



Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

Board Members	Absent	Staff	Guest/Public
Mike Lane, Chair Craig Fuller Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman	Dr. Antonio Calderon	Jacqueline Davis Leah Rawson Sam Traubel Jesse Negrete Shirley Tato - online Robin Mills -online	

Call to Order

- Commissioner Mike Lane called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Don, seconded by Jo.

Financial Report – Jesse Negrete

- Fund Summary Report: Positive month
- Payment Approval Report: Reviewed.
- Jo approved the financials as presented, and Don seconded the motion.

Health Department Reports

- Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
 - COVID-19: 65 cases reported in January.
 - Flu: 15 hospitalizations in January, significantly higher than the previous year (3 hospitalizations). 68 pediatric flu deaths were reported nationwide.
 - A potential second surge of influenza Type A (H1N1 and H3N2) is expected
 - Other Communicable Diseases:
 - Animal Bites: 1 reported case.
 - Pertussis: 2 pediatric cases.
 - CRE: Identified in a long-term care facility.
 - Flu Vaccination Rates: Jan 2024: 25

Jan 2025: 29

MMR & Measles Outbreaks:

- Texas is experiencing an outbreak, primarily among unvaccinated children.

- Delta County school district Kindergarten vaccination rate is 78.4%, with an exemption rate of 20.2%, raising concerns about a potential measles outbreak. Leah noted efforts to increase school-age vaccination rates by 10% and educate parents on risks, especially for children under age 1.
 - Commissioner Mike Lane inquired about measles-related deaths in Texas.
- Family Planning
 - A successful month. In February, an additional \$1,500 was received for the Women's Wellness Connection (WWC), along with \$6,000 allocated for salaries.
- Environmental Health
 - Grants: Awaiting response on a \$32,000 FDA grant for the Retail Food Establishment (RFE) program. Pending decision on an air pollution grant.
 - Training & Proctoring: Initiating proctoring for the RFE course with a \$50 proctoring fee. The fee will be reinvested into food service training and education. Jo expressed support for reinvesting in the program.
 - Soil Conference: Scheduled in Delta, May 29-30th 2025.
 - Childcare Certification: All providers are currently certified. High- and low-risk assessments will begin in April with CDPHE for EH staff to become certified.
 - Radon Testing: Public radio broadcasts have been utilized for outreach. Environmental Health (EH) staff are seeking certification for radon testing.
 - Fee Schedule Review: The fee schedule update remains on hold, pending a comparison with Montrose County. The county's fee schedule has not been updated since 2016.
 - Current septic permit fees: DC: \$600 Residential- \$800 Commercial; Mesa County: \$550; Gunnison County: \$1144
 - Commissioner Lane inquired about new septic system legislation and its impact. Commissioner Fuller asked about permit processing time. Sam explained that timelines vary based on travel and inspection outcomes. Don requested an estimate of the average permit processing time. Jo suggested increasing fees by \$100 but acknowledged concerns about feasibility. Don asked for further analysis on whether maintaining a \$600 permit fee is viable.
 - Motion: Jo moved to accept the proposed fee structure while keeping the permit fee at \$600, with further discussion to follow. Don seconded the motion.
- Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)
 - EPR attended an Emergency Management Conference. Key takeaways included expanded collaboration between public health and emergency management, particularly in planning for individuals with access and functional needs (AFN).
- Directors Report
 - Strategic Plan: Don moved to approve the strategic plan; Jo seconded the motion.
 - Bylaws: Jo moved to finalize the bylaws; Don seconded the motion.
 - Staffing Updates: We continue to be fully staffed, allowing us to maintain consistent operations and service delivery.
 - Farmworkers Flu Clinic: In January, we held a flu vaccination clinic for farmworkers, with eight individuals receiving vaccinations. While this may seem like a small number, it is notable that a similar clinic in the Denver area resulted in only 10 participants. Given the population differences, our clinic was highly successful. However, due to concerns over immigration-related conversations, many individuals feared the clinic could be part of a round-up operation.
 - Committee Appointments and Regional Collaboration
 - Southwest Colorado Opioid Regional Council (SWCORA Committee): I have been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the regional SWCORA Council who works to address the opioid crisis in our region. The other appointee is Jackie Felix, who works in the county jail system. Previous representatives for Delta County included County Attorney John Baier and Undersheriff Quinn Archibeque.
 - Regional Behavioral Health Task Force

- Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO): I have been appointed as the rural representative on the CALPHO Board.
- Funding Concerns There continues to be widespread discussion and concern about funding for public health services. At this time, I have no additional updates. I will keep both the Board and staff informed as I receive new information from our state and federal partners.
- Departmental Meeting Schedule Change: To improve communication and transparency between the Board and staff, we have changed our all-staff meeting schedule. Previously held on the first Tuesday of the month, the meeting will now take place on the third Wednesday of the month, immediately following the Board of Health meeting. This change will allow staff to receive real-time updates on decisions, statistics, and other relevant news without the previous two-week delay.

Adjournment

- With no further updates, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.