



## Board of Health

### Minutes

December 4, 2018

10:00 a.m. Coursey Annex, 311 N. Henson, Lake City, CO 81235

A. Call meeting to order, roll call: Jim Loud, Erin Cavit, Scott Lamb, Jody Stroh, Trenea Albright, Lyn Lampert, Susan Thompson (arrived)

B. Reading and approval of minutes from September 17, 2018: Scott motioned; Lyn 2<sup>nd</sup>; Erin abstained; passed unanimous

C. Modifications to agenda: Add under Discussion 4 "Address potential health hazard @ Eagle's Nest" and 5 "OWTS Arrangement"

D. Approval of agenda: Approved as modified

E. Citizen Comments – several people present in the room

Dan Murphy asked first set of questions:

Q: how are board members appointed and who the board answers to?

A: stand-alone board authorized by CRS; original founding members appointed by BoCC's from each county; Commissioners from each on the board now serve as the appointment committee.

Q: Why does Creede have 4 and Hinsdale only have 3?

A: statute dictates no less than 5 members and no more than 7; county commissioner from each and up to 3 at large from each community. One county cannot have dominating presence on the board but there will be an offset of representation but no county can dominate by more than 1 seat.

Q: Why would Hinsdale County give up its sovereignty?

A: We advertised and gaining support for the board from Hinsdale with minimal response.

Team Murphy was present as was Hall Realty and both realtors expressed frustration with information given on how OWTS works for Hinsdale County. Differences between Hinsdale and Mineral real estate needs/issues and those need to be taken into account. Susan explained how we separated mining claims from needing separate systems and it's a case by case basis.

There has been confusion on how OWTS permits are currently being handled. Michael in Mineral County is handling those permits for both counties as an interim until Hinsdale's staff can become trained. Variances before the board only happen if the person is unhappy with the result of their permit application outcome and that is when they would complete the variance process and come before the Board of Health.

The Board did take into consideration flexibility and has a clause in its local regulations that call out limited use exceptions. The Board is trying to exert as much flexibility as possible within the constraints of the law.

Title Transfer Inspections was also brought up by both realty agencies. How are inspections handled when the ground is frozen? There are parts to the roll out of this requirement that needs more attention prior to implementation: push to get inspectors certified to work in Hinsdale and Mineral Counties; clarification of the form used that indicates cannot complete full inspection; master plan on remote properties; educational document to buyers and sellers that includes interpretation of regulation 43; can we change inspections to be good for 2 years instead of the 12 months – like Gunnison has written in their regulations).

Reasoning behind requiring title transfer is to catch as many failing systems as possible. Realtor groups are not against the process but request work together within the constraints we are bound by and can we make it as economical as possible.

The board is committed to looking at how to address these concerns:

Push for more inspectors certified and ready to inspect in both counties; look at form to use for limited use; can we extend length of time inspections are valid; master plan for remote properties; informative document to use to educate buyers/sellers on regulation 43; delayed implementation of title transfer

F. Special Presentation: None

G. Executive Session: None

H. Discussion/Action Items

1. Getz variance request – Bill and Sandy present in the room; board reviewed the letter submitted by engineer regarding their request for a variance. Erin motioned to approve variance for Getz property with the addition of a clause indicating this variance dies with Getz or upon sale of property; Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed unanimous

Getz made note of Michael's attitude not being good but felt it was due to his need to feel assured his decisions are backed up.

2. Fiscal Agent – Originally looked at as an employee retention tool, could employees be privy to Mineral County benefits. This is only possible switching STPHD over to Mineral County completely as fiscal agent. No negative response from any legal entity (DOLA, DUNS, FEIN etc..) Insurance savings would increase but plan options are different. Next steps: take to all staff for input; take to BOCC's; ultimate decision board is ok with what Tara decides. Administrative burden to switch fiscal agents a huge factor. Need to be aware of political optics even though this is not a reflection of being unsatisfied, but rather an attempt at addressing employee retention efforts.

3. MOU with San Juan Basin Health Department for EH services – Working with SJBHD to update existing MOU to perform EH services in Piedra/Williams Reservoir area of Hinsdale County It is out of date. They do perform OWTS for that area. We will be revamping the contract to reflect that service as well as others.

4. Eagle's Nest property – potential health hazard enforcement issue. MCBOCC keeps getting complaints but does not have any regulations or ordinances that will address this situation other than junkyards. Unclear if this is a health hazard because contents of the barrels are unknown. Jim agreed to

look into this as a hazardous waste issue to see what our options are as powers as the board of health and as powers by the EPA.

5. OWTS inspector needs for Hinsdale County – Michael could be leaving Mineral County soon. Should we look at a contracted interim since no one that is hired would be able to be certified until earliest of May? Should we consider the District hiring an in-house employee to handle OWTS, which would keep a clear distinction between county vs district oversight? Permit fees would stay in house. It would also eliminate loyalty to either county. Right now this issue of filling the roles are up to each county. Maybe we look into having it under STPHD, but for right now it is the responsibility of each county.

#### I. Director's Report

Immunization rates:

K-12 in Mineral 101 on roster; 10% exemption; 14% In Progress; 76% UTD

K-12 in Hinsdale 69 on roster; 33% exemption; 13% In Progress; 54% UTD

Messaging around importance of vaccines is needed. Community education plan and information around health topics within school.

Health Equity – Thanks for all that came out. Looking at more in-depth classes

Staffing – Joni is back at PH, will be PHN and Emergency Preparedness

Youth Social Justice around tobacco in both schools

WCPHP and SLVPHP – released publications of Community Health Assessments

Health Equity Project through Telligen – pilot program for health equity tools for rural communities; please complete the survey

Thanksgiving food baskets to families delivered - 13 baskets in LC; 15 baskets in Creede

Open Houses in both offices – Dec 6<sup>th</sup> in LC; Dec 11<sup>th</sup> in Creede

Child Fatality Review Teams – attended in both SLVPHP and WCPHP

CALPHO – Participating in the group conversations redefining: what are core PH services?

Respite Care program in Mineral – finally getting things under way; broadening scope

#### J. Board Chairman/Directors' Reports:

1. Jim – Look at format for filing variances
2. Erin - none
3. Scott - none
4. Susan - none
5. Lyn - none
6. Trenea - none
7. Jody - none

#### K. Next Meeting – Meet January 9, 2019 (later revised to move to normal March timeframe)

#### L. Adjournment – Adjourned