

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

January 18, 2016

**In attendance:** Chuck Grobe, Chairman; Frank Moe, Vice-Chair; John Kinkaid, Board Member; Amanda Tomlinson, Deputy Clerk; Charity Neal; Tom Soos; Jennifer Riley; Rebecca Tyree, Moffat County Attorney; Scott Ellis

**Call to Order Board of Health**

Tom Soos gave an update on environmental health issues:

- ✓ One oil spill in December on Highway 40 County Road 81 – Diamond T Sheep Well pad owned by Southwestern
- ✓ Timeframe on reporting an oil spill is immediately and Soos is notified within 48 hours
- ✓ Soos asked about public health responsibility and where it falls (County/City/State) if a town's water supply is compromised based on a recent incident in Dinosaur where the town was without clean drinking water for around 24 hours
  - Grobe believes it may fall to the city based on his time in Hayden
  - Neal suggested that it may fall to the State's Public Health Department if the circumstances are severe

Charity Neal discussed the VNA, TMH & YVMC Community Assessment

- ✓ Survey of the community closed Friday 01/15/16. Neal said they have not received the numbers yet, but she doesn't feel that the survey hit the goal of 1,000 responses
- ✓ The final report will be done around the end of January and then meetings will be set up to get the information out to the public

Neal on Program updates:

- ✓ Regional Health Care Coalition – Mandated by CDPHE – The four counties in our region did an exercise based on a worker that got the plague at a bicycle race in Steamboat Springs. Public health nurses participated—it was a valuable experience
- ✓ Neal met with legislators, and reported that there is concern around the state about having more mental health facilities
- ✓ MCHS and Goal Academy are offering educational credit to any student who participates in the Nurse Family Partnership Program
- ✓ Given 10-15% less flu shots – may just be more people getting them with their family doctor. Also, not many reported cases of the flu.

Neal on Neighborhoods of Promise Update:

- ✓ Neal had conversations with John Ponikvar (City Council) & Ray Beck (Mayor)
  - Said that the community and its groups need to come together to make solutions rather than working separately
- ✓ Working with the Colorado Trust:
  - Hosting a Regional health equity advocacy around March or April

- Trying to include participation from the people with Neighborhoods of Promise
- Great opportunity to bring experts on this theory to our community and have them meet with our leaders

Neal on BOH Structure Discussion:

- ✓ See Attached handout provided by Neal for Statutory Requirements and Recommendations based on other high functioning boards that she discussed this with:
  - Mesa County, Tri County, Denver County, etc.
- ✓ Current board will decide how to move forward

Questions/Comments:

Neal added that the flu shot has been more effective this year than last year.

Kinkaid added AGNC Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado had a meeting with Dr. Larry Wolk from CDPHE as the guest speaker. Kinkaid was pleased that Dr. Wolk made the correlation between employment and health (i.e. if you have a job, your health is better)

Discussion continues about CDPHE keeping too much federal fund money (about 54%) rather than distributing it to local agencies around the State

- ✓ Soos commented on the subject bringing up registration money that was supposed to be used for local agencies and has instead been used by the state
- ✓ Neal mentioned that there is no one to regulate the spending of CDPHE

Neal meets weekly with State Director's Legislative Committee—important items:

- ✓ Legislation trying to require Rabies vaccinations for licensed domestic animals
- ✓ Restaurant fee inspections: Colorado Restaurant Association might be willing to raise the fee by \$50 annually
- ✓ Several other budget items could be discussed and could be impactful
  - Reversible Contraceptives
  - 23% decrease in provider fees to primary care physicians with Medicaid
  - Repeal TABOR
  - Hospital Provider Fee

Colorado Hospital Association working with legislators to encourage them to really consider some of the budget line items due to the fact that they could have a large negative impact on small communities

Kinkaid said that he was under the impression from Dr. Wolk that he felt primary care providers are not the best answer to provide mental health care and treatment

- ✓ Neal added that the primary care providers wouldn't be providing the services, but that there would be mental health professionals available at primary care offices to help change the stigma behind behavioral health.
- ✓ Soos and Neal also added to the discussion that there are not enough behavioral health providers or substance abuse counselors in our region

## **Moffat County Board of Health Structure Discussion**

### **Statutory Requirements:**

5 year term

Appointed by County Commissioners

Residents of County

No agency shall consist of a majority

### **Recommendations Based on High Functioning Boards**

Maximum of 5-7 members

#### **Representation from:**

TMH

City Government

Education

Public At Large

Business/Economic Development

Recreation District

Senior Serving Agency

Youth Service Agency

Latino Population

- Neal added that there is a direct correlation between the number of mental health providers and the suicide rate
- ✓ Neal noted that the VNA has hired a psychologist that will see current VNA patients

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by: Amanda Tomlinson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

Approved by: Charles J. Nash

Frank A. Moore

John D. Hinkley

Approved on: Jan 26, 2016

Attest by: Lila Wrobel

