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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on February 16th, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Board Room, 6693 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129

Comm. Jarvies called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Mitchell Jarvies – Chairperson – Present

Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – Present

Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present

Present: Nick Sarmiento – County Attorney, Tressesa Martinez-County Administrator – Connie Ricci – HR Manager -- Nathan Ruybal-Clerk and Recorder – **PRESENT**

Pledge of Allegiance: Comm. Jarvies led everyone on the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer: Comm. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Add ARPA work session under Administrator Correspondence.

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Comm. Baroz First Motion

Comm. Garcia Second Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Approval of Minutes: NO MINUTES TO APPROVE

Public Comment: NO PUBLIC COMMENT

DSS Report – Nick Barela

- Approval of Expenditures for January of \$1,146,188.45
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve expenditures as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0.
- Approval of Accounts Payable for January of \$19,726.31
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve A/P as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion,
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Case Load Report numbers for January was briefly discussed.
- Annual Child Support Letter was received last month.

- Annual MOU's
 - Central Response Team
 - SLVCAC
- PII Certification
 - Training and Certification regarding prohibiting Barela to release any Personal Identifiable Identification.

Administrative Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:

- K9 Security LLC permit authorization for 2014 Ford Explorer
 - Permit is signed by Comm. Jarvies and Clerk Ruybal
- Road and Bridge Overtime discussion
 - BOCC thinks that giving employee the option to choose either Overtime or Comp Time.
- Comm. Garcia asks that the BOCC schedule a work session to plan out future ARPA fund spending.

Public Health Report– Denise Jiron:



**Conejos County Public Health
Commissioners Report
2/16/2023**



Public Health-Core Public Health Services

A. Administration and Governance

All public health agencies are required to establish and maintain programs, personnel, facilities, information technology and other resources necessary to deliver core public health services in the agency's jurisdiction.

1. Personnel-current
 - a. 1 public health director
 - b. 1 public health nurse- .25 PT
 - c. 1 prevention coordinator-part time-VACANT
 - d. 1 Public Health Generalist/ Nurse - .50
 - e. 1 office manager-
 - f. 1 commodities manager
 - g. 2 PCP supervisory employees
 - h. COVID Response
 - i. EPR Coordinator- AnnaRae Smith
 - j. Grant Fiscal Manager- Junice Montoya

B. Assessment Planning and Communication

1. Conejos County Specific Goal:
Work with community partners on existing and emerging local projects to influence health behaviors and conditions and advocate for family support systems that strengthen protective factors and reduce risk factors for children and families.

C. Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation and Control

All public health agencies are required to track the incidence and distribution of disease in the population and prevent and control vaccine-preventable diseases, zoonotic, vector, airborne, water-borne, and food-borne illnesses, and other diseases that are transmitted person-to-person.

- Immunization Program
- a. Continuing with Covid 19, Flu, Hep A and Childhood vaccines.

D. Emergency Preparedness and Response

- All public health agencies are required to prepare and respond to emergencies with a public health or environmental health implication in coordination with local, state and federal agencies and public and private sector partners.*
- CDPHE has decided to regionalize EPR program. May eliminate Regional EPR Position.
 - Meeting with CDPHE on Friday 2/17/23 to get clarification on this – SLVPHP is asking how much could CCPH contribute toward retention of regional position.

E. Environmental Health

All public health agencies are required to participate in the inspection and management of air, water, land, and food quality by identifying, describing, and responding to community environmental health concerns, reducing current and emerging environmental health risks, preventing communicable diseases, and sustaining the environment. These activities should be consistent with applicable laws and regulations and coordinated with local, state, and federal agencies, industry, and the public.

1. Regional Health Inspector proposition to expand Environmental Health Program in 2023
- 2 FTE, 1 FT regional staff

F. Prevention and Population Health

All public health agencies are required to develop, implement and evaluate strategies (policies and programs) to enhance and promote healthy living, quality of life and well-being while reducing the incidence of preventable chronic and communicable diseases, injuries, disabilities and other poor health outcomes across the lifespan.

1. Tobacco Grant
 - a. Received \$50,000.00 for FY 23/24
 - b. CCPH will utilize existing staff to fill need (cross train)

G. Vital Records and Statistics

All agencies are required to record and report vital events (ie. b. births and deaths) in compliance with Colorado Statutes. Board of Health Registrars, and Office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics policies, Public Health Directors shall act as the local registrar of vital statistics or contract out the responsibility of registrar in the area over which the agency has jurisdiction.

1. Most small counties use other entities for this service, with public health to be notified/norfor for any significantly abnormal trends

H. Personal Care Provider (PCP) Program

January 2023

- a. Clients: 59
- b. Hour worked in January 2023: 4,780.75
- c. Employing 28 Providers
- d. We have not had any client incidents for this reporting period.
- e. We are resuming in-person training with CTSI beginning March 2023 for our PCPs.
 - i. Enrolled: 2 new clients this month. Lost 2 (deceased) 4 hospitalized; this affects numbers of hours worked.

I. Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Participation has slightly decreased during the month of January 2023.

1. 456 individuals total participation
2. Home deliveries to the neighborhood 2 days monthly: 48 people
3. 307 Households (including TFAF)
4. Curbside delivery continues 2 (TTF) days weekly
5. Distribution Calendar is posted on our Face Book page

J. New Funding - OPHP CDC Infrastructure 5-year Award Announcement

The Office of Public Health Practice, Planning, and Local Partnerships (OPHP) is pleased to announce that Conejos County Public Health & Nursing Service will receive \$322,363.00 as a one-time payment disbursement that can be used through November 30, 2027. This will be funding related to the Public Health Workforce.]

- Covid Funding for new fiscal year
- EPR meeting with CDPHE will review the statement of work with the State and EPR.
- New EPR model does not sustain the regional employee.
- Tobacco grant was submitted – very critical regarding Budget and Expenditures.
- State will issue a \$50,000 grant but will be more on hands to determine where that money will be spent.
- Denise discusses the PCP Program numbers with the BOCC.
- In person training will resume in March.
- Commodities program changed names to Every Day Eats.
- OPHP new funding for the next 5 years will help Denise and Public Health.

Board of Health Report – Denise Jiron:

CONEJOS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 2/16/2023

Conejos County information on COVID-19 as of 2/15/23:

- 3 active cases
- Eventually on Hospitalized COVID cases will be deemed reportable to CDPHE, Moving toward Flu model

Free COVID Test Kits are available in Conejos County at:

Conejos County Public Health
Conejos County DSS
Conejos County Libraries (La Jara, Antonio, Capulin)
Free State PCR testing at ASU/Conour Hall, Monday-Saturday, 10:30am-6pm

CDPHE Vaccine bus in the SLV:

- Thursday 2/16/23 at Dollar Tree in Alamosa
- Friday 2/17/23 at the Conejos County Courthouse
- Saturday 2/18/23 at Walmart
- Sunday 2/19/23, 9am-5pm at Sangre de Cristo Church in San Luis
- Tuesday 2/21/23 at SLV Boys and Girls Club in Alamosa
- Wednesday 2/22/23, 10am-5pm at Mineral County Public Health in Creede

Respiratory illnesses continue to be prevalent, especially in children.

- Please take precautions for adults and children
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough
- Be considerate of others
- Stay home if sick; don't go to school or work
- Seek medical care
- Pick up free COVID test kits to rule out illness
- Ask your medical profession about what OTC medications to have at home

MonkeyPox

CCPH continues to work with our local Health Care provider on a potential MP-POX case in our County.

- CCPH has reached out to index case and is monitoring them
- Working with regional Epi to get definitive direction/diagnosis from Primary Care Provider

- Covid remains to be an issue in the SLV but there is a lesser focus on Covid.
- Reporting new cases have changed.
- State Board of Health has determined that only hospitalized cases will be reported.
- Focus will move to outbreaks at congregative facilities like jails, assisted living and schools.
- Vaccine bus will remain funded until the end of March.
- Boosters have slowed down and Public Health hasn't issued a booster for several months.
- Possible undetermined case of Monkey Pox in Conejos County.

CONEJOS COUNTY EMS
MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY
JANUARY 2023

Monthly Income- Mars-Billing Company	Monthly Income- CCEMS	Monthly Income- Grant Funding/Donation
\$61,816.75	\$59,330.51	\$ 0

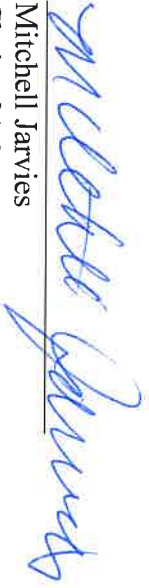
Year to Date Income (1/2023-12/2023) Mars Billing	Year to Date Income (1/2023-12/2023) CONEJOS
\$61,816.75	\$59,330.51

TOTAL RUN-		108
Transports	77	
Canceled Calls	10	
Standby	1	
Refusals	19	
DOA	1	
NULL	5	

- New billing agency has been collecting more and is working great for Ernest.
- 160 calls for service for January 2023
- Ernest is looking to hire a few employees due to turnover.
- EMT Grant has been submitted thanks to Curt Wilson.
- Garrett Storm has been elected to the SLVRETEC board.
- Reina Martinez has been selected as RETEC Coordinator.
- Cost of new ambulance \$228,500 with everything that is required.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 am

ATTEST: 
Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC