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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 February 18, 2021
DATE: February 18, 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 Attorney; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Services Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Dan Hendershott, Environmental Health Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Blair McGary, Carol Kresge, Don Parsons, Helen Cospolich, Jason Dietz, Joan Jardon, Libby Stanford, Lisa May, Melany Beck, Peter Reeburgh, Peter Siegel and others who 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 gave an update on the latest case data. Positive cases continue to decline in the state and Summit County is very close to Level Yellow numbers. She asked that anyone who suspects he/she may have been exposed to the virus or with any symptoms should be tested immediately.

She noted that thanks to the measures being followed for COVID-19, other viruses have declined, including the flu. If Colorado remains on the current trajectory, statewide hospital demand and cases will continue to decline. It will be over a month before hospital demand and infection prevalence reach last summer's numbers.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Commissioners and staff went over two testing locations where the owners plan to demolish the buildings currently being used. The county may be able to extend one of the contracts but will need to find a new Frisco location. Commissioner Pogue noted that many people have

expressed a preference for drive-through service and Mr. Bovaird said they are definitely keeping that in mind.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland said the number of vaccines the county received this week was low due to shipment delays caused by winter storms across the country.

She also addressed the difficulties with the appointment scheduler, and in order to improve the process, Public Health will be using a new system. Lauren Gilbert gave an overview of the Colorado Vaccination Sign-Up website: <https://www.comassvax.org/>, which allows individuals to pre-register for vaccine appointments. People will be able to register for vaccination at other counties, as long as they do not mind traveling there. Information will be posted to the County website at <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1306/Coronavirus>.

iv. Transmission Trends

No updates.

b) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

Scott Vargo and Ms. Wineland said PH is working with Breckenridge Ice Arena management to find a way that allows a limited number of spectators to sport events.

c) 5-Star Program Update

Sarah Vaine said restaurant owners and management have reported their staff being mistreated by patrons who refuse to wear masks, or become angry when asked about the number of households in their party.

d) Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine and staff will be updating the Public Health website to include pre-registration information and instructions. They also have released information campaigns encouraging people to celebrate Winter Break in a safe way, and are working on a Spring Break campaign.

The Communications team polled the community regarding the BOCC Town Halls, and asked what day and time works best for most people. Based on the feedback, the preferred date and time is Wednesday at 6pm. She will discuss this option with Commissioners to make sure it works for them.

The next BOCC Town Hall is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2021 at 12:00pm, and will be hosted by Commissioner Pogue with a focus on Behavioral Health.

e) Emergency Management Update

Brian Bovaird said his department worked on new locations for vaccine & testing distribution.

f) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

Bentley Henderson gave an update on the Small Business Assistance Program and said the county spend around \$400k from the almost \$500k it received from the state. The county will look for other ways to distribute the remaining funds to the business community.

Mr. Vargo said the Summit Chamber of Commerce and the Summit Prosperity Initiative have created the *Summit County Business Impact Survey* to gauge how businesses are faring. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RZ6GGVT> through February 28, 2021.

g) Community Indicators and Programs

No updates.

Critical Topics Not Covered Above

None.

II. 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*.

III. Discussion of Confidential Public Health Matters and Receive Legal Advice. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

Scott Vargo and Jeff Huntley and requested an Executive Session to discuss Confidential Public Health OrdersMatters and receive legal advice.

Confidential Public Health Orders, Investigations, and related issues related to COVID-19, as well as legal advice pertaining thereto. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402(4) (b)(c)(d)(e) with special reference to 25-1-122 and 24-72-204. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:


Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk




Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair