

**Rio Grande County Board of Health
Thursday, December 10, 2015**

Rio Grande County:	Karla Shriver (president) Pam Bricker (vice-president) Emily Brown (secretary)
Del Norte:	Marty Asplin
Monte Vista:	Carol Schroeder
South Fork:	Pat Fluck
Also present:	Carol Osborn, Rio Grande County Administrator Randy Kern, Rio Grande County Building Dixie Diltz, Rio Grande County Land Use Tom O'Rourke

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes

There were no additions to the agenda.

The minutes from the September 10, 2015 Board of Health meeting were approved with corrections (Asplin/Schroeder/carried).

Public Hearing for OWTS regulation change

BoH closed, public hearing opened 4:06 p.m. Regulation 43 was adopted April 10, 2014 and became effective June 30, 2014. Prior to this adoption, each county had some options and choices for personalization of their regulation. We originally adopted a 100 gal/person/day for a single family residence, and this was adopted Valley-wide. Now that we've had a year and a half to work with these regulations, we are realizing treatment areas are larger than they need to be. We realized after this that most of the rest of the state went with the 75 gal/person/day. Alamosa has already officially made the change to the lower gallons. These change makes the regulations slightly less restrictive based on knowledge we've gained from real world experience.

Questions included how this affects sites that have created septic systems since June 30th, and those sites will have to stay with the 100 gallons. Since 'per person' is considered two people per bedroom, up to four bedrooms, then one person after that, another question was about what was considered a bedroom (i.e. a loft, room with a closet). Currently, these numbers are determined based on what the contractor provides as number of bedrooms or from looking at accessor information or plans.

The public hearing was closed and the BoH meeting reopened at 4:18 p.m.

Emily will provide Pat with OWTS regulations.

Adoption of OWTS regulation change

The BoH recommends the adoption of the new amendment of 75 gal/person/day in lieu of the current 100 gal/person/day regulation (Fluck/Schroeder/carried). **The resolution was signed and Emily will get this recorded with the Clerk and submitted to Randy for state submission.**

There was additional discussion about people who are under the 100 gal regulation. It was noted that this is the slow season for construction, so there aren't currently as many permits, and Randy has been informing anyone doing current septic construction of the upcoming regulation change.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Action Item Review

- Emily will update the Quarantine and Isolation Plan, in coordination with regional EPR staff, and will distribute to BoH, county attorney, emergency manager, and law enforcement for review.
- Emily will work with Linda Smith to get updated media contacts, and will update these in the Risk Communication Plan.
- Emily will plan to bring Bike to Work month/day up for planning in the spring.
- Emily scheduled public health introduction sessions at Del Norte and South Fork. **Emily will schedule with Monte Vista.**
- Emily will contact Pat to schedule and orientation on the Board of Health, as well as the Regional Environmental Health Plan.
- Emily will look into partnering with SLV REC for flu shots at employee health day.
- Emily has asked Samantha Escobedo if she knows of any bat remediation services or information, and they are also checking with CDPHE.

Updates from Director

Director presented town representatives with Board of County Commissioners reports since September.

OWTS – Randy attended a Valley-wide meeting with various public health directors, land/building administrators, and environmental health. The nature of the meeting was on education around septic regulations. Costilla County especially wants to get information out there about general inspection and regulation requirements. Randy's recommendation was to make sure any press release information to go through each county's PIO. **Emily will review any information that is released. Emily will also meet with County Mangers to make sure they know she is the county PIO.** Lynnea Rappold may be trying to schedule quarterly OWTS meetings to offer support and discussion.

SIM Grant – SLV Public Health Partnership, in partnership with SLV Behavioral Health Group and Rio Grande Hospital & Clinics, and with Rio Grande County Public Health as the fiscal agent, were recommended for funding on a local public health specific funding opportunity. This will start February 1st for three years and will go towards promotion and training on behavioral health across the SLV, with a specific focus on integration with primary care through Rio Grande Hospital & Clinics.

Colorado Health Foundation visits – CHF challenged communities come together around one or two issues that “are no longer acceptable” and bring this to them for funding and resources. It may be valuable to partner with the upcoming GO-CO INSPIRE grant.

Healthcare Coalition – February 11th joint meeting will be focused on Vulnerable Populations. Oxygen companies in the Valley will be included.

Resource Collaboration with ICHP – ICHP is our RCCO (Regional Collaborative Care Organization) for Medicaid. After a joint discussion in November, multiple partners are working to organize a “Resource Sharing” meeting to understand each other’s roles and what services we offer within the community.

Drug Task Forces – January 29th in Monte Vista the Neonatal Task Force is planning to host a community symposium to link community members with friends or family members abusing drugs to local resources.

MOA w/ Clerks – There is a current MOA between Rio Grande County Public Health and the Clerk & Recorder’s Office for the Clerk to act as the agent of public health to administer Vital Records. The was signed by both past directors, so it needs to be updated. The BoH delegated the authority to Public Health to negotiate the MOA between the two county agencies (Fluke/Asplin/carried). **Emily will get the MOA updated. Emily will also work with the Clerks to get annual and trend data on vital records.**

Updates from Municipalities & County

Monte Vista: The Rio Grande/Saguache Community Drug Taskforce received approval from the town council to look at erecting sign boards in three locations throughout Monte Vista to post tobacco/drug/etc. information. Public Health, through Tobacco funding, will also be looking at the possibility of working with South Fork and Del Norte to get signs at some of their parks/public locations.

Del Norte: Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment is being completed. Town approved use of land and subdivision of land for new Nursing Home, which should be receiving state approval in the next couple months and should start construction this spring.

South Fork: no updates

County: There has recently been another incident with law enforcement and a client and there will need to be more discussion with SLV Behavioral Health Group. The county is looking at reviewing marijuana ordinance, possibly looking at allowing industrial hemp and aligning with State. The owner of old hospital in Del Norte came to request having a special permit to have a grow facility. The commissioners will be having more discussion on this. **Emily will research NACCHO’s link to Brownfields.**

Other Business

Next Meeting

2016 meeting dates

March 10, June 9, September 8, and December 8

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Emily Brown Secretary