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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
 June 21, 2022

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public
Jeri Roberts Don Suppes Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman	Greg Rajnowski Karen O'Brien Pat Sullivan Leone Anderson	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Suppes at **3:30 PM**.
 Karen asked that the following topic be added to the agenda: "Discussion on Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) regulations requests from local Engineers."

Action on the Minutes

Action on the May 17th minutes: Jo Rosenquist moved to approve/Commissioner Roberts second/Unanimous. Minutes approved.

Public Health Director's Report

- **Financials – Leone**
 - Leone presented the May Payment Approval Report and asked if there were any questions.
 - Question on payment to Maddy Mueller- Karen responded that it was paid to our Intern to support data relating to our COVID response.
 - Leone said the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds would be fully expended by the end of June 30. This fund has helped support environmental health staff's response to COVID.
 - Leone presented the May Income Statement and asked if there were any questions.
 - Approve Financials - Member Rosenquist moved to approve/Member Chapman second/Unanimous. Financials approved.

- **Review of April Department Updates - Karen**

- We are still seeing an uptick in cases - 22 cases in the last 7 days (6/13-6/20) and 2 hospitalizations in the last 14 days (6/2-6/20) and most recently, 3 deaths due to COVID. One of the deaths would not be counted as a Delta resident. Although this person was a life-long resident of Delta, they lived the last few months in a Montrose long-term care facility. Omicron 4 & 5 are more transmissible but no verification that it is more severe. Cases in the nation and state are heading down and as we know, hospitalizations lag about 2 weeks behind the trends. Our positivity was 7% vs. the state's 11.7% in the last week.
- Delta County is low risk according to the CDC community level metric and high-level community transmission (this metric is used for healthcare settings).
- The Department is still administering COVID vaccines and boosters on a weekly basis. Recent efforts include traveling to off-site clinics at long term care facilities to vaccinate and boost residents and staff. The state's vaccine bus is still providing support at various locations: Crawford Pioneer Days and Paonia Cherry Days. We held TDaP clinics at Garnet, Lincoln, Cedaredge, Hotchkiss and Paonia schools. Additionally, we are seeing more clients coming in to catch up on vaccines.
- The last day of testing at TruVu will be June 27. Individuals can obtain free self-administered COVID test kits **curb-side by calling the Health Department's main number**. If sick, they should call their Provider or go to Delta Health clinic in Delta or Hotchkiss or the convenient care clinic for a COVID test. **The Health Department will test on Tuesdays starting July 12**. Testing in Mesa County is also an option: CMU M-F 8-4: Sat 8-12.
- Our community assessment kick-off meeting took place on June 8. There were 18 community partners in attendance. The next step will be to collect qualitative data utilizing focus groups and more detailed key-informant interviews.
- We are currently hiring for three positions: Environmental Health (EH) Specialist (to replace Travis), Administrative Assistant (to replace Angie) and our new position, Nurse Practitioner. We received several applications from new graduates for the EH position; two applications for the Admin position; and, no applications for the Nurse Practitioner post. The starting range may be too low to attract a Nurse Practitioner, Karen will discuss with Michelle.
- We received approval for the budget and plan that was submitted for the workforce development award of \$141,473. The plan for this award was discussed at our last board of health meeting and at the May 3 County Commissioner meeting.
- WIC had a very busy month with the baby formula shortage and is working with the state, local stores and medical providers to assist participants with recommending other brands of formula.
- Training on our electronic health records software CureMD is going very well with Family Planning.

- Local Boards of Health annual training update:
 - Jo and Wendell have completed the training
 - Don Suppes is enrolled, but not completed yet
 - Don Chapman is not enrolled
 - Karen just submitted Jeri's email so the state can send an invite to enroll.
- There was a question on an epi exposure to Mercury and lead. Pat explained the current situation.

Environmental Health Director's Report - Greg

- **Discussion on OWTS regulations prior to adoption.**

- Greg stated that based on feedback from industry partners, the department added an ***“Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring Responsibilities”*** section to the draft regulations for OWTS. The reasoning for their inclusion was also discussed:
 - Local adoption of Regulation 86 requires an “Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring Responsibility” section prior to adoption of Graywater regulations in Delta County.
 - Local engineered designs will benefit from Higher Level Treatment design options by providing this section as required by state Regulation 43.
 - The new section includes recommendations on maintenance and monitoring for concerned systems already in place.
 - The new section includes guidelines for any system that requires monitoring and methods for doing so as part of the terms of permitting.
- Commissioner Koontz proposed several changes/modifications to the draft regulations based on stakeholder input. Changes will be reflected in the updated version for adoption.
- The board identified June 29th at 3:30pm for a special session for the Board of Health to adopt the revised regulations.

4:40pm Adjourn - The Board of Health meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Suppes.

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