

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 15, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On January 15, 2021 at 3:30 p.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Chairman Trent Bushner, 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.

Bev Sanburg of Yuma Community District Hospital and Jennifer Kramer of Wray Community District Hospital provided reports on statistics, trends, and current metrics being seen at their facilities currently. Among updates were trends in testing, hospitalizations, and vaccine distribution. Kramer reported that the Wray hospital has been out of vaccine since Tuesday and will not be receiving a distribution for next week to her knowledge, so she has been working to coordinate with State sources in an effort to continue working on the vaccine waiting list. Kramer, Sanburg and McClain provided updates on the groups who have been vaccinated so far, including the completion of all long-term care residents and staff in Wray and the vaccination of all nursing home residents and upcoming vaccination clinics for assisted living residents in Yuma. Yuma County leads the region in vaccination rates at this time.

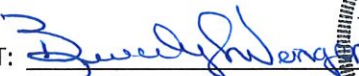
The administrators of the school districts provided updates from the school. The meeting with Mike Donahue at Value Up had to be put off an additional week due to scheduling constraints, but the administrators are interested in exploring the program and will get back with the Task Force on their collective assessment.

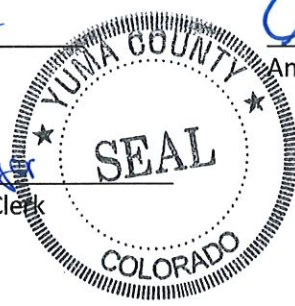
Commissioner Wiley provided updates on the limited information being provided by the State on a re-vamp of the COVID dial. City of Wray Manager James DePue shared information gathered through his professional organizations as well. The local government officials discussed the value of local control in determining a path forward for each community and continue their efforts to discuss local control options with the State.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of January 18, 2021 based on group availability.


Trent Bushner, Chairman


Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk




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