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Delta County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
 August 17, 2021

Board Members	Staff	Guests/Public
Mike Lane	Greg Rajnowski	Lisa Young (DCI)
Don Suppes	Karen O'Brien	
Wendell Koontz	Robbie LeValley	
Jo Rosenquist	Pat Sullivan	
(Absent, Excused)	Leone Anderson	
Don Chapman	Travis Stucker	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lane at 3:30 PM.

Public Discussion time: Action of the Minutes: Chapman moved/Suppes second.
 Unanimous.

Financial Reporting

- The July income statement will be reported at August's board meeting.
- July 1 is the new grant period for most state grants.
- Payment approval report. No questions.
- COVID dollars supplemental funding and billing to the state is becoming more complicated. Every grant has specific requirements and separating the time/effort is time consuming.

Move to approve (Suppes/Chapman/Unanimous).

Public Health Director's Report - Karen O'Brien

- Department Update:
 - Covid Cases – 16 cases in last week, 3 hospitalizations on 8/17, and 5 deaths in the last month. 1-week incidence rate = 51 or blue, 2.16% positivity (state 5.72%). Cases and hospitalizations are up in the state.

Children's Hospital is seeing an increase in COVID cases. Bed counts for peds will be added to the reporting in EMResource.

- Covid Vaccine - 44% of eligible county residents have received at least one dose, incentives are working (Walmart). Under 12 approvals at the end of this year for the vaccine and FDA full approval of all vaccines by labor day.
- State BOH is looking at requiring vaccines for all health care workers in all LTCs and congregate care facilities.
- Food Bank of Rockies distribution tomorrow at Lion's Pavilion from 4-6pm. Last distributions served 350 families and 200 kids meals. Usually out of boxes in 45 minutes. Every 3rd Wednesday.
- Families are coming back for regular childhood immunizations (Kendra is back and doing great!)
- 3rd dose approved for immunocompromised. Both Moderna and Pfizer for specific populations. People who have special medical conditions and are on immunosuppressant medications have more robust responses after the 3rd dose (21 and 28 days from the 2nd shot). It is extra protection.
- Discussion of vaccinated populations.
- Questions (DCI)- immunocompromised. Can call the health department and also their own physician.

EH Directors Report - Greg Rajnowski

General Program Improvements:

- [Travis Stucker](#), the new EH specialist, has begun training with the CDPHE.
- [Marshall Thomas](#): Our intern will be working for us part-time through the year to help maintain the COVID data dashboard, pull together regional COVID comparisons/analysis for after-action reporting, and will continue to make improvements to EH data for emergency response planning.
- **Enforcement**: The EH division is taking a step back to refine enforcement policy and procedures to ensure efficient and timely response and tracking of violations as they occur. Additionally we're pulling together all of the guidance for the public to help inform them of what and how EH monitors and enforces violations. This is in progress and final drafts will be posted to the website under a new page (EH/My Environment). This page will display many of the new data dashboard links, cover regulations and violation-related information, and provide a summary of FAQ's regarding Air, Water, Waste, and other topics that are not directly related to regulatory activities of Food and Septic.
- Lisa Young asked about inspections at the House of Chin and what frequency is there for reinspection.
 - Answer: We inspected the House of Chin on 7/26/21 at the new Needlerock Brewing location (pre-operational inspection) and they did very well. We are looking forward to Jeff operating out of the new location! Inspection frequency is based on "risk" as determined by menu, past inspection performance, and type of restaurant. House of Chin is most

likely a twice a year inspection based simply on restaurant type alone. This will decrease as good performance on inspections increases.

General questions and issues:

- Commissioner Koontz: Thank you for the prompt response to Mr. Peck.
- West Nile questions - pools and district expansion.
 - Delta County Mosquito Control has submitted pools inconsistently this season due to concerns with new untrained staff, shortages of dry ice, and frequent absences with staff. We are currently working with both control districts to centralize data, and build consensus around identifying and addressing gaps in the county's surveillance and control program. We have spoken with Cedaredge concerning their recent (2020) ordinance and their methods of mitigation and have discussed a county-wide meeting to look at ways for cooperation between the districts and municipalities.
- Recycling Guide will be added to the website.

With no other items, Commissioner Lane adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 4:19pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Greg Rajnowski and Karen O'Brien.