Attendees: Scott Lamb, Melanie Kukuk, Erin Cavit, Jim Loud, Susan Thompson, Tara Hardy

Meeting Called to Order: 1:05 p.m.

Welcome/Introduction and District Overview:

Members introduced themselves. Tara reviewed parts of the Local Board of Health pocket guide and provided an overview of the District. Erin posed the question – what do the Partnerships do and provide our communities exactly? Tara will follow up by providing this information at a later meeting and include it in the overview of what services are offered (broken down by mandate) for each county. Jim posed the question – how do the description of services Public Health provides (12), as outlined on pg. 1 of the BOH guide, align with the core services (7) that each county needs to ensure according to the Colorado Public Health Act of 2008. Tara will provide answers to this at a later meeting. Audience member Dr. Durmon asked for a breakdown between State Contracts and Grants. Tara will provide that breakdown as well. Should be close to 30/70 respectively – but will get actual figures.

Review Bylaws (discussion was broken up over 2-part segment during meeting):

Members had 5 different District bylaws to use. Tara highlighted the sections members identified as important areas to consider. No decisions were made. Tara will take those sections and compile what was discussed so far and bring before the board again at next meeting. So far items of concern: no term limits; Officers – do we want secretary/treasurer or just secretary? Jurisdiction; Orientation; Principle Office location; Fiscal Year; Meeting frequency and locations; Votes by phone, email; Signing authority; Operating protocol (Robert’s Rules). Board liked Las Animas/Huerfano’s layout best.

Onsite Waste Water Treatment Systems and Reg 43:

Guest experts joining the board included: Michael Averette (Mineral County), Jack Nichols (Hinsdale County) and Greg Levine (Town of Lake City).

Tara noted that Reg 43 will need to be adopted again when the state releases their new version later this Spring/Summer. But, Chuck Cousino indicated updating at this point will put us ahead of the game when the new regs are released because the opt in/opt out parts will not change.

Lengthy discussions occurred around each part of the regulations that differ between Mineral and Hinsdale. Follow up discussions needed on: Transfer of Title – most felt need for that as a way to address systems that are starting to fail. It also presents a more economical way to pay an inspection fee upon sale rather than replacing a faulty system after home is purchased. Board not ready to move in this direction, will bring up again upon next Reg 43 adoption later this Spring/Summer. Slit Trenches – decided to prohibit but members wanted further discussion on this too.
Discussion was brought up about minimum lot sizes and how OWTS plays a role in this. And Variances, how do we include an option to put in pit privies if someone is not able to put one in based on where they decide to build. Tara will follow up on these with Chuck Cousino and report back.

Next Steps: Tara will contact Chuck to ensure correct completion of the right forms; and will bring a final copy of this for the board to review and discuss further and/or make changes prior to submitting it to the state. Once board approves (hopefully at next meeting if not possibly one more meeting out), Tara will send to Chuck for review and we will begin the announcement phase of the public hearing.

**Board Calendar:**

Board agreed to meet monthly for the first few months, and then switch to every other month until big issues are finalized such as bylaws, OWTS etc. Scott suggested next meeting should be sooner rather than later this time so that adoption of these items can be made in a more-timely manner.

Next meeting set for Monday February 13th in Creede at the Ambulance barn

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:15 p.m.