

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2020
5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Bryon Reed, Commissioner, Chairman (Zoom)
Bill Leake, Teton County, Trustee (Zoom)
Lee Miller, Commissioner (Zoom)
Ken Miner, Commissioner (Zoom)
Shayne Young, Commissioner (Zoom)
Barbara Nelson, MD (Zoom)
Greg Shenton, Commissioner (Zoom)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner (Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS

Geri Rackow
James Corbett
Angy Harwood (Zoom)
Kellye Johnson (Zoom)
Steve Thomas (Zoom)
Amy Gamett (Zoom)
Cheryl O'Connell (Zoom)
Mimi Taylor

GUEST

Michael Kane (Zoom)

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Approval of July 14, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the July 14, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Miner

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Discuss/approve COVID-19 Educational Campaign

Mimi Taylor provided the Board with information regarding a public education campaign for COVID-19 and EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response plan. The campaign will include digital marketing videos, banners, posters, signage, press releases and possibly billboards, radio and television ads. We will also partner with other agencies to roll out the campaign. Educational information will be provided on basic mitigation strategies, behavioral health and suicide, and address misinformation. Ms. Taylor estimates the initial cost at \$10,000. Discussion followed and Ms. Taylor answer questions of the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Young made a motion to approve up to \$10,000 for EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response Plan public education campaign.

SECOND: Bill Leake

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Review Data for EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan Metrics

- Ms. Rackow reviewed the final format of the Regional Response Plan, which is posted on EIPH's website and distributed to Board members and elected officials. She also reviewed information regarding the cumulative and current hospital rates. This information is available on the EIPH website dashboard.
- Mr. Corbett reviewed the Regional Response Plan metrics, which are located on a new tab on EIPH's Data Dashboard. The numbers are reviewed daily. Most counties have seen an increase in cases recently. Teton County is currently at the plan's Moderate Risk level with 12.9 cases per 10,000 today; however, the County has exceeded the 10/10,000 rate since July 14, 2020 when the Regional Response Plan was adopted.

5. **Discussion and Vote regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 pandemic, to include consideration of orders that include, but are not limited to, mandating face coverings and limiting social events and gatherings in Teton County**

- With Teton County being at the moderate risk level according to the metrics outlined in the Regional Response Plan, the Board had discussion on its responsibility to take measures to protect the public.
- Mr. Kane, EIPH legal counsel, reviewed the powers and duties of the Board as well as confirmed the authority of the Board to issue an order for wearing face coverings.
- The guidelines for masks included in the Order are in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations.
- Mr. Kane noted that based on past challenges of mask orders in other jurisdictions, the Order does not violate constitutional rights.
- Bill Leake met with Teton County mayors, Commissioners, and the County Emergency Manager and reported that they are generally supportive of the mandatory mask order. Victor and Driggs have already issued orders for wearing masks within their jurisdictions. Ms. Rackow reported having discussed EIPH's draft order with the Mayors as their orders differ slightly.
- The draft order was reviewed.

MOTION: Bill Leake made a motion to approve the Order of Restriction for Teton County as presented.

SECOND: Commissioner Miller

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This order will be in effect until rescinded by the Board of Health.

6. **Future Meeting Schedule**

- The Board agreed to meet every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. At least one member of the Board must be physically present in the building. The public will be able attend by Zoom and a public space will be available for those who come in person to listen to the meeting. The Board is not required to take public comment.
- Ms. Rackow has invited local physicians and hospital representatives to brief the Board weekly on issues related to COVID as well as overall hospital capacity.
- Metrics, as outlined in the Regional Response Plan, will be reviewed.

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.



Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary