

Rio Grande County Board of Health
Thursday, June 11, 2015

Rio Grande County: Karla Shriver (president)
Pam Bricker (vice-president)
Doug Davie
Emily Brown (secretary)
Del Norte: Marty Asplin
Monte Vista: Carol Schroeder
South Fork:
Also present:

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM.

Approval of Minutes

There were no additions to the agenda.

The minutes from the March 12, 2015 Board of Health meeting were approved with no corrections (Bricker/Schroeder/carried).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Action Item Review

- Kimberly Bryant provided a "Development Impact Fees in the Rocky Mountain Region" booklet in response to a previous discussion on environmental impacts from Wolf Creek Village. This book will be in Emily's inventory.
- Emily will schedule public health introduction session at each city's town council agenda. Carol Osborn is wanting to do this as well to introduce herself as the new county administrator, so we will be working on scheduling these together
- Emily will contact Pat to schedule and orientation on the Board of Health, as well as the Regional Environmental Health Plan.

Updates from Director

Staff Updates: New office manager – Kaleigh Benavides (6/8/15); new regional environmental health specialist, based out of Del Norte – Kim (7/13/15); ¼ time nurse shared with Del Norte Schools – Brianna Villagomes (observing CHAMP 6/29/15, then starting in mid-August)

Epidemiology: Bite data report was provided to council members

Environmental Health: Who should issue restaurant closures? Are there concerns about Lynnea doing this since she is officially an Alamosa County employee, and does the BoH want to be involved or give approval? The BoH asked about designating official authority to Lynnea to close restaurants, and suggested this be discussed and approved at an SLV Council of

Governments meeting. **Emily will check with Lynnea about this idea and getting on the SLV COG agenda.** Emily will share any closures notices with the BoH by email, and if it affects their jurisdiction, BoH representatives will share information with town council/offices to dispel rumors.

Emily and Randy Kern (Building Department) will be discussing a process for if a cease & desist order needs to be issued for any septic issue. This is a rare occurrence, but since this would need to go through the BoH we want to make sure we have a plan in place for this to occur quickly.

TB (Tuberculosis) Update: Rio Grande County is doing DOT (Direct Observed Therapy) in Center every Friday morning, most likely through September, and is requesting a \$25 reimbursement from the state for each visit. We will also be using \$4,000 from the state TB program for May & June expenses. Regional public health, led by Samantha Escobedo (regional epidemiologist) is looking at setting up a TB Task force that will ensure TB expertise in the Valley and will help align county processes for TB.

Neonatal/Drug Taskforce – The Neonatal Drug Exposure Awareness Symposium was held at the Center Schools Auditorium June 4th & 5th with strong local (~75 people) and state support. RGCPH is planning to lead communications effort among multiple drug taskforces and meetings to make sure efforts are coordinated and information is shared. There is also a need to collect data, and this is being discussed between multiple agencies. Margaret Hurd, Monte Vista’s neighborhood watch leader has been very involved, and Pam Bricker will be talking with Margaret and Del Norte community members to see about getting a group set up in Del Norte.

Upcoming events:

Colorado Bike to Work Day – Wednesday, June 24th; Public Health can provide materials if you want to distribute any. **Karla recommended putting this on an spring agenda next year to plan in advance for promotion.**

Del Norte CHAMP - Wednesday, July 29th – 4:00-8:00 p.m.; update on where we stand with adding schools

Updates from Municipalities & County

Monte Vista: The Rio Grande Hospital Clinic in Monte Vista will have a pharmacy, so hopefully that will ease some buying restrictions. Construction is still slated to be done by December.

Del Norte: C&G Health Care Inc. agreed to subdivision process of new planned nursing home. There is additional property at that same location that the Fire Department and Head Start may be looking at using it, and Marty also mentioned an idea to use part of the property as a park. The “12 Hours of Penetince” bike event will be held in October, and the Windsor is hosting a bike event for showcasing Del Norte/this area for biking on the 22-24th of June.

South Fork:

County: A question came up about why the Rio Grande Hospital doesn’t care rattlesnake bite venom. Having a pharmacy at the MV Clinic might be able to help with that.

Other Business

Emily relayed a trash complaint in Del Norte. The city of Del Norte is working on this issue, Public Health will continue to keep good lines of communication open for complaints we receive.

Emily will be putting together a plan to make BoH meetings more about discussion and generating ideas, rather than just reporting. Some ideas that were discussed were about the public health antibiotic cache and quarantine & isolation procedures. **Emily will gather some options and get together a draft policy & sequence of events, which can be discussed at the next meeting. Emily will utilize board members to get law enforcement and other key partner involvement.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Thursday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Submitted by
Emily Brown Secretary