



GALLATIN COUNTY

Tuesday 5/10/2022

Dear Mayor Andrus & the Bozeman City Commission:

To aid in your deliberations about the "Interlocal Agreement among Gallatin County, City of Bozeman, and City of Belgrade establishing a City-County Board of Health", we respectfully submit the following information for your consideration.

We have asked our attorneys and the Chief Health Officer about tasks that need to be completed before the current interlocal expires on July 1st, 2022. Please note that the sooner all of this can happen the better, as the Health Code needs to be validly adopted and the Health Officer appointed as soon as possible after the Governing Body is established and prior to the existing agreement's expiration on July 1. If the final approvals do not happen until after July 1st, there will be a lapse in the Health Officer's authority and validity of the Health Code during that period.

1. By May 14th: Advertise for Health Board members (The County's Board Appointments Policy & Procedures require publication 30 days prior to appointment)
2. By June 6th & 7th: Adopt Interlocal with Belgrade (*if the City of Bozeman chooses to opt out*)
3. By June 13th and 14th: Appoint members to Board of Health
4. During the week of June 20th: Convene first meeting of Health Board, at which the Board will adopt bylaws, appoint officers, and make recommendations for Health Regulations and Local Health Officer to Governing Body
5. During the week of June 27th: Governing Body holds public hearing on recommendations and adopts Health Regulations and appoints Health Officer
6. By July 5th: County enters/ratifies master contracts with DEQ and DPHHS for continuation of Health Department functions and ratifies existing task orders. The contracts currently are with the Board of Health and cover daily operations like COSA septic review, restaurant inspections, home visiting program, tobacco use prevention program, etc. The Master Agreements with DEQ and DPHHS, and sample task orders, are attached. There may be additional contracts to which the Board is a party, and we've asked the CHO for a list for all existing contracts.

As you can see, we will need a clear answer from the City of Bozeman as soon as possible, as to whether or not you intend to sign on to the agreement. We sincerely hope that you will choose to sign on, but respect that it is entirely your decision. If we don't receive a clear answer from you by Friday

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