



**SILVER THREAD PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

- A. Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m. In attendance: Jerry Gray, Robert Hurd, Scott Lamb, Jim Loud, Ramona Weber (via zoom), Jim Baker (via zoom)
- B. Scott motioned to approve minutes from November 17, 2022 and special meeting November 28, 2022, Robert 2nd; motion passed unanimously
- C. Community communications: Buffy Witt gave a shout out to Shawna and Jodi for their help with the county-wide power outage, by identifying elders with needs, stepping in to help; she also recognized the Town of Lake City
- D. Discussions/Decisions
- a. Appointment Committee Recommendations - Committee approved Jody and Jerry's request to continue serving on the Board of Health
 - b. Board Elections
 - i. President - Scott nominated Jerry. Jim L. 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Jerry abstained)
 - ii. Vice President - Robert nominated Jody. Jim L. 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Jody abstained)
 - c. OWTS Transfer of Title application document review
Board reviewed STPHD application used and compared to what other counties use. STPHD application was based on San Juan Basin Health Department's form. Seems that Brown's Septic does not give complete enough answers which is leading to problems. Debate over whether different language should be used on the form. Gabe McNeese from Hinsdale County offered his perspective. He also deals with the same companies and does not have any issues with the forms being completed. Biggest issue is chasing down private sales that do not go through a realtor. Title companies are not in Mineral County and Mineral is the only county in the San Luis Valley (SLV) that participates in the Title Transfer program requiring OWTS inspections upon sale of a property.

Board directed Tara to issue a statement to the title companies in the SLV to inform them of our requirements and to politely request for their help with making sure inspections are performed on all sales.

Jim L. motioned the District to issue a communication to all title companies in the SLV; Robert 2nd; Motion passed unanimously

d. BOH Mandatory Training update

Discussion on a new website to access training. Switched to the Co-Train platform and now has two courses to choose from. Tara will follow up with the state to check on everyone's completion status.

E. Director's Report

- Increase in COVID in Mineral - CSD in outbreak status, sent out implementation of developed mitigation protocols
- Working with coach - using workforce development funding - revisioning organization - propose idea of work session with outside facilitator - Goals: coming out of COVID, roles and responsibilities have shifted, workload has been redefined (example PIO needed), funding is changing.... leads up to many questions on how we are doing things. What is priority? Is there a better way to function?
- BC4U follow up. Still working on paperwork
- Event food license follow up - No license just a focus on education for organizations, non profits do not require anything, licensing program would be bigger than what we have capacity for
- Looking at malpractice insurance to keep some of the nursing services we have in Creede office - would be a reimbursement to the person providing it
- Budget overview of county contributions over past few years. Seem to be accurate in predictions given how close we get to zeroing out each year
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response structure change thru state will have negative impact on our partnerships and ability to keep using the well-working model we have been using regionally with both SLV and West Central
- EHR in Creede - scheduling, geo-coding for vulnerable populations (DME)
- Staff appreciation - using workforce funding to show appreciation for staff
- Youth Fellowships - Apprenticeship model hard to fill. Looking at possibly hiring youth fellows using workforce development money

F. Board Chairman/Directors' Reports:

1. Jerry - Can we bring more Outward Inclusion to communities? Emergency alert system in Hinsdale was down for 12 hours. We need a better system in place. Idea presented on using local radio bandwidth
2. Jody - Enlightened by this meeting.
3. Ramona - Food conference update: SLV hosted a meeting in Creede to gain a sense of food needs and sustainable food options in Mineral County. Very good meeting.
4. Jim L. - COVID is still an issue. It is not over. We need to continue to promote vaccines. 5 times the typical flu season.
5. Greg - Absent
6. Robert - Question on organizational development idea, do we know how much staff is needed? Tara: no, just want to look to see if there is a better way to restructure workloads. Maybe it means more staff, maybe just leveraging staff assets differently.
7. Jim B. - Look forward to reviewing efficiencies with the organizational development
8. Scott - MC BOCC adopted a new schedule and meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

G. Next Meeting: Thursday May 11th, in Creede 10:00 a.m.

H. Adjournment: 12:10 p.m.