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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 January 14, 2021
DATE: January 14, 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 Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; April Kroner, Planning Director; Nicole Valentine, Public Health PIO; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Alys Macias, Ashley Kubiszyn, Anna McGoff, Blair McGary, Carol Kresge, Corry Mihm, David O'Brien, Deb Borel, Hannah Wynd, Helen Cospolich, Jason Dietz, Joan Jardon, Krystal 93, Libby Stanford, Peter Siegel, Peyton Rogers, Ted Amenta and others who did not sign in.

1) Standing Agenda Items/Updates

a) Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Amy Wineland gave an update on the Epidemic (Epi) Trends, which shows a clear spike in cases related to the Christmas Holiday. She also noted that there are five (5) confirmed cases of the B.1.1.7 virus variant in Colorado, but none in Summit County. There seems to be a higher rate of asymptomatic spread with the new variant and the CDC is providing assistance with those cases. Ms. Wineland also shared graphs and data showing trends in cases based on restaurant visits, ski area visitors and hotel stays.

b) Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

c) Vaccine Distribution Update

Vaccine prioritization continues to focus on people over 70 years old as well as health care workers. The state's goal is to complete the vaccination process for this population and move below the dotted line on March 1, 2021. The Public Health Department is working with Centura Health to assist with the vaccination process. She emphasized that the county cannot move below that dotted line until authorized by the state, otherwise, the county could lose access to the vaccines.

d) Transmission Trends

Gatherings continue to be the main source of infections with students, teachers, and staff. Personal and workplace gatherings seem to be where people tend to get lax and do not wear masks.

Commissioner Pogue noted how disheartened she feels with the increase in transmission and urged everyone to encourage their friends and families to follow the Six Commitments, and to get a vaccine, if they are within the population being vaccinated.

e) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

Scott Vargo gave an update on the proposed language for the Public Health Order to clarify and simplify the requirements for lodging and short-term rental owners. He also shared a form that lodging managers or owners can send to their renters. Commissioner Pogue said that the goal is to make the process less cumbersome and simplify it for rental owners. The county wants visitors to acknowledge they have received the information. The idea is that the signed documents will suffice and they only need one form per party, not per person.

Commissioners recommended that the Public Health Order changes become effective next Friday, January 22, 2021 but to send it out immediately to all registered STRs and lodging managers, as well as the towns. Commissioner Lawrence was asked when Commissioners would decide to ease rules. She explained the rules are from the state, and the county will adhere to what the state determines.

Scott Vargo and Sarah Vaine gave an update on the 5-Star Certification and the request from fine dining restaurants. They asked to be allowed to stop serving alcohol at 9:30pm but keep it on the table until 10:00pm. Commissioners agreed to revisit this discussion on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, and desired a decision by Ms. Wineland next Thursday, January 21, 2021. They want to confirm whether the increase in cases is a result of the holiday season or something else.

f) Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine gave an update on Public Health's communication efforts to notify the community with vaccination opportunities. She reminded of the BOCC Town Hall to be held on Friday, January 15, 2021, and mentioned the Town Hall meeting that will be held in Spanish, on Thursday, January 22, 2021.

Ms. Valentine also noted that January is "National Radon Action Month" and the Environmental Health Department has free Radon Testing Kits available at their office. Please contact EnvironmentalHealth@SummitCountyCO.Gov to request a kit and schedule a pick up time.

g) Emergency Management Update

No updates.

h) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on the Child Care Center grant applications. Marty Ferris said that funds to the Summit Chamber of Commerce (SCC) were issued today. These funds will be allocated to local businesses that submitted an application to the SCC's COVID-19 Business Innovation Grant.

i) Community Indicators and Programs

Sarah Vaine shared that during the pandemic, many requirements for state assistance were waived, in order to offer immediate assistance to individuals. However, she has been informed by the Human Services Department that eligibility requirements are being re-examined.

2) Critical Topics Not Covered Above

Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on a meeting she had with CCI and state staff. They discussed ways to determine who would receive a vaccine, including part-time residents. More information to come next week.

3) Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

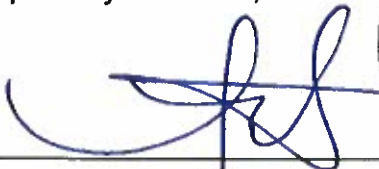
Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov. Click on *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

4) Discussion of Confidential Information related to Public Health Matters and to receive Legal Advice related thereto. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to discuss confidential information related to Public Health matters and the legal advice related thereto.

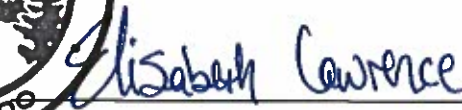
A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to discuss confidential information related to Public Health matters and the legal advice related thereto. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d) with special reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:


Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair