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**Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2021, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Board Room, 6693 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129**

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

**Mitchell Jarvies – Chairman – Present**

**Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – Present**

**Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present**

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

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

**Prayer:** Comm. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Comm. Garcia 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Baroz 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes for Special Meeting for September 22, 2021

Comm. Baroz 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Motion to approve Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> with the 4 grammatical corrections

Comm. Garcia 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Baroz 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sharlene Farmer would like to invite all Elected Officials to speak to the Antonito Senior Citizens, at least twice a year to help elevate the voices of the Seniors in South Conejos.

**Administrative Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:**

Tress will advertise in the Valley Courier the Preliminary 2022 budget and will also be advertising the open position for the SLV Fair Board.

**Executive Session:**

9:13am to discuss the Opioid Settlement and Burial expenses for an unclaimed body.

Motion to enter in Executive Session

Comm. Baroz 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Back From Executive Session 9:31am

Motion for BOCC to enter into MOU a subdivision settlement participation form and a Colorado subdivision escrow agreement with the Colorado Attorney General in regard to Opioid settlement.

Comm. Baroz 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Motion made giving Authorization to County Attorney Sarmiento to send letter to a funeral home that Conejos County will not pay the funeral expenses for a certain unclaimed body.

Comm. Garcia 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Baroz 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

**DSS Report – Nick Barela:**

Asking for a motion to approve program and administration expenditures for the month of \$453,421.66.

Comm. Baroz 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Asking for a motion to approve Accounts payable for the month of \$81,384.37

Comm. Garcia 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Baroz 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Discussion topics for DSS as follows.

- Case Load Reports
- Core Services Approval Letter Received regarding budget sent in June
- TANF program annual MOE relief letter
- Summary report of 11 cases of Foster Care Audit.

## Horca Landowners Assoc. Trespassing Issue – Ken Austin

### Discussion topics.

- River access easement vs. utility easement.
- Landowners asking for Land Use to rescind letter from Linda DeHerrera from land use.
- Issuing a new letter from Linda regarding easement.
- Landowner disputes regarding trespassing.
- Meeting that was set up with landowners and Attorney Sarmiento.
- Landowners need to get along and hopefully work out disagreement w/o going to courts.
- BOCC agrees to allow Attorney Sarmiento to write letter that Conejos County will not get involved in the private dispute regarding trespassing on easement.
- Letter from Land Use was an opinion and was not meant to be anything else.
- Meeting with HORCA HOA, Land Use and Attorney Sarmiento was established in good faith to allow mediation between the parties in the HOA.

Motion to allow Attorney Sarmiento to issue letter regarding easement on lot 72 in HORCA subdivision.

Comm. Baroz 1<sup>st</sup> Motion

Comm. Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

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October 21, 2021

Horca Land Owners Association, Inc.  
76 Willow Drive  
Antonito, CO 81120

**RE: Horca Land Owners Association–Trespassing Issue**

Dear Horca Land Owners Association,

Please accept this letter as the Conejos County Board of County Commissioners resolution, issued on October 21, 2021, in a public meeting, to not be involved in settling the dispute regarding the easement in Lot 72 of the Horca Subdivision.

This matter is a dispute between private parties.

Sincerely,

  
Nicolas Sarmiento  
Conejos County Attorney

# Public Health and Board of Health Report – Denise Jiron:



## Conejos County Public Health Commissioners Report 10/21/2021

### 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
  - e. 1 office manager-
  - f. 1 commodities manager
  - g. 2 PCP supervisory employees
  - h. COVID Response

#### B. Assessment Planning and Communication

*All public health agencies are required to use assessment and planning methodologies to identify, evaluate and understand community health problems, priority populations, and potential threats to the public's health, and use this knowledge to determine what strategies are needed to engage partners and improve health*

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, air-borne, water-borne, and food-borne illnesses, and other diseases that are transmitted person-to-person*

1. Communicable Diseases
  - a. Coronavirus COVID 19- Pandemic is not over. PH continues to be busy with Pandemic planning and response
    - i. See BOH report
2. Immunizations
  - a. COVID 19 vaccinations see Report
  - b. Regular Child immunizations / collaborating with school nurses
  - c. Flu Vaccinations by appointment

## **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.*

1. PH Director and Office Manager continue EPR training

## **E. Environmental Health**

*All public health agencies are required to participate in the protection and improvement of air, water, land, and food quality by identifying, investigating, 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 environmental health program manager Carol Keith and Gary Bruder

## **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 wellbeing while reducing the incidence of preventable (chronic and communicable) diseases, injuries, disabilities and other poor health outcomes across the lifespan.*

1. Tobacco Grant
  - a. Vaping- statewide push to develop policy
  - b. Grant was renewed for next FY
2. Child fatality
  - a. No new cases for review for Conejos this quarter
3. Baby and Me tobacco Free
4. RCORP / HRSA

## **G. Vital Records and Statistics**

*All agencies are required to record and report vital events (e.g., births and deaths) in compliance with Colorado Statutes, Board of Health Regulations, 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/monitor for any significantly abnormal trends

## **H. Personal Care Provider (PCP) Program**

1. September 2021
  - a. Clients: 57
  - b. Hour worked in September 2021: 4,166
  - c. Employing 25 Providers
  - d. New COVID Vaccine Policy presented

## **I. Commodity Supplemental Food Program**

1. 495 Individuals total participation for September 2021
2. Curbside delivery continues 2 (T/Th) days weekly due to COVID-19; closed M/W for preparation
3. Home deliveries to the homebound 2 days monthly; 55 people
4. Total served: 324 Individuals (including TFAP)  
Participation was down in September

## **J. Options for Long Term Care Program**

1. Transfer of OLTC Files to Rocky Mountain Health Plans Completed 10/14/2021

## OEM Report – Rodney King:

### Emergency Management Report

October 21, 2021

**1. 2021 EMPG-LEMS Grant Activities – See Part I – Work Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.**

2021 SLV Emergency Management Retreat on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at Pagosa Springs, SLV Emergency Managers (7) and DHS&M (3); see attached agenda.

**2. Resolution C – 03 – 14**

I do not think we need to make any changes at this time, but will present suggested changes if you request them.

**3. 2021 Training and Exercise Plan (TEP) including the Thomas Ranch Fire Table Top** which has been on hold. So Sheriff Crowther can schedule this training. I am requesting completion of this training during this 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.

The SLV EMs with Coleen Gadd filled out the preliminary draft of our IPP (Integrated Preparedness Plan) – replaces the THIRA used in previous years. Our Homeland Security Coordinator – Jean Borrego has not indicated any willingness to work with the Emergency Managers at this time, so Colleen Gadd will lead the discussion (see agenda) and completion of the TEP & IPP for our Region.

**4. 5 year Hazard Mitigation Assistance Plan for Conejos County (2022)**

Eric Treinen – Alamosa Emergency Manager reported he has sent in the application to the state/FEMA and expects to receive a contract to start the process soon. Each county will donate up to \$5,000 in funding and/or in-kind match (same as previous plan) as matching funds for the grant.

**5. SLV R ECC funding request has been made to the SLV Commissioners Association for 2022.**

**6. Conejos MAC meeting to be scheduled in November.**

**Early Childhood Council of the SLV – Andrew McKin and Kristen Love:**

Andrew and Kristen wanted to introduce themselves and the program that they are involved with that provides a mobile on-site classroom in partnership with Illuminate Colorado for families that are in recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol. The organization has a forty-foot RV that has been separated into two classrooms.

**Excel Energy Presentation – Ashley Valdez:**

- Fire Mitigation
- Improving Transmission line from Alamosa to Antonito
- Excel’s plan moving forward
- More reliable power up the canyon.
- Reliability and Consistency.

**Veteran’s Blvd Update – Orlando Gallardo**

- Gallardo announces closing of Veteran’s Blvd for the winter.
- Trees are doing great.
- Opening day for Spring 2022 TBD.
- Blvd. 5<sup>th</sup> year of existence.
- Replace 6 trees in Spring 2022.
- Would like to get exposure Nationally.
- Working with Water Resources to fix ditch flooding issue.
- Possibility of adding Memorial Wall to add more names of Veterans.

**Meeting Adjourn 11:11am**

ATTEST:   
 Nathan Ruybal  
 Clerk of the Board

  
 Mitchell Jarvies  
 Chair of BOCC