

**Rio Grande County Board of Health
Thursday, September 10, 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: James Grayson, Monte Vista Police Chief
James Chavez, South Fork Police Chief
Kaleigh Benavides, Public Health Office Manager
Linda Smith, SLV Emergency Preparedness
Samantha Escobedo, SLV Epidemiologist
Jason Spicher, Alamosa County Public Health intern
Joleen Trujillo, SLV Emergency Preparedness
Carol Osborn, Rio Grande County Administrator

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM.

Approval of Minutes

There were no additions to the agenda.

The minutes from the June 11, 2015 Board of Health meeting were approved with no corrections (Bricker/Asplin/carried).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Quarantine & Isolation Plan Discussion

Review and discussion was held regarding the Rio Grande County Public Health "Quarantine and Isolation Plan", especially focusing on the example of using this for Ebola. Comments will be incorporated into an updated document, and include:

- Making sure there is a "fill in the blank" approved order on file for quick use
- The jail is not an appropriate location for Q&I
- Need to develop a writ of assistance with instructions on how far to go with instructions
- Law enforcement will enforce the order and provide back up
- An alternate location for Q&I needs to be determined – for payment requirements, liability, clean up procedures afterwards, responsibility for set up and tear down
- Make sure to have law enforcement cell phones on file so they can be called directly, not through dispatch, to ensure privacy

- Look more into options for payment, especially around whether quarantine is considered “custody”, which in the case of the jails means Medicaid is revoked
- BoH will enact a Q&I order. In the case of monitoring only, BoH will be notified, but is not required to approve or sign off on anything
- Faith based organizations should be included as resources for meeting basic needs
- Other means of public information should include visitors centers, grocery stores, reverse 911/Code red, and webpages. **Emily will work with Linda Smith to get updated media contacts**, but in Q&I plan this section should just refer to the Risk Communication Plan

Emily will update the plan, in coordination with regional EPR staff, and will distribute to BoH, county attorney, emergency manager, and law enforcement for review.

Action Item Review

- Emily shared with Lynnea Rappold the idea of delegating the authority to Environmental Health staff for closures and having a discussion about this at a SLV Council of Governments meeting.
- Emily and Randy Kern will be looking at including a discussion about septic cease & desist orders at the December BoH meeting.
- Emily will plan to bring Bike to Work month/day up for planning in the spring.
- Emily will schedule public health introduction sessions at each city’s town council. 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 an orientation on the Board of Health, as well as the Regional Environmental Health Plan.

Updates from Director

Flu Season: Flu clinics will be held throughout October in Monte Vista, Del Norte and South Fork, as well as private businesses and at the public health office. **Emily will look into partnering with SLV REC for flu shots at employee health day.**

Emergency Preparedness: October 21st is a regional “functional exercise” focused on an outbreak of pneumonic plague. This exercise will be led by CDPHE and will be occurring simultaneously at multiple sites across the SLV, including at the Del Norte Annex.

Environmental Health: Two bats in the SLV have recently been confirmed as positive for rabies. Rabies bites need to be reported to public health. If a bat is believed to have bitten a human or domestic pet, and the bat can be collected, public health can test this at no charge. **Emily will ask Lynnea if she knows of any bat remediation services or information.**

Neonatal/Drug Taskforce: The Neonatal Task Force continues to meet weekly from 3-4pm on Wednesdays at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce, except for the third week when meetings are from 5:30-6:30 on Tuesdays. Contact Susan Stuebs at public health to receive updates and minutes. The Neonatal Task Force meets at 9:00 am the first Friday of the month, also at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Updates from Municipalities & County

Monte Vista: City & Town's week next week will include an open house on Tuesday 9/14/15. This is also the same day as master plan review for Monte Vista. The town is still working on a recreation district and one member will be going to Rural Philanthropy Days for this.

Del Norte: no updates

South Fork: no updates

County: Big R will be moving into the Alco building in Monte Vista.

There was discussion about an older couple in the county living in their trailer. Concerns were discussed about septic and heating, especially with the upcoming winter weather. **Emily will follow up with Rose Vanderpool about this situation.** Per statute (CRS 25-1-518(1)), this could fall under the Board of Health's duties. If needed, and in collaboration with the county attorney:

- 1) Karla (as chair) and Emily (as public health director) can visit site;
- 2) Have a letter addressing a statute; cite other statutes; work with DSS about other services available; and
- 3) Follow up w/ BoH by email (either directly or through Emily) and if other complaints come up.

Other Business

Next Meeting

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

OWTS regulation update & possible cease & desist procedure discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Submitted by
Emily Brown Secretary