



**Board of Health**  
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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
 July 19, 2022

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests/Public</b>
Don Suppes Jeri Roberts Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman (excused)	Greg Rajnowski Robbie LeValley Pat Sullivan Karen O'Brien Leone Anderson	

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Suppes at **3:30 PM**.
- Action on the minutes:
  - June 21 monthly meeting minutes - Jo moved to accept the minutes, Commissioner Koontz second. Unanimous.
  - June 29 special meeting minutes - Jo moved to accept the minutes, Commissioner Koontz second. Unanimous.

**Public Health Director's Report**

- Financial Report
  - June 30th was the end of the fiscal year for many state grants. EPR vacancy savings for 6 months in the year was allocated to emergency supplies. Regional tobacco (STEPP) grant was underspent due to public health agencies responding to COVID.
  - Additional allocation in immunization funds for purchase of new vaccine refrigerator.
  - Income statement (calendar year) in good shape with healthy fund balance.
  - ECL2 is a federal passthrough and expires in 2023. Scope of work will be changing and budget and staffing plan will be required..
  - Savings in EPR were allocated to starting up a medical cache at Montrose hospital, under an MOU.
  - STEPP is behind on payments (we don't pay our subcontractors until we receive our payment).

- Jo moved to accept the payment approval report, Jeri second. The vote was unanimous.
- Department updates
  - COVID cases in the nation have been in a plateau for almost 6 weeks, some areas in the south are pushing upward. The state is seeing a slight decline and we are seeing a slight rise - 28 cases in the last 7 days (7/11-7/18) and 5 new hospitalizations due to those with chronic medical conditions with COVID as chief complaint. Our positivity was 7% vs. the state's 13.5% in the last week. BA5 now represents 65% of all cases (BA4 ~ 14%). Rising cases in some countries in Europe may be due to a new strain, perhaps BA 2.75.
  - Medium risk according to the CDC community level and substantial community transmission.
  - The state's vaccine bus was at Delta Walmart, Safeway, St. Michael's, and at the Delta location for Food Bank of the Rockies. About 25-30 vaccinations per day.
  - 20 cases of Monkeypox in Colorado, mostly in Denver. All adult males. 2 hospitalizations - 1 may not be due to Monkeypox and the other is still being investigated, no deaths. 1,053 cases in the US (41 states). Vaccines are in limited supply (utilize a live virus). A "traveler" case at St. Mary's in GJ.
  - We have seen an increase in requests for self-administered COVID tests. We offer them curb-side by calling our main number. Our first day of resumed testing went well last Tuesday. We will test each Tuesday, these are PCR tests. Testing sites - if sick, they should call their Provider or go to the Delta Health clinic in Delta or Hotchkiss or the convenient care clinic for a COVID test. Testing in Mesa County is also an option: CMU M-F 8-4: Sat 8-12.
  - We officially hired Mathew Brattain for our EH Specialist I position and Amy Perkins for our Admin Assistant position. We made an offer for the Nurse Practitioner position but the applicant declined (due to the salary being out of their range). Karen will meet with Michelle to discuss. We reposted our Community Engagement Coordinator position and received 3 applications so far.
  - Reiley Jones, our EH Specialist, has been "signed-off" by the state to complete Retail Food Inspections. A big congratulations to Reiley!
  - Also, congratulations to Deb Hornbacher, our public health nurse, for enrolling children into the Health Care for Children with Special Needs.
  - WIC saw its first increase in participation since COVID.

## **Environmental Health Director's Report**

- EH staff are gathering materials together to send out to community partners regarding the August 15 effective date of new Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems regulations.
  - Staff is sending a “Save the Date” Card to engineers, installers, realtors, and neighboring OWTS programs (will go out last week of July).
  - Staff is providing a packet of the new regs to all engineers and installers (mailing or pickup in office).

**3:49pm Adjourn** - The Board of Health meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Suppes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Rajnowski and Karen O'Brien.