

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Wednesday, June 2, 2010 9:05 AM – 10:00 AM**  
**Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana**

**Members Present:** Pam Walzer, Roy Houseman, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Lyn Hellegaard, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Ed Childers.

**Members Not Present:** Dave Strohmaier

**Others Present:** Ellen Leahy

## **I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1. Approve Minutes from [May 26, 2010](#) . Minutes approved unanimously.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

## **IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)

Ellen Leahy provided an overview of the Incident Command Structure and operations pertaining to the Health Department's H1N1 flu pandemic vaccination efforts during the last flu season.

Ed Childers asked Ellen if she had a vaccination chart that included the percentage of the population that is comprised of each age group.

Ellen responded that she did not have a chart, but did have some numbers. She discussed the shortage of vaccine.

Pam Walzer asked if there was a debriefing.

Ellen responded that there was, and she provided details. She provided the Board of Health with an after action report.

Pam Walzer inquired about the use of Federal funding assistance for this effort.

Ellen stated that Federal funding paid for just about all costs involved. She described the nature of the funding, and the obstacles that were overcome by its provision.

Ellen Leahy provided an overview of the Health Department's preventive strategies for the aging population. She specifically described the issue of fall prevention. She provided relevant statistics. She described funding and providers. She described the 'FRAT' program. She described the 'Stepping On' program. She introduced the department's new logo.

Jon Wilkins asked if independent living facilities contribute to these programs.

Ellen responded that they currently do not. She provided more information about the aforementioned programs.

Jon Wilkins suggested that partnerships with the independent living facilities should be explored. He described the ramifications of a serious fall by an elderly individual.

Ellen replied that partnerships are expanding. She presented an overview of [missoulapublichealth.org](http://missoulapublichealth.org). She introduced the new environmental health license inspection reporting feature. She described the ease of access the public now has to restaurant inspection reports. She provided a demonstration of this feature.

Renee Mitchell provided an example of a citizen utilizing this new feature.

Ellen continued her demonstration of this feature, and she encouraged feedback.

Jon Wilkins feels that this is a great service.

Ed Childers asked if school kitchen inspections are included.

Ellen said that she would follow up on that.

Pam Walzer noted that the school kitchen inspections are included.

Ellen Leahy moved on to overweight and obesity issues. She presented information regarding obesity trends in the United States from 1985 to the present. Her information indicated that a significant percentage of the population of the United States is currently considered obese.

Pam Walzer asked if there has been any change in the definition of obesity.

Ellen responded that there has not been any change in the definition. She stressed the importance of addressing this issue at an early age. She presented local statistics, and described the methodology behind the data collection. She described local programs that are available to address this issue.

Jon Wilkins asked if retirement facilities with kitchens are inspected by the Health Department.

Ellen responded that the Health Department has varying jurisdiction depending on the specific facilities. The Health Department does respond to specific outbreaks.

Jon Wilkins asked if further steps need to be taken to inspect facilities that are not required to be inspected under current regulations.

Ellen responded that some facilities fall under health care licensing, and they operate under a different set of statutes and authority.

Dick Haines asked about C.Diff.

Ellen responded that is a gastrointestinal pathogen.

Dick Haines asked if the Health Department is dealing with that in any way.

Ellen replied that since it is more of an institutional issue (ie: hospitals) the institution's in-house infectious disease control specialist handles that issue unless it breaks out into the community.

Dick Haines expressed his concern regarding C. Diff.

Pam Walzer asked about the inspection classifications contained in the food service reports, specifically the 'other' category.

Ellen replied that she would look into that.

## **V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mark Muir)
2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
3. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.09 entitled "Missoula Cat Ordinance" section 6.09.010 through 6.09.090 to amend definitions, to limit the number of cats over the age of four months that a person, family, or household can harbor, keep, or maintain to five and to enact other general amendments. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
4. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 6 entitled "Animals" generally amending Chapter 6.04 entitled "Animals Running at Large" and Chapter 6.08 entitled "Dogs and Pet Shops," increasing the fee when an animal is impounded and establishing a fee for a boarding kennel license. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.