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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
 July 20, 2021

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public
Mike Lane Don Suppes Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist (Absent, excused) Don Chapman	Greg Rajnowski Karen O'Brien Robbie LeValley Pat Sullivan Leone Anderson	Robert Peck Laura Peck

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lane at 3:30 PM.

Public Discussion time: Mr. Peck presented a letter and it was entered into the record. He asked that we respond to questions A-D that are included in his letter:

- A. Will the Health Dept. support the door-to-door vaccine campaign?
- B. What are the funding ratios (federal, state, local) used to fund the Health Dept.?
- C. What is the cost breakdown and duties of the EPR position?
- D. Shouldn't the Health Dept. promote building up the immune system with large doses of zinc, garlic, and vitamin C?

Responses to questions B-D were provided:

B. Leone Anderson, Finance Director, stated the information on ratios of funding for the Health Department will be available in the 2020 audit for Delta County Government. The completed audit will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners next week. After that it will be posted on the Delta County website (www.deltacounty.com).

C. Karen O'Brien, Public Health Director, stated the Regional (Region10) Emergency Preparedness and Response contract (\$118,730) presented to the Board of County Commissioners on July 20, 2021 would be emailed to Mr. Peck. The contract

specifies duties required in Exhibit E and H "Statement of Work" as well as a detailed budget.

D. Pat Sullivan, Nurse Practitioner, stated Delta County Health Department encourages all individuals to meet with their medical provider to discuss COVID vaccinations. Informed decision making between each individual and their provider will ensure each person's decision is based on their individual health needs.

Karen will reply formally to Mr. Peck's letter and include the EPR contract and scope of work by email.

Action of the Minutes:

- Action on the minutes of the June 15th, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved (Chapman/Suppes/Unanimous).

Financial Reporting

- Updates on final balances by program; revenue currently exceeds expenses.
- Payment approval report. No questions.

Move to approve (Suppes/Chapman/Unanimous).

Public Health Director's Report - Karen O'Brien

- Department Update:
 - COVID Cases – 76 cases in last week, 3 hospitalizations on 7/19, 1-week incidence rate = 243, in yellow, 5.74% positivity (state 5.3%). Mesa County going down 4.2%. ~90% of cases are Delta variants. Not every case is sequenced.
 - COVID Vaccine - 44% of eligible county residents have received at least one dose, 40% are fully vaccinated. State's vaccine bus – Cherry Days and 4th of July at Confluence = 59 doses. The bus will be here again this week for Deltarado Days – 7/22 Delta, 7/23 Hotchkiss, 7/24 Delta. Pfizer and J&J will continue to be offered on the bus.
 - Staff – Two new employees started on Monday: EPR Coordinator, Denise Larson. The contract will serve Delta and Region10. Kendra Wilson has come back to serve as our immunization nurse.
 - Receiving calls from people trying to get in touch with the hospital, Delta Health. Our prenatal program will shift from Dr. Eades and Dr. Lewis (clinic closing) to Delta Family doctors Dr. Angles and Dr. Richmond.
 - Tobacco and EPR programs started new contracts for fiscal year 2022. The contracts are in, signed, and have been ratified.
 - Greg and Marshall, our intern, have made some fantastic changes for the public to access documents and forms from our website.

- Food Bank of the Rockies will distribute food tomorrow 4-6pm, across from St. Michael's Church. Pantry is open to all and it's FREE. Last time 200+ meals were distributed in about 1 hour, this week they will bring 400 plus kids meals.

EH Directors Report - Greg Rajnowski

General Program Improvements:

- [Travis Stucker](#), the new EH specialist has begun training with the CDPHE. He is on track to complete his "standardization" training this summer and should be independently doing inspections.
- Our NEHA intern has begun working with us on getting a dashboard of septic permits for public searches. This will allow residents and realtors to find information on permitted system designs when repairing or selling their property.
- West Nile Surveillance
- Salvage update
- Bloom and violation update

With no other items, Commissioner Lane adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 4:33pm.

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