

Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Meeting Notes
Thursday, August 19, 2021

Attendees:

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

Meeting called to order by Lyn Lampert at 9:04am

Approval of minutes from 6/3/21
Motion made to approve minutes
Motion 2nd
Motion carries unanimously

Community Communications: none

OWTS Discussion

- Roger Duncan and Janelle Kukuk in attendance to discuss proposed regulation changes for septic installers.
 1. A licensed professional engineer or “Competent Technician” may submit soil evaluations
 2. All OWTS plans must be stamped by a licensed professional engineer
- Jim motioned to adopt with amendments; Jody seconded motion
- Motion discussion:
 - Tara will submit amendments to CDPHE
 - Tara will find out if there needs to be a hearing to accept amendments
- Motion carries, 1 abstention
- Request for BOH to approve the postcard that will be sent to homeowner reminding them about transfer of title
- Jesse motioned to approve postcard with:
 - Addition of intro sentence explaining content
 - Will be at County Administrator’s discretion as to who will receive it
 - Suggested that each county will incur the respective costs to send
- Jim seconded; passed unanimously

COVID Update

- Both counties very busy with testing
- No recalls on PCR tests
- Vaccination Updates:
 - Mineral County: 78.4% of the eligible population has been vaccinated; almost to 83%
 - Hinsdale County: 58.9% of eligible population has been vaccinated
 - Vaccine breakthroughs are happening, but still fewer vaccinated people in hospital compared to unvaccinated.
 - 12 years and younger could possibly be eligible for vaccine by the end of 2021/beginning 2022

- Around Labor Day Pfizer became fully approved by FDA, no longer in emergency use status
- Immunocompromised will be able to receive a 3rd dose of Pfizer
- 3rd dose for general population could start around September 20th
- County walk-in clinics are still giving 1st doses
- Covid case numbers and hospitalizations are increasing in the state – most are unvaccinated
- Covid case numbers among children are increasing and there is concern about lack of pediatric hospital beds due to covid and RSV
- Tara has worked with both school districts on Covid plan.
- Discussion on schools and Covid plans:
 - Discussed the importance of a layered plan and school districts having a unified voice with Public Health
 - Creede school has a more flexible plan on quarantine, but good vaccination rates
 - Both schools will have mitigation plans and will be ready to respond if necessary
 - Discussion on how BOH will address masks in schools
 - Mineral school Covid plan has been approved. They will work with Public Health if there are any problems that arise.
 - Hinsdale school is voting on their plan this evening.
 - BOH will review both plans.
 - Tara expressed the importance of a good relationship between Public Health and school boards. Public Health will take the role of supporting and guiding school districts as opposed to telling them what to do.

Request for Board approval of the SLV Public Health Improvement Plan

- Board discussed
- Jesse motioned to approve the plan; Greg seconded; Passed unanimously

2022 Budget

Tara presented the 2022 budget to the Board

- Discussed revenue, new items, changes from 2021, items staying the same as 2021
- The numbers will change a bit depending on 2021 ending numbers

Jesse motioned to approve 2022 budget; Jim seconded; Motion carries unanimously

Thank you, Tara!

Director Report

- Dealt with issue re: OWTS title transfer sale at a mining claim in Hinsdale County. Has been resolved and no need to bring to BOH.
- Staff had mental health day. Very good day with focus on compassion fatigue and processing.
- Phase 2 of the website launched. BOH page now accessible to all. Will be posting agendas and minutes.
- Video production on Public Health testimony series has started and going well.
- Tara will be at a CALPHO Directors meeting next week.
- Tara will not be attending Public Health in the Rockies this year.
- Tara going to Governor Mansion with CALPHO to discuss relationships/communication between state entities and public health entities.

BOH Director Reports

Scott: Discussed energy audit at Medical Clinic/Dental Clinic/Public Health office in Creede

Jody: Glad to see statement about masking on school website.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4th, in Lake City at 9:00am
Adjourned 11:30am