
Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Oct. 19th, 2021

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public for Willow Lane hearing:
Mike Lane Don Suppes Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman - (Absent, Excused)	Greg Rajnowski Karen O'Brien Robbie LeValley Pat Sullivan	Nina Edgington Janet Clawson S Patterson C Patterson Pamela Jackson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lane at 3:31 PM.

Public Discussion time:

Action on the September 21st Minutes: Rosenquist moved Approval/Suppes second.
Unanimous.

Public Health Director's Report - Karen O'Brien

Revised Agenda: No financials due to Leone's absence; added Public Hearing at 4pm: OWTS variance 22184 Willow Lane, Eckert.

Financial Reporting - will be provided at the next Board of Health meeting, 11/16/21

- Department Update:
 - Increase in cases, 254 cases in last week, 7 hospitalizations all unvaccinated, 1 death between board meetings; case rate at 365/100K, 16% positivity rate. Death's generally lag by 2 weeks. Hospitalizations are continuing to rise and front range hospitals are diverted and cases have plateaued in the rest of the state.

- Tru-Vu COVID testing site 74 tested last week. Shutting water off soon and we are working to keep that going. North Fork and DCHD vaccinating still.
- 53% one dose and 48% fully vaccinated of the eligible population. Since vaccinations began, 93% of COVID cases are unvaccinated and 96% of hospitalized are unvaccinated. 5-11 pediatric doses should be approved by the end of the month or beginning of November. Different dose volumes for pediatric and will come with orange caps to make them identifiably different.
- Recommendations for J&J will likely involve boosters as well. We are waiting on guidance from CDPHE/CDC.
- Vaccine outreach to Horizon's last two weeks for COVID and Flu. Willow tree and Crossroads coming up. We will continue "pop-up" clinics as long as there is demand.
- Congratulations to our Family Planning nurses, Pat Sullivan and Tamara Greninger for receiving the Shirley Hass Schuett Quality Award for the Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Program Health Navigation and clinical Services strategies (also known as Women's Wellness Connection or WWC). Highest quality care to women demonstrated by meeting program performance measures. Karen emphasized how proud she is of them as they continue to provide core services work as well managing COVID/Pandemic demands.
- We are very lean on staffing. Competition and job needs are difficult to meet. There are four open positions right now at the department: EPR, Health Educator, Public Health Nurse and Outreach Coordinator.
- Submitted budget for #4 immunization funds and the budget will be presented on Oct 20th to the BoCC.
- Environmental Health world, we've completed more than 60+ inspections and OWTS we are 210+ permits completed in 2021. West Nile Virus cases 16 human cases and 6 positive pools.
- If anyone is interested in flu shots, we will make it happen.
- Questions/Concerns:
 - ***Have you received any data from the blood bank?*** Karen responded that we have not.
 - ***What is campylobacteriosis?*** Bacterial infection causes GI symptoms that can be food-borne or waterborne. Our state epi is also looking into the case. People can become ill with campylobacteriosis by eating contaminated food, drinking contaminated water, or having contact with infected animals.
 - ***Abraham Connection:*** November 1st they open. Need to review the food preparation guidelines regarding donated vs. commercially prepared food, vs. prepared onsite or in a commercial kitchen.
 - **Update 11/10:** Greg met with the kitchen staff to explore possibilities for cooking in other locations and delivering to the shelter. We are also looking into using the Foodhouse kitchen in Paonia for group food-prep possibilities. The EH

Director discussed with the state health department and some education is taking place regarding what donated food can be brought in.

EH Directors Report - Greg Rajnowski

- Follow up on WNV: 15 cases in 2020; by comparison last year Tarrant County, Texas had 25.

OWTS:

- 22184 Willow Lane Variance- Public Hearing
- Sign in - attendees listed on page 1 of this document
- Hearing transcript attached.* Don Suppes moved to approve the variance was approved with conditions:

"The board finds that evidence presented by Mesa Engineering and the Department is sufficient to support that the proposed OTWS is conforming with the exception of the acreage requirement but recommends that the applicant's request for variance be approved conditional to the following:

1. Time allotted is met: No action by the board be executed until receipt of hearing announcement by Anthony Sarver R.T. has been confirmed, or until 10/30/21.
2. That installation will be performed with cooperation among adjacent property owners to minimize conflicts in access to the OWTS site."
3. Installation company will confer with neighbors to ensure that the proposed OWTS will not negatively impact, or be negatively impacted by, adjacent property OWTS's (as determined by guidance for *horizontal area of influence*).

Motion was seconded by Rosenquist and approved unanimously.

- DCHD received confirmation from all adjacent property owners by 10/30/21 and the variance conditions were met. The permit has been approved and progress updates are brought to EH on a bi-weekly basis by the installer.

With no other items, Commissioner Lane adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 4:22 pm.

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

*** Attachments Included:**

[Variance hearing transcript for the Willow Lane variance.](#)

[Variance hearing neighbor notice](#)

[Variance Application](#)

[Willow Lane Engineers site plan](#)
[Board of Health Meeting Sign-in](#)