

Rio Grande County Board of Health
Thursday, March 9, 2017

Rio Grande County: Karla Shriver (president)
Suzanne Bothell

Emily Brown (secretary)

Del Norte: Marty Asplin
Monte Vista: Carol Schroeder
South Fork:

Also present: Kimberly Bryant

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

There were no additions to the agenda. (Asplin/Bothell/carried)

The minutes from the December 8, 2016 Board of Health meeting were approved with corrections (Asplin/Schroeder/carried).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board of Health Orientation

Kimberly Bryant, San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership Coordinator, was present to orient the board on their roles. The 2008 Public Health Act set guidelines for public health entities and Boards of Health. Every 5 years local public health agencies have to look at health data, and this year the six SLV counties are coordinating the assessment as a region. BOH will be approving the public health improvement plan. Emergency preparedness is a large part of public health's role. Communication around public health and our role is an important goal that we are looking at improving.

EMILY will make sure Gene and Lucas get Kimberly's handouts.

EMILY will see if Rio Grande Hospital would be interested in appointing a representative to serve on our board. This may need to be where we have a more formalized contract with our health officer. (See bylaws, page 7. J.)

EMILY will continue to talk with RGH about aligning assessment processes

EMILY will bring annual budget to BoH after approved.

Annual Election of Officers

Officers for 2017 were up for re-election. Current bylaws recommend the current County Commissioners chair and vice chair serve these same roles for the BoH. There was consensus by present members that this would be appropriate for 2017. Karla will be chair and Gene will be Vice-Chair

Action Item Review

- RANDY and EMILY will continue to work on a variance application and some details for this process.
- EMILY will bring Rabies MOU to Karla to resign once one page document is created.
- EMILY will get information on the website about rabies vaccination and quarantine procedures.
- EMILY will keep BoH updated on needle disposal, including finding spots for a disposal container.
 - NEED to have this happen!!! (Look at pharmacies; see if we can locally incinerate and dispose at landfill (state patrol has a portable incinerator (Bobby Fresquez);
 - TALK TO CTSI about liability issue
 - TALK TO OTHER public health about if they are doing that
- RANDY will contact Schlabas and as for more justification on OWTS request
- EMILY will send an email to check with Bill Dunn about linking these types of decisions to deeds.
 - Karla thinks this was discussed with Bill at a past BoCC meeting, and that it was not an option. It would be worth bringing this up again on a specific request.
 - EMILY will see if that is in BoCC minutes
- RANDY have more discussion to talk placement of vault systems in airport hangers and helping to educate pilots on their responsibilities
- RONI will relay BoH decision to those with airport lots.
- EMILY & RANDY will look at options for providing feedback to State on OWTS regs.
- EMILY will connect Carol Schroder with Lynnea to discuss location collecting fee for tires but not disposing of them.
 - MARTY would like to share information about tire disposal with Town of Del Norte. KARLA would like us to link this with Jim Clair and the Landfill for disposal limit (we think 9).
- EMILY will add information about high lead levels and treating for lead to our website; look into offering testing for the public and promote this service.
- BOARD – look at 3:30 time for meeting starts
 - There was a motion (Bothell) and second (Asplin) to move Board of Health meeting start times to 3:30. Motion was approved unanimously.
 - EMILY will share times.

Updates from Director

Harm Reduction/Syringe Exchange

Director shared update on the Harm Reduction program that Alamosa Public Health and SLV AHEC are working to get going, in support of the SLV Public Health Partnership. The goal is to start this in Alamosa and expand the program to travel throughout the SLV. Because the goal is to have a needle exchange component as part of the program, each county's board of health would need to pass an approval.

There was discussion around the effectiveness of this program, including if people would sell free needles for money as well as if this would look as if government is interfering with the

rights of a private entity to do business (i.e. sell needles). It was also suggested the SLV PHP keep discussing this to track effectiveness.

SLV Neonatal Substance Exposure Task Force will be having a Harm Reduction Training on March 31st from 9am-noon at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Nuremberg from Pueblo's Harm Reduction Program will be speaking.

Health & Wellness Sector Partnership

Director shared update from the Colorado Workforce "Health and Wellness Sector Partnership" Region 8 meeting.

Environmental Health

Update on license renewals. As of 3/2/17 there were 6 outstanding facilities in Rio Grande County. As of 2017, we will be charging a fee to childcare facilities and schools for inspections - \$45 or \$45/hour, depending on service.

December and January BoH reports were shared. EMILY – will forward these to board members when they come. EMILY – ask Lynnea to define acronyms on BoH reports

Emergency PHED-EX exercise

Set up – Friday, June 16, afternoon; Saturday, June 17th – 9:30-12:30

Updates from Municipalities & County

Del Norte: The town is getting close to doing physical work for the sewer. They have been doing a lot of surveying and creating a map and replacing manholes.

South Fork:

Monte Vista: Crane Festival this weekend. Rob Vance is acting city manager.

County: BOARD – keep ski area development on radar just in case public health impacts occur. County is working on establishing jail health/jail nursing.

Other Business

Next Meetings

June 8, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Submitted by
Emily Brown, Secretary