

Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Meeting Notes  
Thursday, April 1, 2021

**Attendees:**

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

Meeting called to order by Lyn Lampert at 10:37am

Approval of meeting minutes from:

March 4, 2021

Jesse made motion to approve minutes

Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carries unanimously

Community discussion – none

**COVID Update**

- Tara gave situational updates for counties – 0 cases in both counties since March 19th
- Tara gave SLV situational update
- Tara gave update on Gunnison
- Tara gave state update
  - State is hit a plateau – hospitalization rates have stabilized
  - Variant B.1.1.7 is dominant strain in CO
  - Vaccines seem to be working against variants
  - There is a concern that variant #s are not accurate because rural communities do not send tests to the state lab, so are not being tested for the variants.
  - Modeling reports are showing a mix of variants in the state, but the South African and B.1.1.7 are the most challenging
  - Tara showed slide that displayed state projections of what could happen if there are policy changes at 4/5 vs. 5/5.
  - Governor is reevaluating mask restrictions on 4/4 and could reduce restrictions at that time.
  - State Dial will be reevaluated on 4/16
- PH working with groups in communities to plan safe summer events

**Vaccine Distribution Update**

- Tara gave numbers
  - Hinsdale:
    - 700 doses received
    - 360 1<sup>st</sup> round doses given
    - 313 2<sup>nd</sup> round doses given
    - 30 to be given today
  - Mineral:
    - 800 doses received
    - 470 1<sup>st</sup> round doses given
    - 360 2<sup>nd</sup> round doses given
- Mineral did not receive a current shipment, so they are encouraging community members to go to the clinic in Sargent.
- Governor opened vaccine distribution to general population on 4/2, which is making it much easier to schedule.

#### State Dial

- Both counties in green
- There is no longer a capacity limit indoors, but there are still distancing requirements so that will impact capacity
- Started community driven messaging to encourage events to plan/stay safe.

#### Personnel Policy Handbook

- Holding out for approval until Hinsdale County approves the Handbook for the county, as some of the wording needs to be the same in both handbooks.
- Lynn McNitt reviewed the Handbook and only had a few grammatical changes
- The Vaccine Mandate was updated: PH will get authorization from the employee to let client know they have not been vaccinated. If employee consents, PH will inform the client that the employee is not vaccinated and client can make decision to have employee in their home or not.
- New policy to firm-up new moms bringing new child to work. Something that has always been done, but now it will be in the handbook.
- Once the Hinsdale handbook is finalized the BOH can approve PH Handbook.

#### Director Report

- Funding update
  - Met with staff to give review and temp increase – temp increase well received
  - Will be receiving more ELC funding
  - More vaccine funding will be coming in
  - Bill introduced at State to increase funding to Public Health and make increased funding more long-term so that PH can always have more support and does not have to build support at the last minute to address PH emergencies.
- Open the nurse position to EMTs.
- Q&A Session scheduled for 4/9 at noon
- Sr Lunch in Hinsdale delivery program going well
- Mineral planning to resume Sr Lunch on 4/12 with safety requirements

BOH Reports

- Scott gave HB115 update

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 6, 10:30am

Adjourned 11:32am