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TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R Lopez
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of January 21, 2021
DATE: January 21, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via Zoom): Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners
Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via phone or Zoom): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Nicole Valentine, Public Health PIO; April Kroner, Planning Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Alys Macias, Ashley Kubiszyn, Blair McGary, Carol Kresge, Corry Mihm, Dan Dohner, Deb Borel, Don Parsons, Hal Vatcher, Hanna Wynd, Helen Cospolich, Joan Jardon, Libby Stanford, Omar Masry, Peter Siegel, Tara Olson and others who did not sign in.

1) Standing Agenda Items/Updates

a) Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Amy Wineland gave an update on positive cases and noted that although cases in the county are moving in a positive direction, Public Health (PH) is still seeing an increase in cases amongst young, healthy people. Transmission control has dropped to 78% and the goal is 80% and above. Transmission control means following the Six Commitments, even when getting together with friends and family.

Ms. Wineland gave an overview of different vaccination scenarios at different levels of transmission control, and the strategies being considered for each level. The key takeaways is that in the near term, a high level of transmission control is the most effective way to prevent COVID hospitalizations and deaths while rolling out the vaccine.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if there has been any conflict with hospital capacity hospitalizations with COVID-19 and non-COVID-19. Ms. Wineland said that the hospital has stayed below capacity.

b) Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Ms. Wineland reported that Public Health (PH) has seen a decline in test requests. She reminded everyone that there is a high incidence of asymptomatic contagion and anyone with a mild case should be tested right away. They should also avoid going in to work and putting coworkers at risk.

Ms. Wineland shared that Summit County's Public Health Department was selected by the state as pilot for rapid tests and they will be made available to the School District. Commissioner Pogue asked if rapid testing would be a good tool for businesses to have. Ms. Wineland said businesses can look into purchasing these tests but they are very costly at this time.

c) Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland said that recently, PH had a surplus of vaccines and inquired with the state if they could distribute them to other groups. They were told "absolutely not!" PH shared the vaccines to neighboring counties that had not received enough vaccines for their populations. The state will wait to vaccinate other groups after everyone 70+ is vaccinated.

Commissioner Blanchard asked if a person with a vaccine appointment who starts to feel sick should still get the vaccine. Ms. Wineland said that if they are scheduled for the first dose, they should not show up. However, if they are scheduled for their second vaccine, they should be vaccinated.

d) Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland said that most of the transmissions seem to happen in the workplace as well as schools. She reminded everyone that loss of smell and taste are symptoms of COVID-19.

e) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

Scott Vargo gave an update on the updated Public Health Order as it relates to Short Term Rentals (STRs) and the form will be available to all property owners who wish to use it.

Commissioner Blanchard asked for a clarification on the documentation the county is asking from STRs. Mr. Vargo said what is required is an acknowledgment from guests that they are aware of the rules in Summit County, and a listing of all guests. This acknowledgement can be a checkbox on their website so property owners will not have to purchase new software, and would eliminate having property owners/managers to physically confirm IDs. A signature will be required. This information would also help PH in contact tracing in case of contagion.

One of the 5-Star Certification requirements for restaurants is to collect information for one person per household; however, only one individual's information was collected for the whole group. It is important to have information for each household in case of infection to conduct contact tracing.

Sarah Vaine attended a meeting with the Restaurant Association and they requested an extension for restaurants to keep alcohol on tables until 10pm. They explained that this would allow restaurants one additional seating and would benefit them greatly.

Commissioners agreed to extend the time until 10pm and to make the change effective the night of Saturday, January 23, 2021. Scott Vargo will communicate with the towns and inform them of the change.

f) Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine shared their latest forms of communication to the community encouraging them to follow the Six Commitments. They have been posting signs, visiting restaurants and having conversations with employees about wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing, and the feedback has been positive. They have also spoken to ski area visitors who have expressed support for masks because this allows them to return.

The BOCC Town Hall will be held on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 12:00pm and Commissioner Pogue will attend. The topic will be vaccinations.

g) Emergency Management Update

No updates at this time.

h) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

The application window for the Small Business Program Grant is open through February 7, 2021. Visit <https://summitcountygrants.smapply.io/> to access the application.

i) Community Indicators and Programs

Sarah Vaine said that mental health problems are on the rise, and an increase in depression and anxiety cases being reported, especially for those individuals facing financial and food insecurity.

2) Critical Topics Not Covered Above

None

3) Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov. Click on *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended postponing the confidential discussion planned for this meeting and having it on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:00am. Commissioners, Attorneys and County Commissioner will take part in an Executive Session.

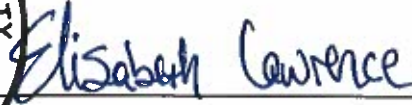
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair