BOARD OF HEALTH'S PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Health conducted the regular session on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gene Glover at 2:10 PM. A prayer was led by Commissioner Scott Deacon, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present were County Commissioner Scott Decan, County Commissioner Gene Glover, County Commissioner Tyler Ratzlaff, Public Health Department Director, Dr. Kolawole Bankole, and Brandi Hazard Prevention Coordinator.

Adoption of the Agenda

At 2:15 pm, Commissioners Gene Glover made a motion to approve the agenda and the approval of the July 19, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Tyler Ratzlaff seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Public Comment

At 2:20 PM: There were no comments.

Actions as the Board of Health (BOH)

Director's Report- Action Needed - Contractual Nurse Clinical Services Professional Service Agreements (PSA)

At 2:20 PM: Dr. Bankole presented: Contractual Nurse Clinical Services, Professional Service Agreements (PSA). Commissioner Gene Glover asked if there was going to be a full-time person for the position, Dr. Bankole answered that at this time our current contractual nurse is not interested. Commissioner Scott Decan motioned to approve Contractual Nurse Clinical Services PSA. Commissioner Gene Glover seconded and the motion passed.

National Fitness Campaign (NFC) updates and next steps: RGC Adoption Resolution.

At 2:33 PM: Dr. Bankole, provided an update on the National Fitness Campaign (NFC). The plan is to go full studio, thus a need for more funds. Commissioner Scott Deacon and Commissioner Gene Glover stated they would like to see the other partners help out financially. We currently have adequate funding to complete the standard fitness court but with the preference for a full Studio, the budget shows that we would need an additional $62,500. And thus, the need for further funding solicitations from current partners, like the Del Norte Town, Rio Grande Hospital, and new partners (SLVGO). Dr. Bankole will meet with the Town of Del Norte to re-present to the council that the town's committed amount of $40,000, will need to be increased as we go for the Studio option. Concerns were expressed that digging will need to be done due to the river and the center being a bit not far away. An RFP will need to be issued per county procurement policy to solicit for three bids for the concrete and rebar laying. Example businesses that were named were Matthias Construction, South West Construction, and Robins Construction.
Director's Report - Informational/ Discussions Required- PH Community Health Needs Assessment (PH CHNA -2023)

At 2:45 PM: Dr. Bankole explained that there is a requirement by the state for all public health agencies to conduct community health needs assessments and community improvement plans. The last one was conducted in 2018 and is conducted in intervals of 5 years. We are working with the Colorado Health Institute to conduct the original community health needs assessment and also a specific county-specific community health assessment. Dr. Bankole explained that there are going to be key informal interviews, one will be with the county commissioners, the second one will be with the hospitals and the third one is going to be with the community. Dr. Bankole asked if the email invitations for the informal interviews had been received by the county commissioners for its key informant interview and all commissioners acknowledged receipt.

Public Health Officer's Report, Brandi Hazards, Prevention Coordinator

At 3:02 PM: Brandi Hazard, Prevention Coordinator, reviewed Performance Management Scorecard measurement metrics and outcomes, regarding the prevention program. Brandi provided an overview of the previous Community That Cares (CTC) grant. current Rio Grande Prevention Programs (RGPPP coalition and activities, PROSPER initiative project, and the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) 10-14. Brandi discussed the first RGPP coalition meeting scheduled for Friday, July 28th and the intention of getting diverse representation from the community. A past coalition member attended the meeting and provided insight into what worked for the coalition and what did not. Brandi explained the different resources and how the program distributes them. Brandi further talked about the High Valley Community Center (HVCC) end-of-year event, and how there was distribution of hygiene kits to the community. At HVCC, Brandi provided a demonstration on how to properly brush teeth to the participants.

Then, Brandi discussed the SHARRPS (Harm-Reduction) program and how she attends every Wednesday. Brandi explained that once a month our nurse attends and provides COVID, Flu, and Jynneos immunizations for those who need it. Brandi then explained that there are sharps containers that are provided to the Ambulance Services, Fire Departments, Police Departments and the Del Norte Public Library. Brandi explained that the Del Norte Library requested sharps containers because they have found used needles in their bathrooms. Naloxone and Narcan have also been distributed to these locations including the Library as they want to be prepared, should there be any overdose in such public locations. All these distributions were based on requests by agencies and individuals. There has also been Narcan distributed to Potato warehouses as 3 of them asked for Narcan. Commissioner Scott Deacon and Commissioner Gene Clover asked about how much Naloxone is handed out and there are about 246 kits that have been distributed. Brandi talked about having the sharps program being good for the community and it helps with the sharing of needles, which limits the dirty one left on the streets. Bankole added that the SHARRPS programs keeps individuals safe by not reusing dirty needles and thus preventing diseases, while limiting emergency room utilization for health complications occasioned by use and reuse of dirty needles. Finally, Brandi mentioned the Cooking Matters Classes (CMC) she’s planning to hold at the church. Brandi then said that once the hospital’s “Blue Zone” health center is constructed the classes may take place there as well.

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

Attest:

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Gene Glover
Chairman
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Dr. Kolawole Bankole
Health Department Director