

Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Meeting Notes  
Thursday, January 14, 2021

**Attendees:**

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

Absent: Robert Hurd

Meeting called to order by Lyn Lampert

Lyn proposed an addition to the agenda: Amendment to BOH Bylaws

Scott made motion for the agenda addition

Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Discussion: suggestion made to discuss board roles at the same time as amending bylaws

Motion carries unanimously, items added to Discussion Items on agenda.

Welcome new members:

Greg Levine  
Jesse Albright  
Robert Hurd

Approval of meeting minutes from:

August 13<sup>th</sup>

August 27<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup>

- Clarification/correction to Director Report from August 12<sup>th</sup> : OWTS extension. Tara will clarify and add to minutes.

Jerry made motion to approve minutes with the addition/correction mentioned

Jody 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carries unanimously

Community discussion – none

Amendment to Bylaws

Change the following in BOH Bylaws:

- 8 members on BOH
- 4 at-large positions
- Full-term appointments for the at-large members is 5 years
- County Commissioners will be on a yearly appointment basis by their respective Boards
- Should be at least 2 board members from each county

Jerry made motion to amendments to Bylaws

Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carries unanimously

Terms for BOH members reviewed

- Jim/Lyn – 1/1/22
- Jody/Jerry – 1/1/23

Election of President and Vice President for 2021

Lyn is willing to continue serving as President

Jody is willing to continue serving as Vice President

Jerry made motion to approve Lyn as President for 2021 and Jody as Vice President for 2021

Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carries unanimously

COVID Update

- Tara gave situational updates for counties – Hinsdale in Blue, Mineral in Orange
- Tara gave SLV situational update. Numbers seem more under control in SLV.
- Tara gave update on Gunnison numbers and state trends.
- Tara has been advocating to state for more local control over the dial and state seems to be receptive.
- Conversations are taking place regarding rural metrics. Hopes to have more local control and more vaccine influence on metrics.
- There has been talk about the new COVID strain at the state level, but many unknowns as far as vaccine effectiveness, spread, how deadly, and testing.

Vaccine Distribution Update

- Good turnout for the vaccine information webinar
- Both counties received 200 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round doses
- State has made an update to Tier 1B (above 'the line' and below 'the line') – 70+ and teachers have been added.
- Mineral and Hinsdale are both about to complete Tier A and B (above 'the line')
- Tara is working with the state on guidance regarding moving to new categories, once A and B (above 'the line') are complete, with left-over doses.
- Next week both counties will begin giving 2<sup>nd</sup> doses
- Federal government plans to release all 1<sup>st</sup> round doses, so state is working on how those will be distributed.
- Federal government has added individuals who are 65+ and 18+ with comorbidities to be eligible for the vaccine. That would add 2 million more people in Colorado to be eligible. The state makes the ultimate decision on eligibility and there has been no clear answer for Colorado.
- Now working with Regional Homeland Security on distribution
- Conversations about 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners wanting vaccines in our counties:
  - There has been no guidance on this by the state
  - Many counties are only vaccinating locals
  - We have had to turn down some 2<sup>nd</sup> home owner due to our allocations, but realize the need for flexibility

- If there is a seasonal resident calling and asking to get the vaccine in one of our counties, we now base the decision on a “yes” answer to 2 questions:
  1. Are you currently here?
  2. Will you be here for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose?
- Logistically, the person really needs to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose at the same location.
- Board in agreement with the process being used for seasonal residents.
- Silver Thread has opted to handle all local logistics of distribution
  - Staff created a vaccine interest form for county residents to fill out so there is way to know who to contact when each person is eligible.

#### Director Report

- Funding and spending report
- District Employee Manual is almost complete. Once complete Board will need to review and adopt it
- Need to start thinking about guidelines around recommendation/requirements/mandates of Silver Thread Public Health employees to be vaccinated.
  - Attorney has weighed in and Tara will send Board attorney comments.
  - Suggestions from BOH:
    1. Change assignment of anyone who currently works with a person who is part of a vulnerable population and chooses not to get vaccine
    2. Offer incentives/bonuses if employee gets the vaccine
  - BOH will weigh in once they have reviewed attorney comments

#### BOH Reports

Jim: Has been local concern about Pond Hockey Tournament, but #'s are down and organizers have been working with Public Health on protocols. Hoping protocols are followed.

Scott: Reiterated the Pond Hockey Tournament situation

Jody: Complimented Public Health on all the hard work that is being done constantly – especially Shawna and Joni.

Greg: Very impressed with Vaccine Interest Form

Reminder to new Board members to read/review Bylaws and handbook that Tara will send out.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Adjourned 11:09