

Campbell County Board of Health
2301 South 4-J Road
Gillette, WY 82718
January 21, 2021

Present: Jane Glaser, MSN, RN, APHN Public Health Executive Director; Kelly Hubbard, RN, BSN; Suzie Hooker; Val Amstadt, PA; Ivy McGowan-Castleberry; Dr. K. Patel, County Health Officer; Rebecca Jimenez, Senior Financial Specialist; Amanda Wells, Administrative Assistant, Nick Bouzis, Chairman; Billie Wilkerson, MD; Doug Evans, Department of Agriculture, Rebecca Dow, Department of Agriculture, Rusty Bell, County Commissioner

The January 21, 2021 Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nick Bouzis.

Introductions were made.

Suzie Hooker moved to approve the September 17, 2020 Board of Health minutes, Val Amstadt second the motion, motion carried.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Rebecca Jimenez explained the financial report. No concerns were mentioned. New system pending which will be electronic approval.

CONSUMER HEALTH REPORT:

Doug reports that in the past a report was given explaining inspections in Campbell County. The Department of Agriculture has a new system; with the new system, the Board will have to formally request the type of inspections they would like to see. Jane has the email in which the request can be made and can be made for a year. Due to COVID, there have not been many inspections, unless they were critical. Doug reports illegal meat sales have been an issue due to misinformation. The meat program will be reviewed in the next two weeks. Rebecca reports that the Great Wall was shut down for approximately three weeks due to several issues. The Dollar General in Wright and Moorcroft are now open.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

Dr. Patel reports that we have been successful with variances being approved by Dr. Harrist, the State Health Officer, for events in Campbell County. There have been no major outbreaks related to any of the approved events. Many other counties have not been as successful. We will be getting weekly shipments of COVID vaccine. Teton County has recorded the first variant of the coronavirus. The state has a taskforce that will review the pandemic response. Three County

Health Officers in Wyoming have been asked to leave for not following what their Commissioners have asked them to do.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING REPORT:

- **PHRC position:** Randy Bury, PHRC is retiring on March 1, 2021. The Commissioners approved the position justification this week. Jane has worked with Brandy in HR, to get the position advertised next week so we can get that transition done before Randy leaves. It is an extremely important position, especially with the pandemic, and it is a federally funded position. The PHRC's work in the Public Health offices, under the Director of Public Health.
- **Nurse Position:** We do have one Nurse position open at this time; however, with the recent budget message from the Commissioners, I am not going to fill the position at this time. Jane will leave it vacant as it will help with the budget.
- **New Employee:** Amanda Wells is our newest Administrative Assistant.
- **COVID Hours:** In the last two months 1700 Nurse hours were spent on COVID activities and since March 1st, 2020 we have had 9500 Nurse hours spent on COVID activities and we have 12 Nurses. It is a lot of time spent on COVID.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Nominated for Sherry McGrath Spirit of Gillette Award:** Dinner was cancelled due to COVID.
- **Flu Shot Clinics:** We did drive up flu shot clinics; we still have vaccine available. We do have quite a bit of vaccine left and will break even with what we purchased.
- **School Flu Shots:** We did all the school clinics; however, we did not have the same uptake this as in past years. This is mostly due to COVID. Any child can come and get the vaccine at no charge.

NEW BUSINESS

- **COVID-19 Testing:** We are continuing to test. Our test is the saliva test. We do them by appointment. We have done surveillance testing with the school district, law enforcement, and fire. We have not had a lot of people want to do that. We are not as busy with testing as we were, and our numbers are down. All testing supplies come from the State, so our test is at no cost. There are many options in the community now.
- **COVID-19 Tracing:** Tracing has changed since the end of October. The National Guard helped through middle of November and then Waller Hall took over and has been tracing to date. All of our positives go to Waller Hall. They have excellent communication with the community and with us.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics:** Vaccine clinics have started. We have not received our ultra-cold unit yet, so when the Pfizer vaccine came, it was stored at the hospital

pharmacy. It came sooner than anticipated. Public Health and Robert at CCH Pharmacy has been amazing to work with coordinating clinics. Since then, we have received Moderna, which is much easier to store and travel with. This week has been focused on medical facilities. Tomorrow we will be doing the Senior Center Clinic. We are expecting about 500 people. We do have a list that we can put people on so that if we have extra doses; we will call them to get the vaccine. This way we do not risk wasting vaccine. If we waste vaccine, we risk losing the federal government sending us more. Anne Rossi has a plan, we have 4 Nurses and Amanda, Maureen Hurley is volunteering from the hospital in addition to volunteers from the Senior Center and their Board. Monday, we start with the school district and will be using Pfizer. A little over 500 school district employees have signed up and will go to Wright as well. We have done clinics for law enforcement which were slow to start. Dr. Wilkerson discussed the calls she has received from the public and also the possible reactions from the Moderna vaccine that are completely normal. We are going to get funds for vaccine administration, Campbell County is getting approximately \$500,000.00 and that contract will be brought to the Commissioners soon. After the school district we will go to the grocery stores and they are the one place that Jane is concerned about. Jane reports, the Sheriff's Office will send Deputies, and we will be parking the Mobile Unit in the back of stores.

- **Unhappy Public:** We have many unhappy people calling us. We are receiving angry calls that the front staff fields. Due to the complaints, Jane met with Dr. Bouzis, and requested a letter of support, explaining what our staff has been going through. We are doing the best we can and trying really hard.
- **6th Grade Immunization Clinics:** By April/May 2021 we will be able to do 6th grade vaccinations to get them ready for 7th grade.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Board of Health Letter of Support:** As far as Public Health goes, this is what we have been preparing for and Public Health has done really well.
- **Budget Message:** Commissioner Bell said to look for 15-25% reduction in the budget. This will not be an easy task. The last assessment done this low was in 2004. The government and community have grown, so this will be a challenge. Bell is advising Director's look at two years ago, with your lowest budget, and start there. Bell is hopeful over the next couple of years, through attrition, it will make a difference. We do have other revenues that we did not have before, so Bell has reached out to the investment companies to see what that will look like. Bell will work hard, and he wishes the messaging was a bit different; nevertheless, it is what it is. Bell appreciates the hard work and Jane added that she and Rebecca worked on the budget today. Jane reports that looking at her budget today, we will have nearly \$300,000 to return to the budget at the end of the fiscal year. Jane reports that the CARES monies allowed Public Health to

purchase equipment and things we needed to maintain equipment (purchase of 2 new AccuVax machines) and the operations of Public Health for testing and vaccine. Bell adds that it hard to see those carryover dollars being six months out. Jane reports that CARES funds have paid for all Public Health salaries since we received the money. Bell believes that this budget will not be as bad as it appears on paper with the messaging. Ivy adds that it is hard to see on paper as the monies does not come back to Public Health, it goes into the General Fund. Jane thanked Commissioner Bell, and there were no other concerns or questions.

The next Board of Health meeting will be March 18, 2021.

Dr. Bouzis moved to adjourn, Ivy McGowan-Castleberry second the motion, motion carried.

Susie Hooker, Vice-Chairman Date

Rebecca Jimenez, Secretary Date