

**ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSITIONAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2023**

The Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on June 12, 2023. Chairperson Sally Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., noting committee members Sally Kennedy present. Committee Members Susanne Bryant, Ashley Wilson and Andrea Phillips attended via Zoom.

Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

There were none.

Approval or Adjustments to Agenda

Committee Member Susanne Bryant moved to approve the agenda as presented. Committee Member Sally Kennedy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were none.

County Manager Comments

Not an action item.

County Public Health Director Comments

Not an action item.

Consent

- A. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023.
Committee Member Susanne Bryant moved to approve the consent agenda. Committee Member Andrea Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. Community Connections – Single Point of Entry (Elderly) and Programs for Children with Disabilities – Lana Burns. Not an action item.
- B. Emergency Preparedness – Ryan Foster. Not an action item.
- C. Full Program Analysis of Environmental Health. Not an action item.

Committee Member Ashley Wilson moved to table the program analysis of environmental health to a further meeting date.

Committee Member Andrea Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- D. Full Program Analysis of Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion. Not an action item.


Additional Committee Member Comments

There were none.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business coming before the committee, Chairperson Sally Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Approved this 19th day of June, 2023.



Sally Kennedy, Chairperson

Archuleta County Public Health Department Transition Advisory Committee Meeting

June 12, 2023 Notes:

County Manager Comments:

- Have been in conversations with County IT about the infrastructure at the 8th street location and what the needs for that building will be.

County Public Health Director Comments:

- Compiling and researching funding opportunities in order to create a timeline of application deadlines. Will send out to TAC
- WIC application was submitted

Initial Comments:

Sally -Oral health is part of chronic disease and wanted to make sure that we get to it: is regional, do we know how that is going to look. LaPlata County was going to be the lead for that for the 5 county region. It will stay regional.

New Business:

Lana Burns:

- Community Connections – 5 county program as well. Serve birth to death, someone who has a disability and also qualifies for Medicaid.
- Role is to make sure that those with disabilities that are severe they are trying to keep people in their home and not be placed in long term care.
- Biggest need is having enough providers through an agency to provide the home services. Archuleta County Adult about 100 > 20-30 people are not served on our list.
- Health Dept had an arm that provided that care 8-9 years ago.
- Visiting Angels do not take Medicaid so cannot provide services.
- Children birth-18, respite/daycare is high need. There is not a program here in Pagosa Springs.
- A caregiver that was full time could serve 7-8 folks (3 would make a big difference). Some need help a couple of hours a week.
- Sally: What are the qualifications?: state has a program that will train people because it would be a Medicaid fully funded arm. Could be a high school diploma along with state training. Could possibly partner with existing agencies and offer space to house people in AC.

Ryan Foster:

- Emergency Management related to health department. During the pandemic helped set up testing sites.
- Public Health role would be emergency support function 8
- One project moving forward would be coordinating and having trainings (table top or full scale field exercise) doing this with EMS and Fire, to help us be more prepared moving forward.
- ESF 8 exercise; practicing with medical emergencies, including communications going down. Having plans in place.
- Sally questions – gaps that were identified after the pandemic, how did this all unfold.

- Derek: AC emergency management was not activated as a full emergency site, Public Health was the lead organization, public health is typically not a lead, but for pandemic it was. Emergency management was the support for public health.
 - o AC phone tree and 24 hour phone support in the beginning as well as testing sites.
 - o County did employ part time person to coordinate testing sites and a group of individuals additional people that were volunteers/SJPHD. Had a system at the fair grounds for testing.
 - o Once it slowed down, State paid for the mobile testing and vaccine sites.
- Sally: was there a debriefing around what did well, what needs improvement?
 - o Derek: Basic, SJBH did their own analysis. We to have a better system to track and help our most vulnerable population, across all emergency management for evacuations, for medical emergencies, others. Identifying transport limited populations.
 - o Sally: Volunteer medical core. There are multiple agencies that have lists of these people: Meals on Wheels, Visiting Angels, Community connections ect, need someone to coordinate those lists and have a person or part time position for some of this coordination.
 - o Ryan: Looking at starting a Citizen emergency response team with Robin at CSU extension, could be another versatile group.
 - o Derek: likely will need support for wildfires with air quality and evacuations.
- Sally: concerns over communications going down and the ability to communicate between emergency services.
 - o Derek: there are numerous redundancies in our emergency radios, but fiber cables make us vulnerable. County is has a starlink backup system for when cable goes down.
- Sally: other gap was that phones were not being answered at the Health Department during the pandemic.
- Ashley: Have we received the Emergency plan from SJBPH?
 - o Derek: No, county is in the process of revamping out emergency management plans for county, but does not really address public health response.
- Sally: Problem with the Pandemic Response - as we hire a medical director what was there perception of the pandemic an what could have been done better. There was tension between what was being done federally and what local response should have been.
 - o Andrea: There are teams with the knowledge and the science, does not believe that the county should deviate from the direction at those levels with those resources.

Full Program Analysis: Environmental Health

- o Tabled until the 26th.

Full Program Analysis: Chronic Disease and injury prevention

- Sally has the form filled out, will send to the group
- Focusing on risk assessment of chronic disease and behavior management. Lack data on many of these areas.

- First step would be to collect and analyze data over the next 6 months.
- SJBPH has an MOU with Axis for behavioral health – that is something we could also have an MOU.
- Risk assessments can be done on Chronic disease, there are tools that could be used as a patient self-report.
- Look into SAMSHA grant