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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
 May 18th, 2021

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public
Mike Lane Don Suppes Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman	Greg Rajnowski Karen O'Brien Robbie LeValley	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lane at 3:32 PM.

- Action on the minutes of the April 20th, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved. (Chapman/Suppes/Unanimous).

Financials-

- Payment Approval report
 - All approved; clarification that JennMar is for Larry Hudnall's temp. work
 - Suppes/Chapman/Unanimous

Public Health Director's Report - Karen O'Brien

- Department Update:
 - Covid Cases - fluctuating; trending down with 5.3% state positivity, 3.8% for Delta; we are between blue and yellow with 36 cases in the last week. Testing steady; 1st UK variant in a LTC facility with other CA variants. Hospitalization lags (4 cases right now in the hospital). Mesa County's cases and hospitalizations are increasing. They state they are seeing their second wave.
 - Covid Vaccine - as of May 12th, 20K doses were administered in the county and about 42% partially vaccinated of eligible population. FDA approved Pfizer for 12-15 year olds. We just received our Pfizer shipment (requiring ultracold storage) and now have all 3 vaccines. Our first 'teen'

clinic will be this Friday after 3:30 and then on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting next week after school is out for the summer. Hoping more providers will continue encouraging vaccinating. Walk-up clinics we conducted in Cedaredge, Paonia and Orchard City were not well attended. Going to Bill Heddles on Wednesday.

- Vaccine supply is outpacing demand locally, statewide, and nationally. Latest public health order clarified the mask rule. Exceptions for congregate care and schools until June 1st. Our facility is still wearing masks as we are considered a healthcare entity and are seeing a lot of unvaccinated individuals. New guidance allows vaccinating alongside other vaccines (i.e. Tdap, etc.)
- Electronic health records (CureMD) implementation at our clinics has gone really well. Our lead, Tessa, has done an amazing job. We've been able to recoup and bill for our costs very efficiently and the COVID module has been very helpful for scheduling our appointments. We are starting the inventory module and it will be a breeze to track inventory by lot # and create the superbills at the time the client receives their immunization. Eventually all vaccines will be entered into the system.

EH Directors Report - Greg Rajnowski

General Program Improvements:

- [Travis Stucker](#) joined us as the new EH specialist on May 10th. He has already been out on several inspections and begun his "standardization" training. CDPHE staff will be training him in the weeks to come. Goal is to be signed off to do inspections by August.
- *West Nile Surveillance* will begin mid-June. Working with Terry Stalcup and reaching out to North Fork to begin collecting mosquitoes and data for surveillance efforts.
- *Radon* education continues and home testing kits are available at the front desk.
- [Larry Hudnall](#) has been asked to begin revising content from an old "*Recycling in Delta County*" information document. Once complete efforts will be made to identify gaps and begin working with state and regional agencies to obtain sources and funding for recycling household hazardous waste and identifying agencies interested in reuse. This will keep items out of landfills.

Retail Food:

We completed 11 of the 103 required inspections as of the end of 1st quarter, and 13 additional inspections in April. With the addition of Travis we should be on schedule to meet the expectation of contacting all 103 twice (either inspection or education) by the end of the calendar year. The "new" inspection process (based on risk assessment and point values) is still new and education is needed for all restaurants.

OWTS:

There were 29 new/repair OWTS permits issued in the 1st Quarter of 2021, and as of May 10th we've closed out 93 open permits (for comparison, last year's total completed permits was 115). This has brought the number of in-progress OWTS permits down to 66. The increased cost of construction materials doesn't seem to have slowed down the rate of permit applications.

Flood Plain Administration:

Larry Hudnall has begun assisting with compiling an archive of floodplain permits. There hasn't been a complete list of permits, nor scanned copies; only paper copies. Once completed this will be kept for state/FEMA audits and referenced for property sales and elevation certificates for similarly located properties.

Notice of Violations (NOV): Sylvester Weber; still in progress.

Inspector, Installer, and Cleaner Certification: In progress. We are working to reduce the number of unlicensed installers by contacting them individually.

With no other items, Commissioner Lane adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 4:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Rajnowski and Karen O'Brien.