

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 29, 2021
Special Meeting Minutes¹

On January 29, 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, 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. McClain also reported on the NCHD vaccine distribution information and efforts. McClain reviewed the requirements for Yuma County to move to Level Yellow on the COVID dial including local case counts. McClain is hopeful that we will see local case counts drop below the Level Yellow threshold as soon as next week and that efforts from that point will need to focus on maintaining that level for two weeks consistently before we can apply to move to Level Yellow.


Jennifer Kramer of Wray Community District Hospital provided updates on various COVID trends and statistics seen within their facilities including testing, positive COVID tests, hospitalizations, and vaccinations. Kramer reported approximately 1000 vaccines administered by the Wray Hospital so far.

McClain reviewed for the group the State’s approved Five Star Program and its requirements and impact on restaurant restrictions.

The schools expressed gratitude to the Cities and County for provision of the disinfection equipment and supplies that were donated to each County school district to improve the disinfection efforts within all county school and daycare center buildings.

The group discussed the Value Up student resiliency program and which school districts desire to participate in the program. The Yuma Hospital has submitted a grant with the intent of assisting to pay for the cost of the program and John Hart of Wray Community District Hospital expressed their intention of financial support as well. Yuma City Manager Scott Moore expressed his support for the funding of the programs for any schools who want to participate. The Yuma and Wray school districts will schedule their programs and we will inquire further with Idalia and Liberty school districts. Yuma County agreed to fund any invoices due before a decision is made on the Yuma District Hospital grant and specifics regarding the funding arrangements will be discussed once that information is received. [?]

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of February 1, 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.