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Meeting Minutes

11/10/2020

Attendees: Director of Public Health- Bobbi Lock; Assistant Director-Laurel Schafer; Public Health Medical Director – Kent Aikin MD; Dolores School District R.N.- Denise Brisbin; Mancos School District R.N.- Sharon Martinez; County Administrator- Shak Powers.

Board of Health (BOH): Larry Don Suckla, Jim Candelaria and Keenan Ertel.

I. Call to order and introductions: (1:45)

BOH meeting called to order the regular meeting of the Montezuma County Public Health Board of Health Meeting at 1:45 on 11/10/2020 at Board Of County Commissioner Meeting Room.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were approved

III. Local school nurses to update BOH how schools are doing with COVID-19 :

Dolores Schools- Denise Brisbin: Board is meeting on Thursday 11/12/2020 to discuss whether to stay in person after the Thanksgiving holiday or to move remotely until the first week of January 2021. As of 11/7/2020 Dolores has only had to quarantine one class. Denise feels that Dolores schools is doing well so far and will support the decision made by the school board Thursday.

Mancos Schools- Sharon Martinez: The decision was made by their school board last week to stay in person until they are told by CDE to close. Sharon also supports the board decision as to date, they had only had a few cases in their school.

Montezuma Cortez Schools- Sue Ciccia: Could not make the meeting. Cortez schools had made a decision to move to remote learning in all their schools until January 11, 2021, due to several outbreaks in the schools and the community spread contributing to the increase in cases throughout the county.



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IV. Annual Ambulance Licensing with SHS:

Update: Matt Lindsay is still researching the accreditation process for the hospital owned ground ambulances. However, with the COVID-19 crisis, he has not been able to do anything but COVID-19 testing and EMS work for the past 5 months. We will do things as we have been and look at this process in 2021.

V. Public Health Updates-

Public health is currently very busy working on COVID19 case management still. Currently the positives to date are 324. We are working on bringing 4 part-time temporary R.N.'s to help with the case load, as it is growing. We have hired 20 contact tracers to help as well.

Public health is working on securing a new lab to replace using the Sate lab in hopes of a 48 hours turn around. Community testing will take place 11/18/2020, using the new lab and will be free.

VI. Suggested agenda items/guest speakers for next BOH meeting:

New County Commissioners will be taking office and it was suggested to do a review of what public health does and provide a list of programs.

Ambulance discussion update.

BOH meeting adjourned the meeting at 3:15

Minutes submitted by: Laurel Schafer

Minutes approved by: Bobbi Lock