

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 22, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On January 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Commissioner Robin Wiley, Commissioner Scott Weaver, 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. McClain also reported on the NCHD vaccine clinics held in the last week.

Wray Community District Hospital John Hart provided updates on various COVID trends and statistics seen within their facilities including testing, positive COVID tests, hospitalizations, and vaccinations. Hart reported only 10 positives in the last two weeks and also reported that the second round of vaccination doses has begun. Bev Sanburg of the Yuma Community District Hospital also provided updates on COVID information from their facility. Sanburg also reported only 10 positives over the last two weeks. Both hospitals report capacity to handle considerably more vaccination distribution should the vaccine be made available at the state level. McClain reported on Northeast Colorado Health Department's vaccine resources to further distribute vaccine within communities that have administration capacity.


The group discussed the current instructions from the State of Colorado regarding distribution of vaccines and who is eligible to be vaccinated currently. McClain provided state-wide statistics on the availability of vaccines and on the planning for moving into additional tiers of vaccination eligibility. McClain also reviewed the necessary metrics for Yuma County to move to Level Yellow on the COVID dial, including a positivity rate of less than 5% and a new case incidence rate of less than 175 per 100,000 population, or 17 total cases or less maintained for two weeks. The group reviewed the possible potential impacts on the dial of vaccine distribution over the coming weeks.

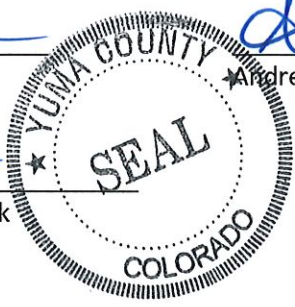
Dianna Chrisman of the Yuma School District provided updates on school statuses and efforts. Both the Yuma and Wray School Districts have decided to move forward with scheduling the Value Up school mental and emotional health program as previously discussed which will be funded jointly by the local government entities. Chrisman discussed management efforts for the CHSSA COVID requirements for spring sports. McClain provided updates on various CHSSA requirements for spring school athletics as well as the requirements for Junior High athletic requirements. The group discussed information regarding school athletics and the continued mental health impacts on local youth and athletic programs struggle to accommodate COVID requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of January 25, 2021 based on group availability.


Trent Bushner, Chairman


Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



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


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