BOARD OF HEALTHS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Health conducted the regular session on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gene Glover at 2:00 PM. A prayer was led by Commissioner Scott Deacon, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present were County Commissioner Scott Deacon, County Commissioner Gene Glover, County Commissioner Tyler Ratzlaff, County Administrator William Schoen, Public Health Department Director, Dr. Kolawole Bankole, Building Director, Randy Kern, and the McClanahan's.

Adoption of the Agenda

At 2:00 pm, Commissioner Gene Glover requested a motion to approve the agenda and the approval of the September 13, 2023 minutes. Motion was moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Commissioner Deacon. The motion was carried.

Public Comment

At 2:07 PM: There were no comments.

Actions as the Board of Health (BOH)

Director's Report-Actions Needed:

- Public Hearing and OWTS Variance Request Consideration: John and Suzanne McClanahan's Application for Variance To The On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Regulations (OWTS)
- RGC Public Health Flu Clinics: Sargent School Facilities Usage Agreement /Policy.
- National Fitness Campaign: Public Opening of Request for Proposal Bids and Board of Health Selection of Winning Bids, for Concrete Slab and Studio Court Installations.

Public Hearing and OWTS Variance Request Consideration, John and Suzanne McClanahan:

At 2:05 PM: Mr. Kern presented the Board with McClanahan's request for approval on the building permit on their land in Jasper Colorado. Mr. Kern presented that the couple is currently building a two-bedroom single-family dwelling on lots four, five, and six on block 79 in the Cornwall subdivision. McClanahan's contracted with Mountain Engineering and Testing Inc. The soil conditions at the site were determined to be high in rock content, therefore requiring a soils replacement with an unlined sand filter with pressure distribution in accordance with the current OWTS regulations. The McClanahan's are requesting a variance in the OWTS regulations and
are asking for health approval to install a gravity fed distribution system while still utilizing the sand filter. The McClanahans have submitted a complete variance application. The variance application fee has been paid, supporting documentation for their request, and have submitted a proposed OWTS design prepared by Mountain Engineering. Commissioner Gene Glover asked Mr. Kern if there is any follow up on this. Mr. Kern responded stating that the McClanahans still have to go through the permitting and inspections. In the past, the Board has approved this exact same design in the same subdivision. Some of the challenges in this area are lack of reliable electricity, residents located in this area are using either solar power or generators or combination of both. A motion to approve the permit was moved by Commissioner Gene Glover and a second was heard by Commissioner Tyler Ratliff. The motion was approved and signed by the board.

RGC Public Health Flu Clinics:

At 2:15pm, Dr. Bankole presented to the Board the new Policy Agreement from Sargent School District on “How to use the Facility” at Sargent School. The new Agreement is regarding the upcoming flu clinic that has already been planned. A flu clinic is held at Sargent School every year and now the school is requiring a new agreement to be signed before we are able to use the facility. The new policy needs to be signed and put in place before Public Health is able to move forward. Commissioner Tyler Ratliff moved to approve the new agreement with Sargent Schools to use their facility, Commissioner Scott Deacon second. The motion was approved.

National Fitness Campaign Public Opening of Request for Proposal Bids and Board of Health Selection of Winning Bids, for Concrete Slab and Studio Court Installations.

At 2:20pm, Dr. Bankole updated the Board on the solicited RFPs that had been widely publicized requesting bids. Two Ads were placed in the Valley Courier Newspaper and similarly posted to the County website requesting bids for concrete slab installation and the actual studio installation. Dr. Bankole asked that the Board give an extension for the concrete slab for two weeks, since there was no bid submitted for it before the deadline expiration. Dr. Bankole has received two companies who are interested regarding bids that should be in by the end of the day for concrete slabs. The extension will be on our Public Health website and the Rio Grande County website. Dr. Bankole received a bid from a company called Level Up Services, a retail service company for the Studio Installation. The company has done about 36 installations for NFC thus far. This company is one of those preferred NFC contractors. Commissioner Tyler Ratliff moved the motion to accept the bid for the NFC Studio installation from Level Up retail services. Commissioner Scott Deacon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Tyler Ratliff moved the motion for an extension of the bid process for the Concrete Slab to two weeks. Commissioner Scott Deacon seconded. Motion was approved.

Directors Report - Informational/ Discussions-Free Safety and Health Resources: Public Health Dept. Giving Out Car Seats and Diapers to RGC New Moms. • RGC Public Health Hosting Adams State University Nursing Students (Nine – 9) for public health rotations – Sequel to Executed RGCPH-ASU Clinical Affiliate Agreement. • National Fitness Campaign Updates:

Free Safety and Health Resources:

At 2:30 PM: Dr. Bankole presented the initiatives about car seats and diapers. The car seats have just started being given out and there have been 9 given out to the community so far which
leave 16 remaining. Public Health has partnered with the Early Childhood Council to get funding for diapers to be dispersed into the community for those in need of them. Since the diaper initiative in April 2023, there have been 225 cases of diapers given out to the community. The diapers range from sizes newborn to size 8. The car seats range from infant to toddler. We partner with Hospitals and they give us a list of people that are pregnant or soon to be moms. They give these moms our contact info as well and they can get in touch with Public Health.

**RGC Public Health Hosting Adams State University Nursing Students:**

At 2:34, Dr. Bankole presented to the Board an update on the nursing students that have started coming in on Thursdays and Fridays to help the Public Health Nurse and learn some more skills about Public Health. The students are from Trinidad State Jr College. There will be 8 nursing students attending the Health Fair on September 30th to help with weights and blood pressures.

**National Fitness Campaign (NFC) updates:**

At 2:40 PM: Dr. Bankole provided an update on the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) with the Town of Del Norte. During the town meeting, there were not enough people for quorum so they could not vote on the amount the town was going to donate. Dr. Bankole has been in touch with Kevin Larimore, the town Maintenance Manager, as to where we are going to store all the materials at.

**Comments, Announcements, and Other Business**

**Health Fair – Sept 30 CHNA – October 6**

**Community Health Fair:**

The community Health Fair is being held on September 30, 2023 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Del Norte Fire House. There have been 40 vendors confirmed to attend the Health Fair. Things are moving along and just about ready to go. Staff have been very busy.

**Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Community Forum:**

At 2:50 PM: Dr. Bankole explained the meeting is set for October 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Annex in Del Norte – 3rd Phase of our CHNA process. Flyers and advertising are out. There is going to be food. CHNA is a state requirement for all Public Health Agencies every 5 years.

At 2:52 pm, County Commissioner Gene Glover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scott Deacon seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Gene Glover
Chairman
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Dr. Kolawole Bankole
Health Department Director