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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes October 18th, 2022

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

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Suppes at **3:30 PM**.
- Karen requested a change to the agenda - Leone will not attend today due to preparing for county budget presentations. The September and October financials will be presented at the next meeting in November. Chairman Suppes acknowledged the change.
- Action on the minutes:
 - September 20th monthly meeting minutes - Jo Rosenquist moved to accept the minutes, Don Chapman second, Unanimous.

Public Health Director's Report

- Financial Report
 - Next month
- Department Updates
 - COVID cases and positivity have been in a plateau but today, the state's positivity rate was 16%. This may be a reporting issue and we will learn more tomorrow on the State's Director call. Our 7-day (10/11-10/18) case count was 14 with one hospitalization. There was an additional death that occurred at the end of September. Our 7-day positivity rate inched up a bit to 3.2%. BA5 now represents 89% of all cases statewide. Austria, France, Singapore, Italy and Germany are reporting somewhat significant case growth and increases in hospitalizations. Europe is reporting growth in BA2.75 variant and a new variant XBB is emerging in Asia.
 - Delta County is low risk according to the CDC community level and "substantial" community transmission. However, CDC changed reporting

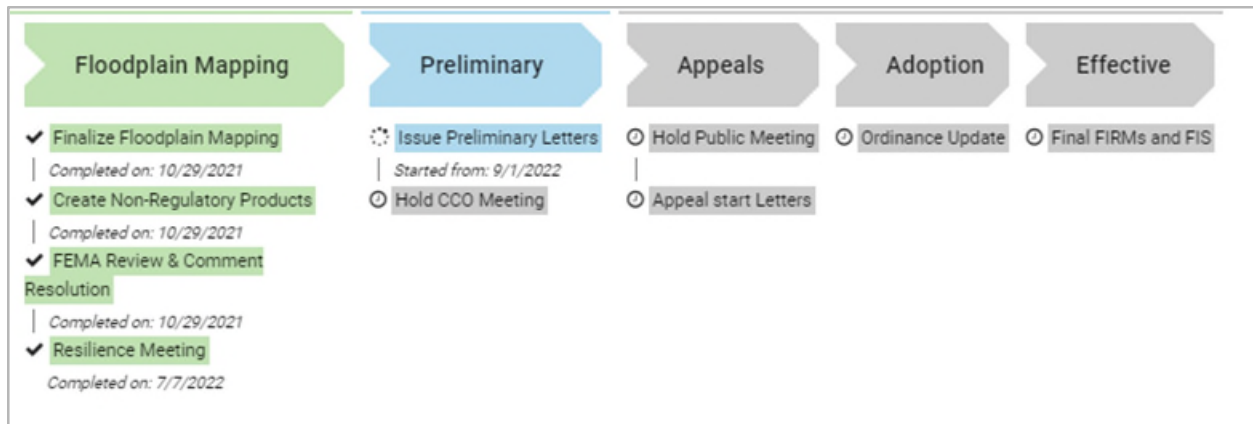
from daily to weekly and based on positivity, we are most likely “moderate” right now.

- The state’s vaccine bus was at Walmart, Foodtown and Don’s Market in September. They were at Horizon’s Care Center on 10/4 and administered 98 vaccines which included the public and they were also at Lion’s Pavilion on 10/16. Our nurses will be going to Willow Tree this Thursday to administer the omicron booster to residents and staff.
- The state is reporting 23 cases of flu in September. (The majority of cases have been Influenza A.) We have had one hospitalized flu case. Australia and the southern hemisphere saw an earlier than usual start to their flu season which was more severe than the last 5 years. Our department has been administering flu vaccines at a steady clip in spite of having lost our immunization nurse in September. A big shout-out to Pat, Tamara and Deb for going beyond to help vaccinate our community.
- The Monkeypox rate seems to be slowing. There have been 323 cases of Monkeypox in Colorado as of 10/11.
- We have reported 23 cases of West Nile Virus with 2 deaths and are currently investigating an additional case that dropped in the system yesterday. Greg will have a final report after the end of the season which is approaching soon.
- We continue to distribute self-administered COVID tests curb-side 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 – we had one interview and job offer for a nurse but she declined. We have another interview on Friday.
- Our Community Engagement Outreach Coordinator, Shirley Tatto, started on October 3. She has jumped right in to helping with the community needs assessment, distributing surveys and helping with interviews. We hope to have all surveys wrapped up by the end of October. If you haven’t already, please submit yours.
- Our second department newsletter was emailed on October 1. If you would like to see something specific in the next newsletter, please let me know.
- Greg provided a very good progress report in the board packet on Environmental Health programs. Do you have any questions about the data being reported?

Environmental Health Director’s Report

- Matt is finishing with “sign-off” (finished 2nd week of November) & Greg will be standardized (FDA Standard 1) in December.
- Data is added to BOH updates. RFE inspections have dramatically increased and OWTS inspections are maintaining a fairly consistent workload.

- We are prioritizing goals for 2023; Greywater at the state level is changing many of the requirements. We expect to have a plan developed by Jan 1st for a timeline for adoption of local regulations.
- West Nile season is still not over; Greg has met with Cedaredge to identify ways to plug holes in the surveillance system countywide.
- Greg is meeting with Teri Stephenson and Lance Boren on private burial ordinance revision. Coordination is being done with adjacent counties when a death occurs. “Green Burials” will be accommodated as well.
- Floodplain mapping revision is progressing with the state contractor (AECOM). Data has been updated to include drainage areas that were not mapped. Delta County will be leading the review and notification process as updates are made. We hope to get ahead of the community engagement piece with clear information for homeowners to answer the question “What do I do now?”. Greg will send out some example information to Board members now ([homeowner information](#)), and as additional information is developed. We will be cognizant of the fact that there is the potential for debate on the legitimacy of the changes to the maps. Adequate lead time and comment for review will be included. Current timeline is below:



4:01 pm Adjourn - The Board of Health meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Suppes.

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