County Local Board member, Alberta Gross.

**Topic:** Approval of June 23, 2015 Minutes

**Discussion:** Board members were asked to review the previous meeting's minutes contained in their packet. The minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

**Action:** Patricia Riddle made the motion to approve the June 23, 2015 minutes. Judy Morley provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**Topic: Old Business**

**Topic:** Senate Bill 192

**Discussion:** Dr. Heise directed the Board's attention to several documents in their packet. The first document included a policy and "Recommended Procedure" for Syringe Access Exchange

Programs (SAEPs) that had been developed and passed by the District Board of Health on September 9, 2015. In the last line of the policy, Dr. Heise pointed out that the recommended procedures by the District Board could be amended or modified as necessary to meet the needs of the local community.

The other two documents included the actual Senate Bill 192, as well as the “Best Practices Procedure.” Dr. Heise reminded the Board that the “Best Practices” procedure was currently in effect in Pendleton County. The Fiscal Court approved a SAEP to be run through the health center, which began on September 28, 2015.

Dr. Heise began by explaining the differences between the two procedures. Overall, the “Recommended Procedures” adopted by the District Board are more restrictive in nature, while the “Best Practices” are more adaptive.

Dr. Heise reminded the Board that whatever policy is decided upon must also be passed by the Fiscal Court and/or the City Council, depending on where the SAEP is conducted. She also commented that Judge McFarland suggested calling the SAEP something other than a needle exchange program. He suggested “Infection Disease Control SAEP” or “Harm Reduction SAEP.”

**Action:** Ms. Bledsoe remarked that she wished to adopt the “Best Practices” protocol. She made the motion to accept the “Best Practices” protocol under the title of “Harm Reduction.” Ms Morley provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**Topic: New Business**

**Discussion:** Justin Pittman shared that the sign out in front of the Gallatin County Health Center is melting. He asked the Board if they would like to replace the sign with another message or remove it completely. The Board agreed that no replacement was necessary.

**Topic: Adjournment**

**Action:** Ms. Bledsoe made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Morley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

  
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