

**Rio Grande County Board of Health**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2019**

Rio Grande County: Suzanne Bothell  
Gene Glover  
John Noffske  
Del Norte: Marty Asplin  
Monte Vista: Carol Schroeder  
South Fork:

Also present: Emily Brown (secretary)  
Toni Steffens-Steward

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

*Approval of Agenda & Minutes*

Noffske moved/Schroeder seconded/agenda was approved unanimously.  
EMILY will send March and June minutes for approval at September meeting.

*Public comment*

No public comment

*Strategic Planning*

Emily introduced Toni Steffens-Steward as the new Rio Grande County Public Health Deputy Directory, and she led Strategic Planning process.

- Introduced mission statement
- Discussed focus group questions
- Discussed BoH roles and training

*Updates from Director*

SHARRP Harm Reduction expansion meetings will be starting. EMILY will be inviting BoH so they can be informed.

*Updates from Municipalities*

Monte Vista: The Friends of Ski Hi Park have awarded a contract to Alcon Construction and Spencer Architects for a Design/Build project at Ski Hi Park that would replace the existing multi-purpose building. The Committee will be moving forward on the design phase and will start public information and fund-raising activities this summer which will culminate in construction of the project in two-years. The City of Monte Vista is discussing putting a one-cent sales tax initiative on the ballot this fall that would provide additional funding for the Police Department, City Streets Maintenance and long-term programming and operations funding for Ski Hi Park.

The Rio Grande Hospital Clinic is expanding its services in Monte Vista in the near future including additional services which are being requested in the community. They will expand their build-out in the existing Clinic building.

Monte Vista got a grant for urban renewal.

Del Norte: They just ordered signs to indicate that the River Park (boat ramp) is temporarily closed due to high waters. They will be blocking entry with boulders and to mark ditches.

County: Updated on high water event

Housing coalition is working on rural development funding (i.e. well rehab, rehabbing mobile homes and looking at mobile parks updates). There is also discussion around affordable housing (and housing that meets living standards).

*Next Meeting*

Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 3:30 pm at the RGC BoCC room

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 (Carol/Marty moved)

Submitted by

Emily Brown, Secretary