



TELLER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

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Board of Health

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:30AM

Suite 224, Tamarac Center

Present: Bob Campbell, Erik Stone, Dan Williams, Michelle Wolff, Sheryl Decker, Karen Muntzert, Laura Boschert, MD

Staff: Martha Hubbard

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:40AM.

Review and Approval of Minutes

October 26, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Campbell; 2nd by Mr. Stone to approve as presented. Minutes were approved as presented

Immunizations Update

Martha provided an overview of vaccine numbers (both COVID and routine childhood/adult) since January 2021.

Resumed routine immunizations in March 2021:

- 240 appointments - Up to 12 months: 156 vaccines; 1-6 years: 225 vaccines; 7-18 years: 259 vaccines; Adults: 90 adults vaccinated; primarily Shingles, Tdap, and tuberculosis tests
- Flu shots also given, starting September 2021
- Payor sources include Medicaid; Self-Pay; Uninsured (state funded adult 317 vaccine); Insured – Handled through VaxCare; they handle all the billing and send us the “administration fee” portion of what they receive from the insurer.

Dr. Boschert provided an overview and history of the development of vaccines, how we got where we are, the importance of vaccines, and where we might be headed from here.

- “Vaccines are the Greatest Public Health Achievement in the 20th Century” – Laura Boschert, MD
- Vaccine hesitancy has been increasing over the last 25 years, in part because young adults have never seen the consequences of epidemics or pandemics such as smallpox, plague, and polio.
- Vaccines are truly medical miracles. Vaccine technology is a success story that is a victim of its own success because today’s world population has not seen the ravages of the infectious diseases of the past.

Board discussion followed.

Director’s Discussion

Michelle provided an update on other happenings at Public Health and Environment.

COVID

- Updated data; will be changing the vaccine numbers to a monthly reporting cycle.
- Testing available in Cripple Creek (MAKO), Monday through Friday, 9AM-6PM; Divide testing site open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

- Will stop providing the Janssen (J&J) vaccine when we use up our current supply.
- Advertising for additional Case Investigators and Testing personnel

Environmental Health

- Austin May will become the supervisor for this work.
- Beginning in March, the On-site Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) program will migrate from Public Works to Environmental Health

Emergency Preparedness

- Completed the deliverables that were due by December 31, 2021, prior to Becky Frank's departure and with her help and input.
- Working with Finance, OEM, and Administration to inventory and distribute some of the COVID cache of PPE and other equipment.

Reproductive Health/Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

- Running an advertising campaign to promote cervical health and Cervical Cancer Awareness month during January.
- Waiting for final review and approval of the County Social Media Policy. We will then work to update our web page on the County website and implement some other social media campaigns to try to increase our reach.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- Ally Lurch resigned, effective January 14, 2022
- Jill Collins has been promoted to the WIC Education Specialist position.

Other Programs/Grants

- Community Health Assessment/Public Health Improvement Plan – preparing to launch the Community Health Assessment. Karissa and Michelle presenting an overview to the group at the Colorado School of Public Health that will be assisting with the process.
- Most of the Public Health staff will be participating in a one-day Mental Health First Aid training on January 24.

Will be focusing a lot on self-care and mental help. Promoting Sleep, Eating Healthy, Exercise, Deep Breathing, and Stress Reduction (SEEDS), both among our staff and for the public.

Board discussion followed.

Budget Review

Karen provided a budget report and review. No questions or concerns expressed.

Questions/Concerns/Open Discussion

No additional questions, concerns, or discussion at this time.

Adjourn

- Adjourned at 11:08AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen E. Muntzert