

Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Board Members	Absent	Staff	Guest/Public
Mike Lane, Chair Dr. Antonio Calderon Don Chapman	Wendell Koontz – Excused Jo Rosenquist -- Excused	Jacqueline Davis Leah Rawson Leone Anderson Samantha Traubel Shirley Tatto	

Call to Order

- This meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mike Lane at 3:30pm.
- Action on the minutes
 - August 20, 2024 monthly minutes. Board member Don Chapman moved to accept the minutes; Board member Antonio Calderon seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financials - Leone Anderson

- Financials Leone Anderson presented on the department financials. Health department had a loss for the month due to pay outs for Karen O'Brien retirement. New immunization grant will help pay for immunization nursing staff starting August 2024 to August 2025. Approved the request for the grant.
- Board Member Dr. Antonio Calderon motioned to accept as presented, Don Chapman seconded, and the vote was unanimous and the Aug financials were approved.

Public Health Director's Report

- Jacqueline started by introducing the new Financial Coordinator, Jesse Negrete.
- For the August Department Updates Sam Traubel was introduced as the new EH Director. At this time Sam is the only one within the department. We are awaiting the background checks, assuming they are clear, there has been two new EH Specialists that have been hired. One who will be starting the 21st of September and the second starting in October.
- Rabies Update: There were 2 reports of rabies in August and on the second report with human exposure.
- West Nile Virus Update: 1 reported case that has been hospitalized. Sent 84 mosquito batch lab submissions to CDPHE for testing; all came back negative as of 9/4/24.
- Vaccine Update: Immunizations have increased in older teens and early college students.
 - Our flu and covid vaccines have arrived.
 - Jacqueline is working on a comprehensive dashboard for 2025 that will give comparison in time numbers to not only immunization comparison but department wide reporting.
- Covid reports: 42 cases reported in August.
- Dog bites. 5 reported.
- H5N1/Avian Flu: As of May there is still 10 human cases in Colorado. At this time there is still no evidence of person-to-person spread.
- Communications Update: She also encouraged the board to look on social media and the HD's website as it is being updated with more staff articles. The articles that have gone out recently has received a lot of traction.

- Power Outage Response Update: Jacqueline reported that on September 6th there was a multiple County power outage. During the power outage the backup generator, failed after initially kicking on.

When power was not restored it determined to activate emergency response plans. Leah, Nurse Manager, followed protocol to relocate the vaccine at the back up location, which was the pharmacy at Delta Health. It remained at the hospital until Sunday morning when it was transported back to the Health Department. The coordination with the hospital and transport of vaccine was seamless and well-coordinated.

The County generator has since been fixed. Don asked about maintenance and testing of the generator. Mike Lane responded that weekly it is tested to ensure that it works. It has been tested the day prior with no concerns. It recommended by Emergency Management during the after action that we should look into a back up generator within the department specific to the vaccine refrigerators.

Adjourn

- With no further questions or updates, the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.