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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 20th, 2022

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public
Don Suppes (Absent) Jeri Roberts - Excused Wendell Koontz Jo Rosenquist Don Chapman	Greg Rajnowski Pat Sullivan Karen O'Brien Leone Anderson Robbie LeValley DeVerna Rogers	

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koontz at **3:30 PM**.
- Action on the minutes:
 - August 23rd monthly meeting minutes - Don Chapman moved to accept the minutes, Jo second. Unanimous.

Public Health Director's Report

- Financial Report
 - The grant worksheet was distributed (the state fiscal year starts in July); the Waste Tire grant for \$8500 will be added to this spreadsheet.
 - Leone presented the payment approval report. Question on what is QPR - part of our suicide prevention grant, QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer. September is Suicide Prevention Month.
 - Jo moved to accept the financials, Don Chapman second. Unanimous.
- Department Updates
 - COVID percent positivity, cases, and hospitalization all continued to decline. Our 7-day (9/13-9/20) case count was 19 with no new hospitalizations or deaths reported. Our 7-day positivity rate was 2.2% vs. the state's 5.1%. BA5 now represents 88.7% of all cases statewide. Most cases in the world are declining except for Austria is reporting a sharp rise in 7-day cases. It's unclear if this is a reporting anomaly or something more substantial.
 - Delta County is low risk according to the CDC community level and moderate community transmission.

- The state's vaccine bus was at Walmart and Don's Market this month. They have the new omicron booster. We are collaborating with them to help vaccinate our residents at long-term care facilities. The closest community vaccination site is in Mesa County. It will be indoors at Mesa County Community Services Building on Wednesday and Thursday 10-5 and Friday 10-1. Continue to work with Tri-County Health Network for outreach to the Latinx community. We will expand this work as our Outreach Coordinator comes on board in October.
- 290 cases of Monkeypox in Colorado, 9 hospitalizations, 0 deaths, 22 counties. 23,893 cases in the US, 1 confirmed death.
- We continue to distribute self-administered COVID tests curbside by calling our main number. We are testing (PCR tests) each Tuesday morning. Other testing sites - If sick, they 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.
- Staffing - Our new EPR Coordinator, DeVerna Rogers, started on 9/19. We are working with Mesa County to possibly job share an immunization nurse. We have not had a single applicant in several weeks. Pat and I also met with the Colorado Nurses Association. This may be a longer-term solution for training/mentoring new nurses. We have hired Shirley Tatto for our Community Engagement Outreach position. She will start on October 3.
- We received our new vaccine fridge/freezer and are transitioning our vaccines over to this new fridge.
- Our first department newsletter was emailed on September 1. We are working on our October issue.
- We are waiting on a quote from Buildings and Grounds to extend the awning on the east side of the building. We missed the 9/15 deadline of submitting it for the ELC #2 budget revision. Once I receive the quote, I will see if there is another opportunity to submit another budget revision.
- We have 15 WNV human cases with 2 deaths. Our press release will go out on Thursday with the updates.

Environmental Health Director's Report

- EH staff have revised the plan review process for Retail Food Establishments (RFE) and Matt Brattain is getting closer to being signed off. We have had several new plan reviews and restaurant openings as of the beginning of the year. (handout)
- Diamond Joe's is now the "Boardwalk Cafe". They are going through the plan review process with Matt B. During this process we go through the menu, type of license, equipment, and operating procedures. We do a "sit-down" discussion of the operation, then do an "on-site" pre-operational inspection, then come back within 6 weeks after opening.
- PJ's in Hotchkiss closed. *10/11/22 PJ's is now opening under a new owner as a Thai restaurant.

- Next month we will provide an update on West Nile Virus. *10/11/22 this is being postponed until November or December.
- Planning some training for engineers and installers on new higher level treatment systems~ perhaps a presentation by vendors.
- EH is applying for Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) funds for mobile home removal and household hazardous waste cleanup.
- Jo Rosenquist pointed out that April Electronic Waste Collection will be hosted by Altrusa.
- Wendell asked for a list of Mobile Food Truck Vendors - Will work with Matt to generate a contact list for the public to access: Delta, Montrose, Mesa.
*10/11/22 This information is now on our website.

4:10 pm Adjourn - The Board of Health meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Suppes.

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