BOARD OF HEALTH'S PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado
County of Rio Grande

The Rio Grande County Board of Health conducted the regular session on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. The meeting was not called to order but was discussed on how to bring it to order by Health Director, Dr. Kolawole Bankole and Gene Glover at 2:00 PM. A prayer was led by Commissioner Deacon and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present were Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner Scott Deacon, Commissioner Tyler Ratzlaff, County Administrator William Schoen, County Attorney Nancy Lake, and health department staff - Department Director Dr. Kolawole Bankole and Kaleigh White, Public Health Accountant.

Actions as the Board of Health (BOH)

Dr. Bankole presented documents on the secure transportation service request from First Response K9 & Security, LLC, for permanent license and permits to operate within the Rio Grande County (RGC). Dr. Bankole also included the temporary license and permits that were issued on January 4th, 2023 to this agency for three (3) months. Both had since expired. The permanent license will be good for three years and will then need to be renewed. There were also permit requests for each of the two vehicles that will be used for transporting clients by First Response K9 & Security, LLC. They are the only one who have applied for licenses and permits. Permits last for one (1) year duration and will then need to be renewed annually.

Commissioner Ratzlaff, asked “what do they do? Dr. Bankole explained that they help M1 clients a lot with transporting to and from organizations to treatment centers; and, this requires county license and permit approval. With a new bill in Colorado (Red Flag Law). Public Health is the responsible party/coordinator and the host for RGC and responsive to the CDPHE/Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) in terms of reporting requirements. Utilization data reporting will be submitted by First Response K9 & Security, LLC, to RGC Public Health and this may include, how many people they transported, any issues or challenges they experienced during operations. They will be reporting these data every year, starting January 2024; while Public Health reports to CDPHE. Commissioner Glover moved forward with a motion to move the license and permits separately so that there is no conflict.

Commissioner Glover asked how many licenses will be needed. Dr. Bankole stated that one license was requested by First Response K9 & Security, LLC, to operate within our county and two permits; since their current temporary license and permits have expired.

Commissioner Ratzlaff moved to approve the secure transportation service permanent license for First Response K9 & Security, LLC. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the transportation permanent vehicle permits for First Response K9 & Security, LLC, and Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bankole next presented the RGC Public Health’s SLVHCCBP5, fiscal year 2023-24. For the coming fiscal year 23-24, we got an extra $1,656. For FY 23-24, we are awarded $144,826, while last
FY award was $143,170. Dr. Bankole explains who is involved in the HCC. Essentially the coalition brings all key stakeholders together, as determined by the national HPP ASPR. He presented the grant’s scope of work and contract, for approval and signature.

Commissioner Glover, asked if County Attorney Nancy Lake had a chance to review the contract. County Attorney Nancy Lake, stated that she had reviewed the contract and has a written copy of approval by email that says this is standard SOW/contract and good to go. Commissioner Ratzlaff moved to approve the Rio Grande County Public Health Agency’s SLV HCC BP5 for the fiscal year 23-24. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Bankole, next presented an update on the National Fitness Campaign partnership project. He presented that the Del Norte Township Council unanimously approved the NFC outdoor fitness court for the town of Del Norte. Dr. Bankole had presented the project plan along with Jack Linehan from NFC at the Township Board meeting the previous Friday. The board narrowed down the location to two potentials and will meet in executive session to make a final decision. Similarly, will make a decision on the support funding and how much it will provide but reassured on its commitment to the project.

County Administrator William Schoen (Skip) asked - Do you have an estimated amount that we are going after for the grant?

Dr. Bankole explains that yes, the maximum that the UCH can provide is $50,000 in grant funding. The matching request from community partners is between $130,000 to $170,000 depending on some auxiliary optional things. There are potential matching fund resources from the RGC in form of ARPA and or LTCF, which Dr. Bankole had already requested approval for with the county leadership.

In further discussions, Commissioner Glover asked, if there was a discussion about a particular place that the town council was looking at for the outdoor center? Commissioner Deacon mentioned, the tennis court and the river walk. Commissioner Glover then said that the tennis court is right up on the hill. It did not meet the required qualifications as a site. Dr. Bankole, noted that there are three (3) main requirements for a site to qualify – visible, active and connected; and the ability to maintain it. Commissioner Glover asked that when the council board were talking about all the string of discussions, did they say they were going to do the double side or just the single side?

Dr. Bankole, - No, they did not discuss that. I have to do some follow-up. There’s the grant evaluation report I have to discuss with Jack from NFC and then follow up with partners on specificity. I will need to actually tell NFC the chosen location that meets the required criteria for a site location.

Dr. Bankole next discussed the distribution of Naloxone (Narcan), Kloxxado, and the Fentanyl test strips; including what’s in the kits and packages. RGC PH is a partner with the State CDPHE as a distribution hub in the county/SLV Region. Dr. Bankole explained that these are all geared toward substance use disorder prevention efforts in our community. There is a difference between Kloxxado and Narcan. Kloxxado is a high potency medication with two times the normal Narcan. So, for each nasal spray, one gets 8mgs of Kloxxado and only 4mgs of Narcan is given per nasal spray. There’s no money from the State attached to this, it’s just a partnership with the state CDPHE to distribute to different RGC locations and service providers. They just send it to us, we distribute it, we don’t pay them, they don’t pay us.
Commissioner Glover, asked that on these different ones, what are the reporting procedures on them? Dr. Bankole said - we report to the state CDPHE on the numbers we distributed and tracked as well as the recipients and agencies that received the items. Commissioner Ratzlaff asked - How do you know what type to use? Dr. Bankole noted that we only actually report on the distribution data and the type we gave out, not what were used on sites. Commissioner Glover said - So you give it out and then it's up to them to report back to the state. Dr. Bankole said yes, exactly. The principle is to let them have it as a ready resource that can be used when needed by the respective agencies. Commissioner Ratzlaff further noted that, so they don't report back to you? Dr. Bankole answered, no, they don't report back to me. Per the contract and SOW, the State just wants to know the number of naloxone or Kloxxado or Fentanyl strips given to us that we distributed and tracked per locations. Dr. Bankole share the tracking sheet with different locations and number of items given out so far per location; including various RGC departments.

Dr. Bankole then introduced Kaleigh White, PH Accountant to provide the PH Officer's Report and the accounting FY'23 performance management scorecards. Each one, whether big or small, has to be reported to the state. Kaleigh explained her role as an account for Rio Grande County Public Health. She discussed the different types of grants we work with, as well as reports and financials that are due in a timely matter. The fiscal year runs from July through June. Kaleigh added that she works very closely with Amanda and Dr. Bankole on the accounting matters and administration. Kaleigh presented the performance measurements scorecard which involves capturing specific targets and actual achieved quarterly accounting goals for our departmental programs, invoices submitted on time to the state, with constant monitoring via emailing and phone calls, Medicaid billing upcoming conferences, trainings, etc. Kaleigh stated that she really has tried to learn all the GASB, GAAP. GASB is the Governmental Accounting Standard Board.

Dr. Bankole announced that as part of our public health emergency preparedness efforts, we are doing an educational presentation on Friday June 30, 2023, at the Annex at 10-11am and all are invited. Commissioner Ratzlaff indicated that he was planning on attending. There will be presentations by our regional EPR Coordinator Logan Montoya, alongside our Emergency Manager, Brian Burwell. It's been a great discussion, imparting knowledge and passing information, and better understanding too.

At 3:20 PM, Commissioner Gene Glover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scott Deacon seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

[Signatures]

Gene Glover
Chairman
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Dr. Kolawole Bankole
Health Department Director

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