

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 18, 2020

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On December 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the meeting with meeting members joining via teleconference. Also in attendance was Northeast Colorado Health Department Director Trish McClain as well as various municipal and hospital officials. The administrators of the four Yuma County school districts were invited as guests.

COVID Task Force – Northeast Colorado Health Department Director Trish McClain provided updates on local statistics and case counts as well as information from State sources and meetings attended since the last Task Force meeting. Updates were provided by both hospitals on trends seen in recent positives, treatments, and testing protocols. Hospitals also provided updates on vaccinations, vaccination inquiries received, and anticipated timelines for vaccine availability.

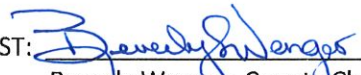
The group discussed the merits of a local public health order in response to local statistics and case counts as well as the State's newly rolled-out 5 Start Certification program. McClain provided information regarding eligibility for and enforcement of the programs. The group determined they would monitor the program for ongoing experiences of other localities.

Extensive discussion was held regarding the necessity of mental health services, especially as related to youth within the County. Various ideas for how to utilize CARES Act funding to provide support to schools in provision of mental health services as well as training and resources for staff. Options discussed included presentations on mental health services for students as well as provision of telehealth equipment for schools to facilitate mental health service provision to students within the school environment. Pricing will be investigated for telehealth machines and supporting software and a representative will attend an upcoming student mental health presentation in Brush to assess the purchase of similar programs for Yuma County schools.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of December 28, 2020 based on group availability.


Dean Wingfield, Chairman


Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



¹ Minutes prepared by Andrea Calhoon are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.