



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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 February 16, 2021
DATE: February 16, 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; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health; Nicole Valentine, Director of Communications; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Hannah Wynd, Environmental Health Specialist; Joanne Sprouse, Social Services; Ben Pleimann, Weed Control Manager; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Blair McGary, Hal Vatcher, Peter Siegel, Libby Stanford, Helen Cospolich, Don Parsons, Melany Beck, Peyton Rogers, Shannon Haynes, Krista Miller, Julie Rathke, 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 and hospitalizations continue to decline across the state. Summit County's 7-day average is on a downward trend, and is still solidly in Level Orange.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County's testing positivity rate is around 8 percent and the goal is 5 percent, which indicates sufficient testing is being done.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County Public Health will only receive 100 of 2,000 requested COVID-19 vaccinations for the next week, and that the Commissioners had advocated with the state for more vaccine. She gave a breakdown of the population receiving the vaccine, including 1/3 that will go to the Summit County Community Care Clinic to vaccinate educators and childcare

workers. Counties that are still vaccinating their 70+ population only are being prioritized. Ms. Wineland encouraged members of our community to book appointments in other Counties, if they are eligible for the group currently receiving the vaccine.

iv. Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland noted that one more UK variant case was identified last week in our community. The Contact Tracing team noted that in the last week, two different Short Term Rentals with multiple households had cases, and there was also a birthday party that involved a pre-party and group of 13 at a restaurant. Commissioner Lawrence reminded restaurants that it is important that we have their cooperation in following restrictions.

b. Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine noted that current messaging includes testing, proper mask wearing, winter and spring break, a second Open Snow campaign, and continuing to work on transparency around vaccine availability. She noted that counties still have not received an update from the State on the vaccine dashboard. The Communications department is working on a communications calendar. This upcoming Friday's Town Hall will be on the topic mental health resources, and Communications is conducting a community poll about the ideal timing and formats of these Town Halls.

c. Emergency Management Update

Ben Pleimann noted a new lease is being finalized for the test site in Silverthorne. He noted that Summit County has the capacity to administer up to 2,600 doses in a day if we are able to obtain that amount of vaccine.

II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above

Commissioners and staff discussed Five Star Businesses that were able to operate in Level Yellow over the weekend.

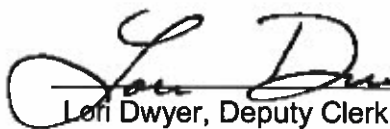
III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

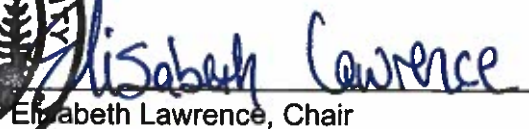
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Approved by:


Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk


Elizabeth Lawrence, Chair