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TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Lori Dwyer
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of January 26, 2021
DATE: January 26, 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; Nicole Valentine, Public Health Public Information Officer; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Hannah Wynd, Environmental Health Specialist; Melany Beck, Communications Contractor; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.
Hannah Wynd

Guests (via phone): Alys Macias, Ashley Kubiszyn, Blair McGary, Hal Vatcher, Lisa May, Peter Siegel, Katie Knoll, Libby Stanford, Joan Jardon, Peter Reeburgh, Peyton Rogers, 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 we are continuing to see decreased case numbers and hospitalizations across the state. In Summit County, we continue to have a rise in cases, which is true for much of the rural resort region.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County is seeing a slight increase in demand for testing. She noted that when people are reached for contact tracing, those that are symptomatic tend not to think it is COVID. Anyone who thinks they have a cold should be tested. You cannot test out of quarantine or isolation. The School district has opted into the new at-home rapid test, which will allow staff to test twice a week before they go into school. The state will no longer be supporting the curative cheek swab testing, because the Food and Drug Administration has identified that they are not very reliable for asymptomatic cases.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County was able to open 100 appointments for first vaccines this week and are in the process of identifying where else to host vaccine clinics. She noted that vaccination locations will include pop-up clinics in neighborhoods with a higher density of individuals over the age of 70, and second appointments at the bus barn, City Market and Safeway. She noted that Governor Polis is reevaluating prioritization groups and may adjust them. Essential workers will be a significant group and likely will be stratified by the governor further into additional groups. There may be some additional national guidance going forward.

iv. Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland noted that in contract tracing, staff is seeing transmission among ski area employees, in employee housing and from gatherings without masks. The current maximum gathering size is ten people from two households, and they must wear masks. She noted that Public Health cannot always identify where people are getting sick, because the virus is widespread.

b. Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine noted there are resources available to community members including a replay of Board of County Commissioners' Town Hall on vaccination on the Summit County Facebook page, and another focused on business resources Friday at 2pm. She noted that an upcoming campaign will include videos that were filmed last week about wearing masks, with locals' individual accounts of how COVID-19 has affected them.

c. Emergency Management Update

Sarah Vaine noted that the Emergency Operations Center has been focused on vaccine Points of Distribution.

II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above

Commissioner & staff discussed how to encourage employers to test their employees, and pros and cons of the rapid testing resource.

III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

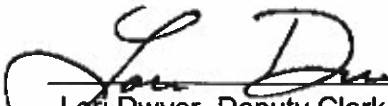
IV. Executive Session, As Needed

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)(d) with special reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:


Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair