Rio Grande County Board of Health

Monday, March 30, 2020

The meeting of the Rio Grande County Board of Health was called to order at 10:02 AM.

Members present were Chairman John Noffsker, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, Commissioner Gene Glover, Emily Brown, Rio Grande County Public Health Director and County Administrator Tricia Slater.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were not available for approval.

Public Comment

Commissioner Noffsker asked if there were any comments. There were none.

General Business and Administrative Items

The Order Determining Policies to be Followed by the Public Health Director During a Public Health Emergency, Including a Communicable Disease Outbreak was discussed. Mr. Dunn summarized the order. It directs the Public Health Director to keep the Board of Health apprised of information needed to make public policies during a health emergency, and gives the BOH the authority to make such policies. Commissioner Bothell made a motion to approve the order. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ORDER DETERMINING POLICIES TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, INCLUDING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §25-1-506(1) the Rio Grande County Public Health Agency ("Agency") consists of the County Board of Health ("Board"), the Public Health Director ("Director"), and all other personal employed or retained by the County Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, each entity within the Agency has clearly defined roles, authority, and responsibilities which must be dutifully executed in order to accomplish the Colorado General Assembly's declaration of preventing disease and injury, promoting healthy behavior, and reducing the incidence of chronic diseases and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Director serves at the pleasure of the Board, and in addition to the powers conferred upon the Director by Title 25, Article 1, Part 5, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Director has a duty to administer and enforce the orders and rules of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a public health emergency the Agency is required to issue orders and adopt rules consistent with the laws and rules of the state as the Director may deem necessary for the proper exercise of the powers and duties vested in or imposed by the Board, in accordance with C.R.S. §25-1-506(3)(b)(II), the Agency also has a duty to advise the Board on public policy issues necessary to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant C.R.S. §25-1-508, et. seq., the Board has not only the power, but a duty, to develop and promulgate public policies needed to secure the conditions necessary for a healthy community and to determine general policies to be followed by the Director in administering and enforcing public health laws, orders, and rules of the Board and orders, rules, and standards of the state board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant C.R.S. §25-1-508, et. seq., the Board also has the power and duty to issue orders and adopt rules as the Board may deem necessary for the proper exercise of duties vested in or imposed upon the Agency or the Board; and