

Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Meeting Notes
Thursday, February 4, 2021

Attendees:

Lyn Lampert
Jody Stroh
Scott Lamb
Jerry Gray
Jim Loud
Greg Levine
Jesse Albright
Robert Hurd
Tara Hardy

Meeting called to order by Lyn Lampert at 10:13am

Approval of meeting minutes from:

September 24th

October 22nd

November 19th

December 3rd

Tara made clarification to questions around August meeting

Jerry made motion to approve minutes

Jesse 2nd motion

Motion carries unanimously

Community discussion – none

COVID Update

- Tara gave situational updates for counties
- Tara gave SLV situational update
- Tara gave update on Gunnison
- Tara gave update on state trends

Vaccine Distribution Update

- Good turnout for the vaccine information webinar
- State will be receiving 80k – 90k vaccines in the next weeks
- Both counties have received more shipments
- Johnson & Johnson vaccine should be approved by mid-March
- Colorado should receive around a million J&J vaccines
- On Feb 8th the governor announced that the distribution groups would expand to include school staff and 65–69-year-olds.
- Both counties are finishing 1st round doses and have started scheduling 2nd round doses
- Both counties feel they have done a good job at reaching all the 70+ population
- Have been able to vaccinate teachers and child care workers in order to finish vials when there are less than 10 70+ for one vial. This is necessary in order to keep 70+ going.

- Governor made announcement that anyone in Colorado is able to get a vaccine anywhere in Colorado. There is a concern in rural communities that they will be overwhelmed. So far, both counties have been prioritizing locals.
- As of the end of the day yesterday (2/3/21)
 - Mineral: received 600 doses; administered 229 1st round and 110 2nd round; currently has 270 doses on hand.
 - Hinsdale: received 600 doses; administered 187 1st round and 68 2nd round; currently has 350 on hand
- **Numbers do not add up because every few vials have an extra dose.
- State is developing data dashboard with county level vaccination statistics
- Currently there are 16 variant strains. The state is not concerned about any widespread transmission.
- The FDA has changed its standards on Curative Testing and it can no longer be used for asymptomatic individuals. State is working to find alternatives.
- We are still using Binax tests for schools and anyone who needs/wants a test. There is a big supply in STPH and they will expire in April.
- Only 1 dose of vaccine vs. 2 doses? The state is not recommending only 1 dose. If the supply chain starts to lessen there might be more discussion on only 1 dose. J&J will be 1 dose.
- Are counties seeing vaccination tourism? Starting to see more out of county requests. Most are from neighboring counties. We have been scheduling them, but putting them at the bottom of the category in order to vaccinate locals first.
- Will we get any Pfizer vaccines? No, but possible J&J

State Dial

- State plans to release Dial 2.0 on Wednesday
- State is still reviewing
- New Dial will decrease timeline from 14 days to 7 days; will expand options when numbers change
- The changes will meet the needs and serve rural communities better
- Tara is encouraging Mineral county to consider the 5 Star Program to lessen restrictions rather than using the Dial

Vaccine Requirement for Staff Discussion

- BOH has reviewed attorney comments
- Thoughts from BOH
 - Are there alternatives to work rather than mandating?
 - If clients have been vaccinated, what is the risk to them if the caretaker has not been vaccinated? Ideally, we want to minimize the risk on both sides and vaccines are still not 100% effective.
 - Is this a current issue? Yes. Some Homemakers are not and will not vaccinate.
 - There is the issue that there are not a lot of other tasks that a Homemaker can do other than go in homes of Seniors to help.
 - State has not taken a stance on mandating the COVID vaccine.

- Seems irresponsible of us to send someone unprotected into the home of someone vulnerable. Maybe mandate that we don't send unvaccinated person into homes of the vulnerable.

Personnel Policy Handbook

Manual reviewed with attorney suggestions.

BOH Reports

Jesse brought up issue that has been brought to his attention by community members. He will be sending out more information to the Board and will be meeting with Tara about the issue.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 4th

Adjourned 11:45