

**RiverStone Health**  
**Annual Joint Boards Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

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**Members Present:**                    **Board of Health:** Jim Harris; Spencer Anderson; John Dorr; Brent Cromley; Erin Lambert; Mark Morse; Steve Wahrlich  
**RiverStone Health Clinic Board:** Bob Reed; Dale Anderson; Florence Garcia; Mary Gilluly; Stacy Limberhand; Art Lyle; Tom Singer  
**RiverStone Health Foundation Board:** Bill Royer  
**Montana Family Medicine Residency Board:** Ryan Farris

**Staff Present:**                    Jon Forte, President & CEO / Health Officer; Jeff Hert, Vice-President of Human Resources; Bob Janicek, Chief Information Officer; Carrie Ludwig, Executive Assistant; Eric Owen, Vice-President of Public Health and Clinical Services; Shanna Zier, Chief Financial Officer

**Guests Present:**                    No guests were present

**CALLS TO ORDER**

Board Chairpersons called their respective Boards to order at 6:15 PM. Jim Harris called the Board of Health to order, Dale Anderson called the RiverStone Health Clinic Board to order, Bill Royer called the RiverStone Health Foundation Board to order, and Ryan Farris called the Montana Family Medicine Residency Board to order.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Jon Forte welcomed Board members and RiverStone Health Staff to the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Jon expressed RiverStone Health's appreciation for the service of all Board members and staff.

**RIVERSTONE HEALTH UPDATES AND OVERVIEW**

Jon Forte provided an overview and updates of RiverStone Health (presentation on file) and its many programs and services.

Jon began the presentation with a brief history summary, noting that the organization was established in 1974, as the Yellowstone City-County Health Department, a governmental agency, that merged services like home health, vital statistics, school nursing, and sanitation. A decade later, in 1984, the Deering Clinic opened as Montana's first community health center (CHC), paving the way for accessible healthcare across the state. Today, RiverStone Health remains the only public-model health center in Montana, operating under a co-applicant agreement. Since 1992, RiverStone Health and RiverStone Health Community Health Center (CHC) have co-applied for, and have been awarded health care for the homeless grants.

Today, RiverStone Health serves the community through four mission-essential functions:

**City-County Public Health Department:** Protecting public health through services like vaccinations, communicable disease tracing, wellness programs, and support initiatives such as WIC, SNAP, and home visits through the Family Health Services Nurse Family Partnership. The Child Advocacy Center provides critical care for abuse victims.

**Community Health Center (FQHC):** Delivering medical, dental, pharmacy, and behavioral health services, including healthcare for nearly 1,000 unhoused individuals. The CHC spans eight locations, serves 14,000 patients annually, and provides over 80,000 visits. Recent expansions include three School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) and a mobile unit for rural care.

**Home Health & Community Hospice:** Offering compassionate care for individuals and families navigating home health and hospice needs.

**Education & Training:** Through the Montana Family Medicine Residency program and Eastern Montana AHEC, RiverStone Health builds the healthcare workforce for rural and frontier communities.

RiverStone Health has 381 total staff, including 188 CHC staff and operates under a \$60M annual budget, with \$24M allocated to FQHC operations.

RiverStone Health's unwavering commitment to public health, community care, and healthcare education underscores its pivotal role in improving the lives of Yellowstone County residents.

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:30 PM, Board Chairpersons adjourned their respective Boards. Jim Harris adjourned the Board of Health, Dale Anderson adjourned the RiverStone Health Clinic Board, Bill Royer adjourned the RiverStone Health Foundation Board, and Ryan Farris adjourned the Montana Family Medicine Residency Board. The joint board meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Forte, MHA, FACHE  
President & CEO / Health Officer

cc: Leadership Team, County Commissioners, hd\BOH\2025\minutes\1-21-25 Joint Boards Meeting Minutes.doc