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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
 August 23rd, 2022

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public
Don Suppes Jeri Roberts Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman	Greg Rajnowski Pat Sullivan Karen O'Brien Leone Anderson	

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Suppes at **3:29 PM**.
- Action on the minutes:
 - July 19 monthly meeting minutes - Jo moved to accept the minutes, Jeri second. Unanimous.

Public Health Director's Report

- Financial Report
 - Leone presented the 2023 Draft Budget and it was reviewed and accepted by the Board.
 - The County is adopting the audit for 2022 financials, next week.
 - All grant funds are received on a reimbursement basis.
 - CDC Workforce Development Grant funds will allow us to improve training, and add the Nurse Practitioner.
 - Per Capita funding from CDPHE was increased due to available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
 - Suicide Prevention grant will end in September. CDPHE does not currently have any open funding opportunities at this time. Their federal SAMHSA Zero Suicide grant goes through 9/29/23 but these funds are not available to public health agencies; however, there are training opportunities we can attend. They are not sure if SAMHSA will be releasing another funding opportunity in the Spring.
 - CSBG is the Community Services Block Grant to support Family Planning and the medicine programs.

- The fund balance is healthy and the highest it's been. Ideally, the fund balance should support 3 months of operations.
- Question about maternal child health (MCH) budget higher than last year. Last year MCH funds were "underspent" due to staff redirected to COVID. This year we have staff (Deb H) to work this program.
- Jo moved to accept the financials, Jeri second. Unanimous.
- Question on the reimbursement of a small administrative fee for Hungry Bird Pizza. This was an overpayment on a restaurant fee.
- Department Updates
 - COVID percent positivity, cases, and hospitalization all continued to decline. More of the same is expected in the weeks ahead. Our 7-day (8/16-8/23) case count was 11. One new hospitalization, and two deaths in the last 14 days (8/9-8/23). Our positivity rate was 3.6% vs the state's 7.6% in the last week. BA5 now represents 79% of all cases statewide. Most cases in the world are declining except for India, which is seeing an increase in the subvariant BA 2.75.
 - Low risk according to the CDC community level and substantial community transmission.
 - The state's vaccine bus was at Delta's Lions Pavilion, Walmart and this week, it will be at Technical College of the Rockies.
 - 159 cases of Monkeypox in Colorado, 5 hospitalizations. 15,433 cases in the US, no deaths. Vaccines are more available due to a change in administering the vaccine that allows 1/5 of the dose administered intradermally.
 - We continue to distribute self-administered COVID tests curb-side by calling our main number. We are testing (PCR tests) each Tuesday morning. Other testing sites - If symptomatic, the individual should call their Provider or go to Delta Health clinic in Delta or Hotchkiss or the convenient care clinic. Testing in Mesa County is also an option: CMU M-F 8-4: Sat 8-12.
 - We hired our new Emergency Preparedness Response (EPR) Coordinator, DeVerna Rogers, she will start 9/19. Amanda's last day will be 8/26.
 - We are advertising our nursing positions in some nursing Facebook groups, hopefully this will produce some applicants. We are competing with organizations who utilize traveling nurses. These nurses can make a lot of money and many are accepting a one-year contract so they can pay off their mortgages and other bills. I have reached out to the state about more sustainable solutions for nurses. Some suggestions given were:
 - 1) a state regional position to rotate between counties to serve surges
 - 2) front-range nurses available on call to fill in for weeks, months until local positions are filled
 - 3) a rotating state mentor/trainer to ease some of our agency time spent on training.

The state realizes this is a concern for many agencies and are discussing ways to help. I am also reaching out to Mesa County and will have this same discussion in our region if any agency might have the capacity to assist. We have received some activity on our Community Engagement Outreach position. We had two interviews last week and will conduct one this week.

- Reminder about the Community Assessment data presentation this Thursday, 8/25, at 2pm. This will be recorded and slides sent out to all stakeholders.
- Vaccine for Children (VFC) and 317 Vaccine site audit was completed and approved to continue as a VFC/317 site.
- We have had 3 west nile virus (WNV) human cases and Greg will update on county-wide efforts.
- 2022 Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Regulations went into effect on August 15. Regulation's booklets continue to be distributed for anyone desiring a hard copy. (~15% of stakeholders received booklets so far and still counting.)

Environmental Health Director's Report

- EH staff have sent information cards to the realtors, installers, engineers and municipalities. More information is available on the website. We are doing outreach daily.
- EH is going to be promoting "EH?" as part of an effort to give the community a better understanding of EH and what we do and why. These efforts should benefit the work we are doing with planning, gis and engineering, as well as with our municipal partners in responding to their concerns. The department status review process that was initiated to help us coordinate our communication efforts inter-departmentally has been well received and is bringing to light some areas that we can use for quality improvement.
- The Floodplain maps for Delta will be changing and we'll be launching some media, newspaper efforts to help educate and involve others.
- Retail Food is continuing to improve and Reiley and Matt are creating new content and revising the process to be more user friendly. Licensing is stabilizing post COVID and we are not getting into the field and will start hitting our benchmarks for inspections.

4:23 pm Adjourn - The Board of Health meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Suppes.

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