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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 04, 2022

Attendees: Director of Public Health- Bobbi Lock; Assistant Director-Laurel Schafer; County Administrator- Shak Powers; County Attorney Ian MacLaren

Board of Health (BOH): Jim Candelaria and Kent Lindsay.

I. Call to order and introductions: (1:30)

Bobbi Lock called to order the regular meeting of the Montezuma County Public Health Board of Health Meeting at 1:30 on 01/04/2022 at Montezuma County BOCC Room.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting and Introductions.

Minutes were approved and introductions were completed.

III. Medical Officer search update:

Dr. Kent Aikin, MCPHD medical officer, will retire at the end of June 2022. Dr. Aikin and Director Lock are actively searching for a replacement candidate and will keep the BOH updated on the process.

IV. Opioid Regional Council panel appointment: (SWRD)

Director Lock and Assistant Director Schafer will be appointed to represent Public Health and that will happen when the BOCC conducts annual appointments.

V. Update on search for Environmental Health Specialist:

Cody Sprague's last day is January 14, 2022. He will be able to temporarily keep his responsibilities as far as food services go. We are bringing Melissa Mathews back on as a temporary part-time employee to help with septic needs and customer service, until a replacement is found. We have two interviews scheduled for this week.



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VI. Community Intervention Program discussion around case management:

Gained clarification from the Axis team as to what case management will look like under the CIP program. Currently in the CIP program in LaPlata County follows up 3 times, more when the case is willing to continue with support. Public Health wants to ensure and support a wraparound case management approach to ensure better outcomes for the program.

VII. COVID-19 update:

Shared that there was a recent “lag” in the State data update. This meant that the deaths for Montezuma County appeared to raise quickly. Current deaths with and from COVID-19 for Montezuma County is 58. Isolation changes from the CDC to 5 days was discussed. Still working with the schools to support them on the isolation changes, as the school guidelines are not clear yet.

VIII. Other Public Health reports:

Nurse Family Partnership Supervisor Beth Carter is retiring in March of 2022. Her position will be filled by current RN Mallorye Bane. We are replacing Mallorye Banes position with a new RN.

Healthy Kids Colorado Survey information will be shared with the RE1 school board tonight at their workshop. Assistant Director Schafer has been working locally to educate on the benefits of having this survey in our community to help locally represent the youth in our communities.

Ideas for next meeting: Starting a potential healthy living in Montezuma County community campaign. Possibly collaborating with local Fire Department and others.

Bobbi Lock adjourned the meeting at 2:45

Minutes submitted by: Laurel Schafer

Minutes approved by: Bobbi Lock



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