

Rio Grande County Board of Health
Thursday, September 12, 2019

Rio Grande County: John Noffsler
Del Norte: Marty Asplin
Monte Vista: Carol Schroeder
South Fork: Shannon Goldsberry (phone)

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

Schroeder/Asplin seconded/agenda and

Public comment

No public comment

Updates from Director

SHARRP Harm Reduction expansion community meetings are starting. A recommendation was made to include Forest Service and BLM in these meetings for their perspective. TONI will work with Shannon to schedule South Fork meeting. EMILY will be bringing this to BoH for approval in December. SLV Behavioral Health Group has offered their location in Del Norte as a possible site location.

Emily updated the Board on the Town of Del Norte creating a Town Board of Health. EMILY will work with the Town to walk through wording.

EMILY will ask Dr. Thompson to be on Board. EMILY will also review bylaws regarding requirements.

Building

Emily and Toni presented more details on the proposal for RGCPH to move their offices. High Valley Community Center (HVCC) now has the title for the current elementary/past middle school building for Del Norte School District (850 Oak Street). HVCC and RGCPH have been discussing options for how to best use the space. Emily walked the board through their thoughts on what the Department's space needs are; how the move could benefit the office, county, and community; how the DNSD space could be used.

Board members presented thoughts/questions/concerns, including: if the deed has officially been transferred; if the department's budget can sustain paying rent, along with if/why the county should be paying rent in general; ADA compliance; building updates including plumbing for updates & heating/cooling; custodial upkeep.

- Include Del Norte Town Council in discussions if anything moves forward
- EMILY will share information with Gene and Suzanne
- EMILY/TONI will check to see if the deed transfer is recorded

Topics for future meetings could include: BoH membership and reorganization updates, including bringing on the medical officer or other medical providers; BoH trainings; Budget creation and review; emergency plans review

Updates from Municipalities

Monte Vista – Monte Vista Town Council was impressed with SHARPP presentation and possibilities. 1% sales tax is on the ballot in November for Ski Hi/paving/law enforcement.

South Fork – No updates right now; Town has been working with water in Ponderosa for planning.

Del Norte – Sewer project is moving along as scheduled. Twenty-two unit plan unit development is going through planning & zoning. Water is hooked up to the school. Sidewalks and transportation grant are upcoming, including safe routes to the new school and updating downtown.

County – Budget discussion are coming up. Emily noted that an important way the County can support the Public Health department is through supporting general administrative office functions at County (i.e. administrator, human resources, financial). The County is currently advertising for a new HR director and Emergency Manager.

Next Meeting

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

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 (Schroeder/Asplin moved)

Submitted by
Emily Brown, Secretary