

TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Lori Dwyer
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of January 19, 2021
DATE: January 19, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via conference phone): Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Josh Blanchard – Commissioners
Jaime FitzSimons – Sheriff

Staff (via conference phone): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health; Brian Bovaird, Director of Emergency Management; Nicole Valentine, Public Health Public Information Officer; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Alys Macias, Ashley Kubiszyn, Blair McGary, Alison Mathes, Hal Vatcher, Lisa May, Peter Siegel, Don Parsons, Carol Kresge, Nichole Seliga, Helen Cospolich, Katie Knoll, Libby Stanford, Peyton Rogers, Mary Waldman and others that did not sign in.

I. Standing Agenda Items/Updates

a. Public Health Director Updates

i. Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Amy Wineland noted that cases are decreasing statewide, although it may be too early to tell if the decrease will be sustained.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Ms. Wineland noted that there has been a slight decrease in testing demand, which is typical early in the week. Commissioners and staff discussed potential changes to the Silverthorne testing location.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland noted that the State will be creating a dashboard on vaccine distribution within the next several weeks, and it will be shared on the County website when available. She noted that Summit County has been a leader in

vaccinations, and has reached a saturation point within the current phase. The State will not allow an individual county to move to the next phase until 70% of the statewide population over the age of 70 has been fully vaccinated. Summit County has been given guidance to redistribute vaccines, and is working with neighboring communities to do so. Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County continues to get the message out to make sure individuals in targeted groups are not missed, and will do neighborhood pop-up clinics starting next week. She shared information from Governor Polis's most recent update, including but not limited to dispersing vaccinations that were originally intended to be second doses, asking the Biden Administration for assistance with getting second doses, and no longer requiring government identification for individuals receiving a vaccination. Ms. Wineland elaborated, noting that Summit County's second doses are currently available for those who need them, and that Summit County will have individuals sign an affidavit that states they are residents and will return for their second dose. Sarah Vaine noted that this is a federal vaccine which is given to the State, so Summit County does not have discretion regarding eligibility.

iv. Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland noted that the Contact Tracing team is seeing more outbreaks occurring, and that they are generally associated with gatherings. Commissioners and staff discussed the difficulty in determining which person caused the outbreak. Ms. Wineland noted that the Contract Tracing team's software now has a feature that allows them to enter individuals' activities including skiing, dining and shopping to have more statistics at their disposal.

b. Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

Scott Vargo noted that the sample draft form for the modification to Short Term Rentals has been sent to Short Term Rental permit holders, and that the effective date for that change is Friday, January 22nd. He recommended that the Board discuss this at the next Joint Board of Health/Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, January 21st.

c. 5 Star Program Update

Mr. Vargo noted that there is a request from the 5 Star Committee that 5 Star certified restaurants be able to extend their alcohol service by 30 minutes.

d. Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine noted that due to last week's excess vaccination appointment capacity, they are working hard to make sure everyone in the current phase is being reached. Current campaigns focus on the safety and efficacy of vaccines, as well as stories of individual impacts. Commissioner Pogue noted that a mailer to reach individuals over the age of 70 could be effective.

e. Emergency Management Update

Brian Bovaird noted that much of Emergency Management's ongoing work is related to vaccinations. He also noted that they are experiencing steady call volume regarding vaccine Points of Distribution and vaccine tiers, and that the new phone system is working well.

f. Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

Mr. Vargo gave an update on the State Legislative Session Relief Package, and stated that Summit County was awarded about \$591,000.

g. Community Indicators and Programs

Sarah Vaine noted that community partners are working to identify individuals over the age of 70 that have not previously been vaccinated. She noted that food needs are high but steady.

II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above

Sheriff Jaime FitzSimons noted that his office has been working to keep the County safe during the upcoming presidential inauguration. He stated that they are doing additional patrols around County buildings and monitoring social media.

III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

IV. Executive Session, As Needed


Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to discuss confidential information related to Public Health matters, legal advice related thereto, and a litigation update.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to discuss confidential information related to a Public Health matter and the legal advice related thereto. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c) with special reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

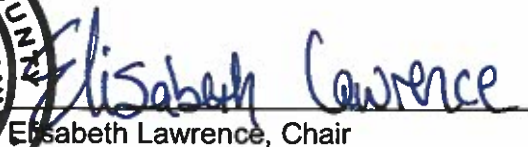
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:


Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk




Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair