



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

**9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 13, 2022**

Appointment Committee Meeting

- A. Call meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
 - a. Commissioners Greg Levine and Jesse Albright present
- B. Discussion on applications for open Hinsdale County seat to fill Lyn Lampert's vacancy
 - a. Discussion of Dr. James (Jim) Baker for open Hinsdale County seat. Greg motioned to appoint Dr. James Baker, Jesse 2nd. Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Discussion of Jim Loud's term expiring with Jim wishing to continue filling that seat. Jesse motioned to accept Jim Loud as continuing another term, Greg 2nd. Motion carried unanimously
- C. Adjournment at 9:11 a.m.

**Board of Health
Regular Meeting Agenda**

- A. Call meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.
 - a. Members present: Jerry Gray, Ramona Weber, Jody Stroh, Greg Levine, Robert Hurd, Jesse Albright, Lyn Lampert, Jim Baker present as incoming board member later in meeting
- B. Jesse motioned to approve November 4, 2021 minute; Greg 2nd. Motion carries unanimously
- C. Community communications - none
- D. Discussions/Decisions
 - 1. Board Members leaving – Lyn Lampert term expired and he did not intend to serve another term. Jim Loud term expired and he did intend to continue serving. Scott Lamb has switched to Board Chair for Mineral County BOCC so Ramona Weber will replace Scott's position on BOH.
 - 2. Appointment Committee – Presented appointments of new board members Jim Baker and Jim Loud
 - 3. Board elections:
 - i. President: Ramona nominated Jerry Gray; Robert 2nd. Jerry Gray nominated Jim Loud; Jody 2nd Further discussion on Jim Loud, in a previous email sent to Tara it appeared he preferred to not serve again as president while endorsing his support of Jerry serving. Vote was taken to withdraw Jim's nomination – passed unanimously Jerry abstained. Jerry Gray nomination was voted on and passed unanimously – Jerry abstained
 - ii. Vice President: Jesse nominated Jody Stroh; Ramona 2nd; motion passed unanimously
 - 4. COVID update – Tara provided update on current COVID situation. Cases are higher than any other time in pandemic. As of 1/13/22 there have been 33 new cases in Mineral and 38 new

cases in Hinsdale. State is high as well. Almost 100% of samples sequenced at state lab are confirmed as Omicron variant. High rates of cases among all age ranges. 29% positivity rate in CO, 1,488 hospitalized; decrease in deaths. 1 in 10-15 are infections in CO. Not close to plateau yet. Dr. Herlihy (State Epi) indicated nerves around another variant since Omicron did not emerge from Delta, could be that something develops that is more severe and highly transmissible.

State is transitioning away from surveillance testing and will be rolling out a Test to Stay model. The idea is to not reduce quarantine by allowing for testing. Masks will still be part of that program. This should roll out by February 1st and would give schools more testing supplies.

Testing supplies are running low in both offices. We are narrowing our approach to who qualifies for testing by only testing symptomatic and direct exposures at the proper timeframe from that exposure. Creede office has implemented specific hours for testing to help address internal capacity to handle the increased demand.

Staff are exhausted once again. Focusing on mental health and breaks in the near future.

E. Director's Report – Tara shared 2021 YE financials for each county contribution to PH budget. Both counties coming in much lower than originally budgeted. This is due to leveraging some COVID funding that offset's Director's cost of time by 75%. Personnel manual should be ready for review by next meeting. Reminded board members that the state sent a link for BOH training. This is part of new legislation passed to help educate BOHs throughout the state. Upcoming changes to how reporting will be handled. Active cases no longer helpful data. Tara showed a mock graph of daily new known cases. Board provided input. This change to local data page on website will be coming soon.

F. Board Chairman/Directors' Reports:

1. Jim L. – absent
2. Jerry – Big shoes to fill. Thank you, Lyn for all you've done
3. Ramona – Thanks Lyn. Happy to be on the board
4. Jody – Thank you Lyn and the PH staff.
5. Greg – Echo everyone's gratitude for Lyn and welcome Jim
6. Robert – Thank you Lyn. Faith in Jerry as new president. Thanks all and Scott
7. Jesse – Thanks all
8. Jim B. – Happy to be on board. Maybe a silver lining to Omicron that if you get Omicron you may have a robust immunity to all other variants.

G. Next Meeting – Since COVID is surging, board would like to have a special meeting next month to see where things stand with COVID. February 17th 9:00 a.m. via zoom

H. Adjournment 10:28 a.m.