

Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Meeting Notes  
Thursday, August 27, 2020

**Attendees:**

Lyn Lampert  
Scott Lamb  
Susan Thompson  
Jody Stroh  
Jim Loud  
Jerry Gray  
Tara Hardy

Meeting called to order at 10:04am by Lyn Lampert

Community Communications – none

COVID Update

- Tara gave situational updates for counties; Alamosa; Gunnison
- State lab is very unpredictable as far as timing for results
- Economic impact statement has been submitted to both papers
- Have been focusing on back to school and air quality messaging
- Working with both Chambers on businesses and COVID videos
- Creede school open and doing good – curb-side symptom check for each child, each morning
- Lake City school starts Sep 1<sup>st</sup> – enrollment numbers are down

Protect Our Neighbors Update

- Tara presented state version of the Coronameter
- Mineral County in 'Very High' category on Colorado Case summary due to positive test from June that just came back
- When the state meter rolls out, all variances will be void
- More information to come
- West Central Partnership is putting their own coronameter development on hold to see what the state rolls out.
- West Central is hiring a regional epidemiologist; SLV hiring regional planner
- New State guidelines will require Law Enforcement support
- Counties will be able to opt out of masks if they are in Protect Our Neighbors, but this is currently being disputed
  - Question asked how masks mandate is currently being enforced. There are a few businesses in Creede refusing to wear masks or making their own mask rules. All people in all businesses should be wearing masks. Please send formal complaint to PH to help enforce. Complaints drive compliance.

Staffing Update

- There has been one general inquiry about positions. Tara sent the individual job description for Mineral Admin position, but hasn't heard back
- No applications for Deputy Director

## Budget

- Tara presented proposed budget
- Would like to provide cost of living increase to staff with excess funding
  - Question asked: are increases sustainable? Should those funds be given in the form of stipends?
  - It is important to keep staff salaries competitive in the market – should give increases.
- Question on vaccine budget: Is there any way to determine what should be, if anything, budgeted for COVID vaccines? Too early to tell or make any kind of determinations
- Lyn brought up that Tara has not received an increase in 3 years and asked Board if they would want to fit that in the budget as well.
  - Executive Session would have to be held for that determination
  - Tara will provide a salary survey to the Board
- There were no other questions and no concerns. Board would like to review before approval.
- Tara will submit to Hinsdale for Commissioner meeting next week
- Mineral started budget meetings and will request PH budget from Tara when they are ready. There could be budget cuts in Mineral. Tara can reflect in the budget what will be used in following year, after 2021.

## Director Report

- OWTS would like extension – Tara did not grant it.
- Website is moving forward and is looking very good and comprehensive
- School nurse in Lake City is moving to new space in the school
- Jodi and Joni are working with both Chambers on safety and events
- Dr Carr said she is willing to stay on board as Health Director, she has the time and capacity

## Board Members

- Jim suggested to start thinking about messaging for flu shots. He will draft up some messaging
  - Flu vaccines are available in Lake City
  - Joni has flu clinics scheduled in Creede
- Jerry would like to revisit Community Care Network to let volunteers know that this has not gone away and will be used if things start to get bad in the community. Jerry and Lyn will discuss.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Executive Session

Meeting adjourned 11:24am