

Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Special Meeting Notes
Thursday, September 24, 2020

Attendees:

Lyn Lampert
Susan Thompson
Jody Stroh
Scott Lamb
Tara Hardy

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Lyn Lampert

Discussion/Comments on July 16th meeting minutes

- Date needs to be corrected from July 3rd to July 16th
- Scott made motion to approve minutes with the correction of the date
- Susan 2nd the motion
- No further discussion
- All approved – motion carried

Agenda approved, no modifications/updates

No community comments

No special presentation or executive session

COVID Update

- Tara gave situational updates for counties; Alamosa; Gunnison
- Few active cases in Mineral are no longer listed as active.
- Protect Our Neighbor – Both counties currently at Level 1.
 - If there is a change in Level, all variances are void.
 - Levels are based on incident rate.
 - If counties have an increase in numbers, there will be a 2wk period in which the county will have to contain the breakout/higher numbers before going back a level
 - Gunnison already at Protect Our Neighbor (PON) because they were accepted for PON prior to the state releasing the Dial. The state is using the Dial that was originated by Gunnison County.
- Mineral: Mineral will apply for PON with SLV in region application to state. SLV is ahead of the game right now. They have written plans with are close to being finalized, and are reaching out to partners for support letters. Tara will be presenting the plan to the Mineral Commissioners on the 5th. She will get on Town agenda to present and will be contacting the sheriff. Terry is aware. Tara showed the BOH the presentation. SLV would like to submit application to state by 10/9.
- Hinsdale: Hinsdale numbers remain stable and it was suggested that Hinsdale break from the Western Region PON application process and apply solo to the state. Hinsdale is pursuing PON faster than the Western Region. Tara can modify Gunnison's application/plans for Hinsdale to submit to state. There is a concern that one county might be approved for PON before the other if we stay on the timeline with Western Region. Tara is comfortable making the move to separate from the Western Region, for the purposes of the PON application, if supported by BOH. BOH is

in support. It was suggested that there will be more community buy-in if moving at a faster rate. Delta is also wanting to move faster than the Western Region. Next meeting is 10/8.

- Suggestion made that since Level 1 is not that restrictive, is there really a need to rush? PON does not change things too much. Group agreed that there would be political backlash if one county is in PON and the other is not.
- Can there be a mask variance in PON?
 - Tara will look into it
 - No advised since the safest way to stay in PON is to have mask mandate
 - Mask order is best practice since going into flu season

Messaging Strategies

- Discussed importance for BOH to keep messages out there.
- Will be using COVID \$ to get a new website as the current STPHD website is out of date and have been running up against many glitches. Working with a consultant to get set up and hope to roll it out in March/April timeframe
- Need to keep influenza messaging at forefront
 - Mineral flu clinics have been very successful
 - LC flu vaccines are help by the Medical Center, so they do all messaging
- No feedback for messaging on FB or papers
- Hoping that the new website could be helpful to the sector of the population that does not use FB.

Budget

Tara presented the updated budget to the BOH

- Listed now are extra grants that were not in previous budget
- Hinsdale contribution has changed
- Accommodations made to meet the request for the 20% decrease in Mineral budget
 - Scott announced that request had been rescinded
 - If we leave budget as is, it could be harder to get money back later. Discussion to leave budget as is with the decrease for Mineral to be fiscally responsible, honest, and creative vs. get back later.
 - BOH stated to be supportive down the road to get Tara what is needed
 - Will trust county
 - Health insurance will be going up 3-4%
- Staff Bonuses
 - Did not write in – need to know: Where to place it? What year? What BOH has in mind?
 - Can be taken from flex areas and Tara presented options
 - Straight payout across the board
 - \$300 would have least amount of impact as far as taxes
 - Invoice as a voucher

Susan made motion to approve budget as presented

Jody seconded motion

All approved – motion carries

Director Report

- Working through COVID compliance issues in Mineral
- Developed event checklist to hold safe events
- New admin person in Creede not necessary – have trained people for tracing and have AmeriCorps members helping so new position is not necessary at this time.
- Tara in Creede on Mondays now
- Currently have 4 applicants for the Deputy Director position. Interviews next Friday.
- Have signed up for Dr Justina – contact tracing app for the state. Staff is being trained.
- Signed up for Curative Testing – mouth swab. Will receive 75 for counties to split. Probably will not make a difference in timing of results, but less contact.
- Western Region is meeting with the Governors office to set up testing lab in the west and rapid testing capabilities to keep schools and ski resorts open
- Schools are doing good so far. Creede would like to do before school screening
- Sports are starting at local levels and several students are planning to participate. This will make containment more difficult.
- Ski area update. Tara working with Wolf Creek on plans. Tara appointed to the Ski Industry Work Committee to develop ski area protocols.
- Working to get homemaker and respite care in Mineral County
- Sr Lunch Program in Hinsdale – weekly delivery

Board Reports

There will be a joint Commissioner meeting (Hinsdale and Mineral) to review IGA in relation to the creation of the district. IGA should be reviewed every 3-5 years and has not. Susan is working on dates and coordinating with Mineral.

Meetings will go back to once/month. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22nd, 10am

Meeting adjourned 11:49am