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Silver Thread Public Health District Board of Health Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, July 16, 2020

**Attendees:**

Lyn Lampert  
Scott Lamb  
Susan Thompson  
Jerry Gray  
Jody Stroh  
Jim Loud  
Joni Adelman  
Tara Hardy  
Kristen Hartje – taking notes

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

Additions to Agenda:

- 1) Jim requested CRT discussion
- 2) Action Item: Approve guidelines and press release

Community Communications – none

Tara COVID update:

- Decision made to separate resident and non-resident when reporting numbers
- Report of current numbers for the day
- Tara had conversation with Director of CDPHE, Jill Ryan: talked about mitigation plan for Mineral and decided no mitigation plan is necessary at this time. Checking with Anne Haus if anything further is needed.
- Currently working on a regional approach to Protect your Neighbor

Updates from last week's COVID related discussion:

Messaging

Guidelines Discussion:

- Proposed guidelines suggestions from Board
  - Number of states requiring masks needs to be changed to 36
  - Broaden language to include both counties – “Mineral and/or Hinsdale” – community members understand counties as opposed to “District”
  - A separate document for each county
- Motion to approve guidelines with new state numbers and county specific language by Susan; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jody; all approved.
- Tara: How should guidelines be distributed/communicated to public?

Suggestions from Board:

- Social media, posters, newspapers
- 1 week publish press release; next week publish guidelines

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- Spread out messaging in papers and do social media blitz
  - Should have guidelines out quickly after press release since they are the supporting document to the press release
  - Could be different delivers in each county
  - Important to put everything out multiple times due to transient population and it will help support local papers.
  - Everything should go out all at once, over and over
  - Concern that if the same ad is run every week people will lose interest, at least in Hinsdale. Need to put out something different each week.
  - Discussion on the need to be prepared for mandatory mask order
    - Joni believes that masks should be mandatory sooner than later due to limited testing and supplies
    - It is a personal responsibility at this point, but be ready to make mandatory
    - There are still businesses who will not wear masks even if they are mandatory
- Topic to be discussed further next week.

#### Press Release Discussion:

- No press release for this week, but hoping to have something for both papers next week
- Proposed press release suggestions from the Board
  - Add a quote from Dr Carr. She will provide to the Board
  - Change language to “Mineral and/or Hinsdale”
  - Add link/reference/quote to the Goldman Sachs article to address economic health
- Motion to approve press release with addition of Dr Carr quote and article reference by Susan; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim; all approved.
- How should press release be distributed/communicated to public?
  - Both newspapers
  - Social media
  - Della can pin to top of Creede Happenings
  - Ask Chamber to share
  - Share on County sites

#### Collaborative Support

Town of Lake City passed resolution requesting wearing of masks (not required). This resolution will be addressed at County Commissioner meeting next week in hopes to get a County resolution passed as well.

- Suggestions/comments on unified message
  - Would be great for Hinsdale, but not for Mineral
  - Not enough solidarity in Mineral between Town, County, BOH.
  - Need a stakeholder meeting because there is worry that leaders do not want to protect

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- Tara suggested a different approach using video messaging – similar to something Mesa County produced – and a focus on the economic impact of COVID and not wearing masks. She will send Mesa County video out to all for review and discussion next meeting.
- Joni is going to work on a write-up highlighting the economic impact of COVID/mask wearing is directly affecting the Mineral County economy.
- There is a need to get all entities talking – including law enforcement
- What are questions and myths that could be addressed? Jody will take those and answer them with real data and science.
- Tara is working with Meredith at LC Medical Center to get finalized video on masks.

#### PH Infrastructure

- Tara met with Susan regarding funding sources. There would be no need to ask County for more funding.
- The following positions would be added – thought is to leverage existing staff on COVID and bring in new people to work on other areas.
  - 2 contractual positions for Contact Tracing – would be used on as needed basis. It would be important to have locally based individuals as opposed to state employees, as locals better understand each community.
  - Regional Epi Support – would help with data management and tracker for Protect Our Neighbor phase.
  - Courier – need individual in Mineral to provide courier service to take tests to Del Norte. Now that Ameri Corps members have left, there is no one to provide that service. Scott mentioned that the courier can use the county car, but would have to get the certification. In the meantime, he is willing to courier those tests to the hospital. Courier would need to be available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, as that aligns with the state courier from the hospital. Tests have to be to Del Norte by 11am.
  - Administrative person in Mineral office – Janet would be transferred to COVID role, so someone is needed to provide resources to the public and give the Creede staff a little relief. This position shouldn't be difficult to fill.
  - Deputy Director – The COVID funding is going to run through 12/30 and/or for 30 more months. That amount of time is not sustainable for 1 director. It will be a challenge to fill this role, as this person will have to be trusted to walk into the role quickly.

#### Coronameter Model

Tara, Shawna, and Joni have met to develop for Mineral and Hinsdale, as there are different metrics for different counties and each county relies on different geographical areas for treatment. They have made progress and will have more to share out at next meeting. There is a push to get this going for school openings. They are working to align with state levels.

#### CRT Discussion

- Closing CRT this summer has taken an economic toll on the Creede community, so starting to think about next summer and what it will mean to open CRT and keep it open.
- In order to open and remain open, staff has to be tested at least once per week and have to have results of tests within 48 hours. This will be costly, but Jim is requesting BOH backing and support.

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- Hospitals are the only business who can get results in 48 hours. Would there be a way to contract with them to get results in that time frame? Who would fund?
- This is something to start thinking/talking about. Goes back to the economic drivers in community and how can those, like CRT, be a motivator to community members.

#### PH Office Update

- Working with both school districts on re-opening plans. There is some discrepancy on if PH needs to approve plans, but both schools have very good plans. CDPHE will be putting out guidelines soon.
- Renegotiating grant contracts.
- Starting to think/talk about Protect your Neighbor \$50k grant opportunity. In the West Region, all counties will apply and pool money together. In SLV, all counties are on their own.

#### Next Meeting

Meetings will continue to be every week on Thursday, at 10am until further notice

Next meeting: Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am

Lyn will get quote for press release.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am