



## Butte-Silver Bow Health Department – 2012 Environmental Health Studies Fact Sheet No. 2

# Health Studies Citizens' Advisory Committee

### Introducing the Citizens' Advisory Committee

The Committee will work closely with the Butte-Silver Bow (BSB) Health Department in designing and overseeing the implementation of the environmental health studies (see Figure 2). Members include:

- Dr. John Pullman, M.D. (Mercury Street Medical)
- Jay Cornish, Senior Environmental Biologist, (MSE)
- Dr. Richard Rossi, Department Head, Mathematical Sciences and Statistics at Montana Tech
- Shannon Holland, R.N. (St. James Hospital)
- Dr. Shawna Yates, M.D. (Community Health Center)
- Helen Joyce, Program Manager, MSE
- Dr. Merle Benedict, Assistant Professor of Safety, Health and Industrial Hygiene at Montana Tech

The Butte Silver Bow Board of Health has appointed a seven-member Citizens' Advisory Committee, to provide support and guidance to the Public Health Department on the work plan design and plan for implementation of a series of community health studies. The goal of the Health Department and the Advisory Committee is to assure the design of meaningful health studies, which are called for both in the Residential Metals Abatement Program Unilateral Administrative Order issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in September 2011, and in the 2011 Community Health Improvement Plan. In launching this effort, the Health Department held a series of

listening sessions in May of 2012, where members of the public provided valuable input regarding community environmental health concerns.

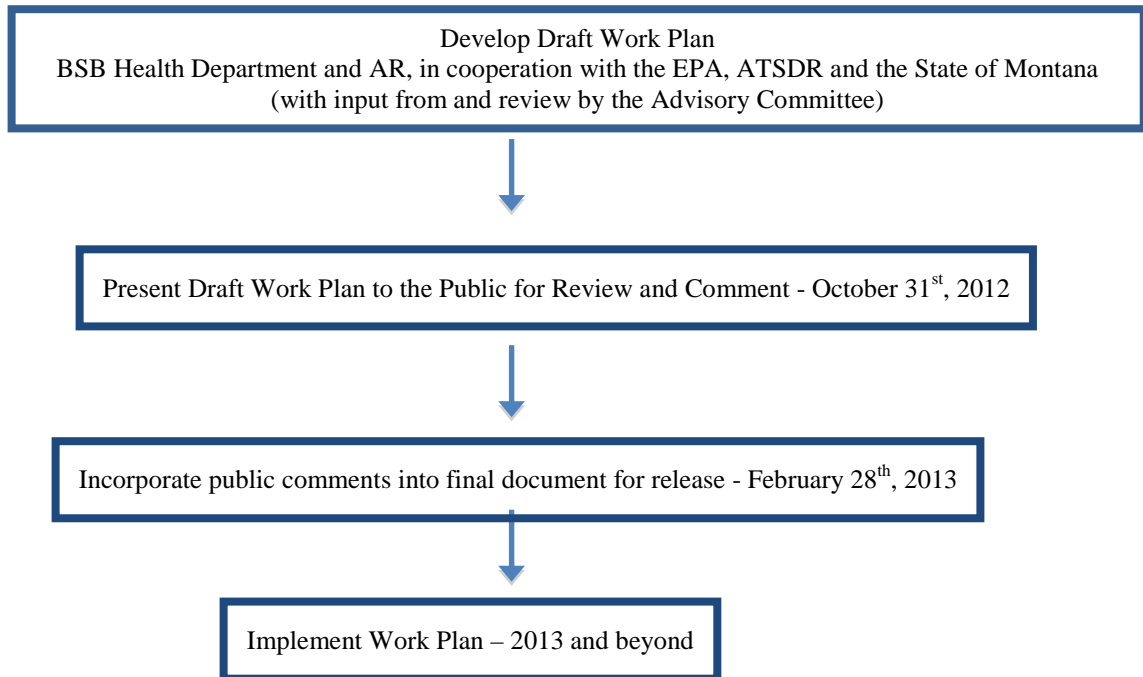
**Committee Responsibilities.** Members of the Committee will have responsibilities that include the following:

- Providing overall guidance to the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department and working with Atlantic Richfield in designing and implementing the work plans for the environmental health studies related to Superfund activities
- Providing overall guidance to the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department in designing and implementing the work plans for environmental health studies not related to Superfund activities
- Reviewing information including
  - Montana Department of Health and Human Services report on cancer incidence data
  - Workplan and report on analyses of historical blood lead data (currently being compiled in a database)
  - Public Listening Session Comments
- Reviewing Health Studies fact sheets for public distribution
- Providing representatives to meet with agency representatives and Atlantic Richfield (AR)
- Reporting to the Board of Health

The Butte Silver Bow Health Department shares with Atlantic Richfield responsibility for developing work plans and implementing the environmental health studies related to Superfund activities, while

EPA, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the State of Montana will provide ongoing technical support and input. The figure below shows the overall work plan design time line.

### Butte-Silver Bow Environmental Health Studies Development Process Chart



For further information, please contact the Butte-Silver Bow County Health Department for further information at 406-497-5020.