The meeting of the Rio Grande County Board of Health was called to order at 9:07 A.M. Dr. Banikole has been hired as the Director of Public Health. The Public Health Department would like there to be a transition of fiscal responsibility from the County to Public Health Department.

At 9:37 A.M. Mr. Kern said, now that Dr. Banikole has been hired as the Director of Public Health, the County would like there to be a transition of fiscal responsibility from the County to Public Health Department.
The Rio Grande Valley Board of Health holds weekly meetings to discuss matters concerning public health in the county. The meeting was held on Friday, November 26, 2020.

Chairman, John T. O’Hearn, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

A resolution was adopted.

Resolution 4-9-75, the meeting was adjourned.

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capacity restrictions. He said the Board is strongly encouraging businesses to comply with safety standards.

Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar said masks should be worn in all public indoor settings. She said the County is eligible to submit a mitigation plan within the fourteen days of entering a color category. The plan will need to include capacity limits and instructions to businesses, as well as to indoor and outdoor events. She highly recommended the mitigation efforts be to move the County to level orange, and said that, by this time next week, the County would need to be moving to level orange. She said the State wants to work with the County.

Commissioner Noffsiker reiterated that the County has been at level red for four days, and at level orange for incident rate for a longer period of time. He said moving to the global orange category would move many venues to 25% capacity, and many businesses might be forced to close. He said he understands that human life is more important than dollars, and that he is encouraging people to practice safety precautions so that businesses won't have to close.

Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar asked Dr. Bankole what mitigation measures he would suggest.

Dr. Bankole said Public Health has done a great job with mitigation measures such as public outreach and education, distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), contact tracing, quarantine, and COVID testing. He said that is why the County's positivity rate has not been rising with the incident rate. Dr. Bankole said the County would like an extension on capacity restrictions while it continues to increase preventative measures. He said the source of most COVID cases was outside Rio Grande County, and if the surrounding counties continue their mitigation measures, Rio Grande County should be fine. Dr. Bankole said Public Health is already working on increasing testing in the County and adding additional preventative measures, such as increasing the number of hand sanitation stations in County facilities. He said he will include all mitigation measures in his plan to CDPHE. Dr. Bankole said businesses are already struggling with the 50% capacity restrictions, and he does not want them to go to 25% capacity restrictions. He said by continuing with the mitigation plan, and encouraging the public to follow it, current capacity restrictions should be fine, and business owners will know the County and State are listening to them.

Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar said CDPHE is concerned with capacity at indoor and outdoor events and the mixing of households.

Commissioner Noffsiker said there is confusion about public gathering restrictions. Some restrictions refer to the mixing of two families, while others refer to a percentage of capacity. He said he is not aware of any planned large gatherings. The only gatherings the Commissioners know of are places of worship, restaurants, and retail businesses. Commissioner Noffsiker said many businesses are willing to facilitate curbside pick-up.

Dr. Bankole said he submitted the mitigation plan last week, but was waiting until today's meeting to find out if it needed to be modified.

Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar said the plan needs to show 25% capacity for indoor and outdoor events. She said the plan should stress that households should not mix, and that preventative measures, such as mask wearing, should be followed. She said she would work on a response letter to the submitted mitigation plan, and the letter would include level orange capacities for indoor and outdoor events, 10:00 PM last call, and closure of bars that are not operating as restaurants.

Commissioner Noffsiker said that if the County and CDPHE could reach that level of compromise, he felt the public would be willing to cooperate.

Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar said she would like to set up another meeting for early in the week after Thanksgiving, perhaps November 30, 2020.

At 2:30 PM, Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar left the meeting.

Dr. Bankole said by listening to the Board and listening to Public Health, they have been able to find middle ground, and Rio Grande County remains at level yellow.

Commissioner Noffsiker reiterated that the County will stay in the yellow category through Thanksgiving.

Dr. Bankole reminded the public to keep social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands.
The Board considered adopting the resolution approving Dr. Karen Wolfe Banke's appointment as Public Health Director. Commissioner Glover made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Boehler seconded the motion. The motion to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioner Glover made a motion to adopt the resolution approving Dr. Karen Wolfe Banke as Public Health Director of Public Health effective November 2, 2020. Commissioner Glover made a motion to approve the employment contract with Dr. Karen Wolfe Banke as Public Health Director. Commissioner Boehler seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Boehler seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Glover made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Boehler seconded the motion. The minutes of November 12, 2020 and October 14, 2020 were approved.

Tuesday, November 24, 2020
Rio Grande County Board of Health

Chair of the Board

Deborah Rachels

Public Health Department

Karen Wolfe Banke, Director

Chairman of the Board

John Hefner

Adopted:
The motion and the meeting were adjourned.

At 3:45 PM, Commissioner Glover made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Boehler seconded the motion. That the meeting and the community should work together. The Board is here to listen and help is needed to keep businesses open.

Commissioner Boehler said wearing a mask is not a political statement. He said everyone's
(d) To act as the local registrar of vital statistics or to contract out the responsibility of registrar in the area over which the agency has jurisdiction; and

(e) To direct the resources needed to carry out the county or district public health plan developed pursuant to C.R.S. §25-1-505; and

(f) If requested by the county or district board, to serve as secretary to the board responsible for maintaining all records required by part 2 of article 72 of title 24, C.R.S., and ensuring public notice of all meetings in accordance with part 4 of article 6 of title 24, C.R.S. The director shall be the custodian of all properties and records for the agency.

MOVED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Health for the Rio Grande County Public Health Agency at its regular meeting held on the 24th day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

By: [Signature]
John Noffsiker, Chairman

[Signature]
Commissioner John Noffsiker
[Signature]
Commissioner Suzanne Bothell
[Signature]
Commissioner Gene Glover

At 9:13 AM the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

[Signature]
John Noffsiker, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

[Signature]
Kolawole Bankole, Director
Public Health Department

DeAnn Jacobs
Clerk of the Board
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE COUNTY OF NO COLORADO STATE OF COLORADO

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