

Archuleta County Investigative Health Committee Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Start – 6:03 PM

Roll Call:

Susan Kleckner, Mozhdeh Bruss, Marybeth Snyder, Leslie Davis, Mike Le Roux were present in person. Adam Talamante and LaVonda Bass had other obligations. County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf was present as a guest.

Approval and Adjustments to the Agenda:

Susie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Leslie seconded the motion, all "aye" and the Agenda was approved as presented.

Disclosures and/or conflicts of interest with item on the Agenda:

All agreed there were none.

Meeting Minutes:

Leslie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 28th meeting, Marybeth seconded the motion, all "aye" and the minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

- A. Meet and interview Commissioner Alvin Schaaf:** Commissioner Schaaf started out by saying he has contacted the Montezuma Public Health department and sent an email with some basic information. (Exhibit I). They can share their budget of \$2 M, they have 30 employees, and they have funding from outside sources. He suggested the committee pursue other 3B counties. He was asked whether he was aware of a request for information made in 2020 and if so, did it result in information being provided. A document named "2020 Proportional Budget Request for 2020-2019" was referenced as well as a document from November 25, 2020 produced by Goldman Nicholson who did a study. The committee seeks what services are being provided in Archuleta County. It was noted that SJBPH delegates and coordinates teams. At one time, nurses did hands-on health services. There are no nurses in AC currently. At one time there was mention of a communication improvement plan but what became of that is unknown. The question arose regarding an auditing process or auditor. Commissioner Schaaf left at 7:10pm.
- B. Report of Committee Members' research into SJBPH available documents and budgets:** It was reported that the Supplemental Budget Request lists 10 services that are purportedly provided by SJBPH. The available documents were deeply and painstakingly reviewed. Some information the committee seeks is not available and the questions remain: what programs and services are provided to AC specifically? Are the costs an 80/20% split? Committee members made an attempt to answer the questionnaire that was presented to SJBPH and were able to answer some of them. It was said that AC should not be struggling with SJBPH. There are very qualified people at that agency who are responsible for the budget and they need to assure the needs of the AC community are being met. The needs of AC may be different than LaPlata county. The "Strategic Plan" may need to be examined.
- C. Outreach to 3B counties:** It was suggested that the websites of the 3B counties be reviewed, some committee members had already done that. A list of questions developed by 3 committee members was presented and reviewed along with the email from Commissioner Schaaf. It was decided that a list of basic questions would be developed so the information collected from the

3B counties would be similar for better comparisons. The 3B counties would be split among the committee members. Visiting the website and contact will be made before the next meeting. Learning about the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPH) will also take place.

- D. Public Outreach strategies:** In reaching out to the public for input on whether the needs of the community are being met, it was said that we must be careful to get a fair sampling: not everyone reads the newspaper. It was brought up that input needs to come from the restaurants and construction companies as well.
- E. Other items of mutual interest:** SJBPH Ann Bruzzese and possibly Karin Daniels offered to meet with the committee to answer any questions we still have. It will be a work session only. Specific questions were brought up and discussed. Included are: what services are provided specifically, what can AC do to become more involved, how can AC help SJBPH, how can SJBPH engage in dialogue with the public, what questions does SJBPH have for AC, how can communication be improved, how are the needs of AC assessed.

Member Tasks:

- A. Research of 3B counties by committee members before the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Special meeting with SJBPH tomorrow Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 4pm. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Adjourn Meeting: 8:11 PM