

**Moffat County Board of County Commissioners
221 W Victory Way Suite 130 Craig, CO 81625**

April 20, 2015

In attendance: John Kinkaid, Chairman; Chuck Grobe, Vice Chair; Frank Moe, Board Member; Tori Pingley, Deputy Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Charity Neal; Jennifer Riley; April Anthony

Call to Order

Board of Health

Neal introduced April Anthony to the Board of Commissioners. Anthony is the new Supervisor of the Nurse Family Partnership program. The program helps low-income first time moms.

Neal discussed the Counting Health Ratings. Neal stated that we are continuing to make progress, although not as fast as she would like. She did notice a flaw in the data concerning adult smoking. It appears the same data from last year was used. Adult obesity and teen birth rate have both increased since the last data report. Neal stated smoking does continue to be a problem in our county, as well as obesity and alcohol. We are making a slow steady progress. Each year has been a little better. Neal stated that further information can be found at www.countyhealthrankings.org. Neal is going to continue to focus on smoking cessation, although come June 30th funding is going to be more difficult because CDPHE is not going to be helping anymore. They will also continue to support Grand Futures as they work with kids and teens on these issues.

Neal stated they have been working on a grant written through Astrazeneca to target adult obesity. They should hear on this grant around November. They wrote a family focused, healthy eating and active living program. They have been discussing this with the School District to get it incorporated into the classroom.

Neal stated that Moffat County's teen birth rate is so high, that the State of Colorado called and asked if we would co-write a federal grant with them to do teen pregnancy prevention. It will be a 5 year grant. The School District has also been contacted regarding this issue and working with them to get it incorporated. Goal Academy is also on board with this program.

Neal discussed the Colorado Health Improvement plan. The plan talks about Colorado's Ten Winnable Battles. The Ten Battles are: Clean Air, Clean Water, Infectious Disease Prevention, Injury Prevention, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Obesity, Oral Health, Safe Food, Tobacco and Unintended Pregnancy. The only thing different in this version, is that they prioritized the Ten Battles. The State chose two to be their main battles and they are: Healthy Eating, Active Living and Incident Prevention and Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Neal stated this aligns well with our county needs.

Neal stated the County's Health Improvement plan has to be redone in 2016. The Northwest Colorado Community Partnership has been moving forward in the discussions of doing a cooperative program with the County, Public Health and the Hospital. They feel it would be very beneficial to have everybody on the same plan. Neal would also like to see this plan spread across counties as well, to have more of a regional plan in place.

Neal discussed Program Updates. June 30th is when several large grants will end. The Health Equities and Health Disparities grant has been secured and will replace a lot of the money from the Tobacco Grant that will be ending. The Astrazeneca grant will help with target areas.

Public Health has been seeing a decline in immunizations due to the Affordable Care Act. More families have been getting their immunizations from their primary health provider. This frees up the public health nurses to focus on other areas of health. Neal states they just re-implemented the New Arrivals program. This program is in cooperation with the Hospital so that every new delivery whether your first or tenth, if accepted, will get a nurse home visit. Public health nurses have also been able to help more with the schools doing physicals.

Neal stated she spoke with Tom Soos and he stated he did not have any new Environmental Updates.

Moe asked about finding out more data on the Public Health Rating. Neal stated at the above mentioned website you can find side by side comparisons of all the counties.

Home Health and Hospice continues to help in the county as well.

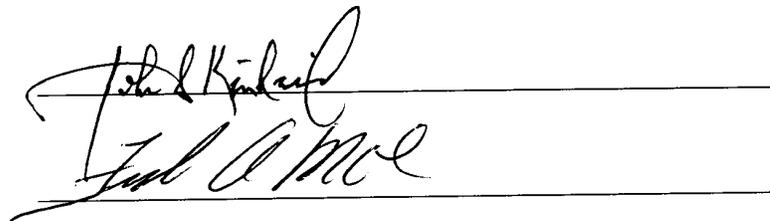
Flu shots were given in Dinosaur recently.

Neal stated they are looking at revitalizing their hepatitis C program. They have received feedback from some providers that there has been a slight increase in acute hepatitis C. It is not the chronic type.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Tori Pingley, Deputy County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by:



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