



Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2024

Board Members	Absent	Staff	Guest/Public
Mike Lane, Chair Jo Rosenquist Wendell Koontz	Don Chapman - Excused Dr. Antonio Calderon - Excused	Jacqueline Davis Leah Rawson Robbie LeValley Jesse Negrete Samantha Traubel Shirley Tato	Craig Fuller

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mike Lane at 3:30pm
- One update to the Agenda, the Draft Budget for 2025 discussed after the income statement.
- Action on the minutes
 - September 17, 2024 minutes. Board member Jo Rosenquist moved to accept the minutes; County Commissioner Wendell Koontz seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financials - Jesse Negrete

- Jesse presented on the department financials. Payment approval. Special notes for this month were the bond renewals for cash handlers, and credit card updates. Jo Rosenquist asked about the NACCHO conference for Environmental Health. The state will reimburse.
- Fund summary covers all expenditures. Expected loss
 - Wendell asked about the difference between CSBG and OPHP
 - CSBG grant may have more money coming in early next year.
- Board Member Jo Rosenquist motioned to accept as presented, Wendell seconded, and the vote was unanimous - Sep financials were approved.
- Jesse went over the 2025 Draft Budget that will be presented to the BoCC on October 23rd. Special mention of appreciation for Leone and all the help.
- Increasing revenue in Sam talked about increasing grants in the EH and the three grants she is applying for. Working with the state with air quality monitors that have not been serviced. The state got a grant to put on our building and partner with Road and Bridge. Nov first will have proctoring services. The board will also be looking at the fee schedule in January for opportunities.
- Robbie mentioned that it's the draft and proposed and that it is still a working document.

Health Director Dept's Report

- Immunizations and Communicable Disease: Leah reported that Immunization saw 65 patients and gave out all of the covid vaccine ordered. Have allocated more. Jo Rosenquist asked about Moderna, we do have more. Hospital not giving out to employees and working with them. Working with the County and insurance for the flu vaccine and not formulary.

There was 1 WNV reported; 5 covid hospitalized; 32 sought clinic. Rabies have been very active. Notified a bat was positive it had bitten a human and went through pep. Had come in contact with cats without known vaccination. Didn't want to euthanize the cats. The family has put cats in quarantine. Mike Lane asked about the cost and if we felt the family could afford it. They were aware of the cost.

Dog 4 bites

Situation with pertussis (whooping cough) in the month. A child developed as well as other family members. One other case that was not related to the family. No new cases.

- Environmental Health: Sam update on the Graff Road: the abatement company should be able to demolish and take it away.

Updated on shared grant with the Building Department. The grant that was supposed to make us interoperable but we did not get the grant for the new system. Plans to reapply next year

New Staff: Kelsey Sorenson started two weeks ago as the new EHS

The radon grant will be able to do testing and collaborate equipment on standby. Mike asked what we do if we are positive. Sam, depending on the situation they may drill a hole in the subfloor and push radon gas out. We would also do education and outreach.

- EPR: Shirley reported that this month is National Preparedness month. Shirley handed out the brochure. It is downloadable on our site. The department had a booth at Applefest. A lot of people were interested.

Worked with Annie at HHS in the ESF6 and the red cross for mass care and sheltering plans.

Going to Road and Bridge to get the trailer.

- Director Report: Jacque talked about the department-wide dashboard created all contributing to. Staff have been shown and will continue to update. Would like to take that data and start working on a strategic plan with the board and staff. Wendell suggested that we wait until after January and work with the staff first. Jo Rosenquist would like Jacque to look for a facilitator.

Reminder for Board Education to ensure all board members complete their required annual education.

Staffing and Department Updates: Recent staffing transitions include the departure of one of our immunization nurses, we are working with HR to get recruitment underway to maintain service continuity, especially during high immunization times.

STEC Outbreak Update: Colorado is experiencing a rise in Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) cases across several counties, including Arapahoe, Chaffee, Douglas, El Paso, Larimer, Mesa, Routt, and Weld. Ground beef has been identified as a potential source, with McDonald's and other fast-food establishments frequently mentioned by affected individuals. Our local public health agency (LPHAs) is tasked with conducting rapid case interviews and documenting exposure histories if we encounter a case, allowing us and the state to identify trends early. We remain in close coordination with CDPHE as additional cases are sequenced.

Hospital Update/Saline Shortage: In response to a national saline shortage due to Hurricane Helene. We have been in contact with the hospital who has implemented conservation measures, limiting IV infusions to a two-bag maximum for admitted patients and prioritizing

critical care needs. They are encouraging alternative routes for medication administration. They are doing well with days on hand supply. We are keeping in communication with them in case there are areas we can help with our state resources. They are updating us weekly.

Community Engagement: During September I met with the school district superintendent to discuss past partnerships and continued collaborative opportunities. The meeting went really well, I had a follow up meeting with the assistant superintendent this month for further discussions. Will be working with Shirley and Robin in creating a proposal. Jo suggested the HD work with the school district next fall during back-to-school nights and offering services.

In September I also went to Hotchkiss for the North Fork EMS Community Health Needs Assessment to address local health needs more effectively. Findings will guide future planning and align our efforts with community-specific priorities more specifically discussing behavioral health needs.

- Wendell introduced Craig Fuller who was in the room. Craig is running unopposed for County Commissioner.
- Wendell made special mention to the group about the Play Ground Grand opening on the 21st for anyone who would like to attend.

Adjourn

- With no further questions or updates, the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.