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MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM

PAGOSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO

JULY 27, 2017, 9 A.M.

Attendance: Ann Bruzzese, Karin Daniels, Terryl Peterson, Gwen Lachelt, and Michael Goldman Legal Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONTENT

Due to absence of Chair of the Board of Health, Ann Bruzzese led the meeting. Ann Bruzzese suggested moving Item IX e. to be before Staff Presentations. Gwen Lachelt moved to approve the agenda with moving the Animas Mosquito Control District before Staff Presentations. Terryl Peterson seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

None

IV. OPEN REGULAR MEETING

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

XI e. Animas Mosquito Control District

The Animas Mosquito Control District (AMCD) is a special district that conducts mosquito abatement. As a special district they are unable to access property without consent of the property owner. Since SJBPH does have the ability to enter property, Animas Mosquito Control District would like the Board to consider SJBPH and AMCD entering into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) so AMCD could access properties without owner consent to conduct mosquito abatement. Joe Kuefler discussed the background of AMCD, the benefits of mosquito abatement, and the processes which AMCD treats mosquito pools and the testing they are able to do. He also informed the Board of what types of mosquitoes are present in the Durango area as well as what diseases they are able to carry, such as West Nile Virus.

There are gradually more mosquitoes due to factors such as houses that are unoccupied for most of the year, standing water, and property owners living on land that receives irrigation water that is not used. AMCD is able to spray for mosquitoes and they can treat ponds which directly affects mosquito larva. AMCD believes keeping the mosquito population below a certain threshold will help mitigate disease transmission.

Legal counsel advised that SJBPH does have the authority to enter into an agreement with AMCD and has the authority to allow AMCD on properties where owner permission is not obtained.

Board member asked about AMCD's boundaries of area and how Archuleta County conducts mosquito abatement.

AMCD's jurisdiction ranges from the Baker's Bridge area on the northern boundary to Lightner Creek on its western boundary, and by Farmington Hill on the southern boundary. Their east boundary is around the Florida River. There is no significant mosquito abatement effort in Bayfield or Pagosa Springs.

AMCD is also contracted with Electra Lake, Glacier Club, and other subdivisions. There are only seven metro/special districts to address mosquitoes in Colorado.

Board member asked if AMCD seeks consents from property owners.

AMCD communicates with property owners that have mosquito habitats, mostly in the wetlands. AMCD is currently going door to door to notify residents. If a property owner is not present, they do an inspection and leave a note on the door stating that they were there and what they found but they are unable to do any treatment. Some residents have concerns regarding organic gardens or toxicity to bees. AMCD has a no-spray list of 53 residents that have requested regarding not spraying for mosquitoes. AMCD also has a courtesy contract with some residents which allows AMCD to spray for mosquitoes without the residents being at the property.

The Florida Mosquito Control District will not do spraying on private land without a request although residents in the district are paying for the service.

Liane Jollon asked if the Florida Mosquito Control District is also a special district and if there is any mosquito abatement in La Plata County being performed under Title 35.

Florida District is also a special district that conducts mosquito abatement. There are only special district mosquito abatement procedures in La Plata County. To be a metro district AMCD and Florida District would have to perform more than one service.

Liane Jollon asked if SJBPH has access to mosquito pool testing data.

AMCD currently sends samples to the state offices at CDPHE. AMCD would be able to supply all results and could report it to SJBPH. If AMCD no longer run the program through the state, AMCD would report data weekly directly to SJBPH.

Board member asked if a decision needs to be made today.

Legal counsel explained that the purpose of this discussion was to seek guidance and receive Board direction allowing SJBPH to move forward. Legal counsel could then move forward with creating an IGA then bring back to the Board for a decision.

Karin Daniels moved to allow SJBPH and legal counsel to explore developing an IGA with AMCD, subject to final approval by the Board. The Board unanimously approved.

VI. STAFF PRESENTATION

Emergency Preparedness and Response by Whitney Lukas

Emergency Preparedness and Response Specialist, Whitney Lukas, described the role of SJBPH in the La Plata County Emergency Operations Center and specifically during the Lightner Creek Fire. She also discussed the Public Health Emergency Dispensing Exercise that took place in June.

Lightner Creek Fire:

EPR successfully coordinated with the Health Care Coalition to designate facilities that were able to accept patients in case of an evacuation of residents with high medical needs or mobility restrictions.

Board Member asked how coordination occurs with pharmacies.

This was done in coordination with SJBPH Department Operations Center and state agencies allowing patients with Medicaid to be allowed to refill a prescription even if it was before their refill time frame. Messaging was sent to providers as well to alert them that their patients may be refilling prescriptions ahead of their regular refill schedule.

PHED EX:

Board member asked how an exercise would be initiated if a contagious disease would be communicated.

There is a state reporting process that will alert public health agencies of certain diseases.

Board member asked if the Board would ever need to be brought together.

There would be circumstances that would require the Board to hold a special meeting to make decisions regarding declaring an emergency. There is the ability for members to meet via telephone in case of an emergency.

Women, Infants, and Children by Jenny Pritchard

WIC Program Manager, Jenny Pritchard, presented the benefits and accomplishments such as the eWIC card and the new WIC app.

Board member asked for more information on the eWIC card.

The eWIC card allows clients to purchase certain, approved foods at the grocery store. This includes healthy foods such as yogurt, eggs, milk, certain breads, and others. When a client checks out at the register, they swipe their card and it will automatically pay for only the approved foods.

Board member asked if all clients get the same allowance on their eWIC cards.

Clients receive an allowance based on their category such as if they are pregnant, pregnant with more than one baby, post-partum, etcetera.

Board member asked how long WIC staff spends with each client.

The first appointment is usually around an hour. Other appointments throughout their enrollment can be anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes. These appointments can involve lactation counseling, nutrition education, check-ins, and many other topics.

Board member asked what percentage of the WIC caseload is in Archuleta County.

Around 25% of the program's clients are in Archuleta County.

Board member asked if other county service offices refer clients to SJBPH WIC.

WIC does receive referrals from other local agencies, medical offices, and county human services departments.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes for meeting held on June 29, 2017
- b. State Innovation Model Contract Renewal

Terryl Peterson moved to approve both items simultaneously. Gwen Lachelt seconded. Ann Bruzzese abstained as she was not present at the June meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

VIII. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DECISION

a. 2017 Quarter 2 Financial Reports by Finance Committee

Lesley Marie presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Reports and facility updates. Lesley also explained to the Board that the budget will be presented to the Board in August and every following month for the rest of the year. The budget will be brought to the Board for a decision in November. The Finance Committee agreed that there was nothing surprising or concerning from their review during the in-person quarterly finance committee meeting.

Board member congratulated SJBPH Finance team and stated the reports are a great visual tool.

Board member asked when SJBPH should expect reimbursement from Medicaid.

During the transition to the new Colorado interChange, there has been a delay in payments for all providers. There is not an exact time frame set for reimbursement.

Board member asked if SJBPH has a capital improvement plan.

The Finance Committee designated a reserve fund that would be accessible if needed.

Gwen Lachelt moved to accept the 2nd Quarter 2018 Financial Reports. Karin Daniels seconded. The Board unanimously accepted.

b. Health Care Coalition Contract Approval by Sherri Dugdale

Sherri Dugdale presented the contract which would fund the Health Care Coalition, for which SJBPH has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the contract.

There was no further discussion. Gwen Lachelt moved to approve, Terryl Peterson seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Women's Wellness Connection Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Grant Approval by Flannery O'Neil

Flannery O'Neil presented Women's Wellness Connection funding opportunity, which comes from tobacco dollars.

There was no further discussion. Karin Daniels moved to approve, Terryl Peterson seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

d. Single Entry Point Program Contract Renewal by Laura Warner

Laura Warner discussed the Single Entry Point Contract which has a \$100,000 increase in funding from last year. Terryl Peterson moved to approve, Karin Daniels seconded.

Board member asked how many clients are served with this program.

There are around 400 clients served in La Plata, Archuleta, and San Juan Counties.

Board member asked if all SEP case managers are located in Durango.

There are two SEP case managers in Pagosa Springs and the other managers are in the Durango SJBPH office.

Board member asked what the cost-per-person is for these services.

SJBPH staff will report back with that information.

The Board unanimously approved.

e. Animas Mosquito Control District by Michael Goldman

This was moved to earlier in the agenda.

IX. REPORTS

a. Executive Director and Staff Reports by Liane Jollon

Liane Jollon presented the facility and program updates since the last Board meeting.

b. Executive Committee Update by Bob Ledger and Ann Bruzzese

Nothing to report.

c. 2016 Annual Report by Claire Ninde

Claire Ninde presented the 2016 SJBPH Annual Report.

There was no further discussion.

d. Board Study Session on Regulation 43 Optional Programs by Sherri Dugdale

Brian Devine discussed Regulation 43 Optional Programs.

Legal counsel suggested transfer of title issues be discussed at a later meeting when more Board members are present.

Staff provided members a report with staff recommendations and presented the Board members an opportunity to review and rationale for each recommendation. This is the second of three meetings in this format prior to the public hearing on Regulation 43 that will take place this fall.

Board member asked for more information about permits for continued use.

Regulation 43 says a local board of health may require permits for continued use for transfer of title permits, for higher-level treatment maintenance situations, and for other situations the Board of Health deems necessary. The idea behind continued use permits would be to create a valid permit for a certain amount of time to use with an already-existing system.

Board member expressed that she did not have any concerns and supports SJBPH staff moving forward with their work on Regulation 43.

Brian Devine commented that SJBPH staff will be holding a public hearing for Regulation 43 in October 2017 and will bring to the Board for a decision to adopt in November 2017. Land applied septage will be discussed at the August Board of Health meeting.

Board member commented that the next few Board meetings will have substantial topics that require significant attention and the format of the meetings may need to be reconfigured accordingly.

X. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 31st at 9:00 a.m., Columbine Room, Durango, Colorado

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the next board meeting being at the beginning of a holiday weekend, SJBPH staff will send a Doodle Poll to Board members

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:21 a.m.