YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS May 13, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On May 13, 2021 at 2:30 p.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. 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, hospital, and school district officials.

COVID Task Force - Northeast Colorado Health Department Director Trish McClain provided updates on county-wide statistics including school-age children and staff, county case counts, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and testing rates. McClain reported no significant changes and no trends that are alarming in Yuma County data.

Jennifer Kramer of Wray Community District Hospital provided facility updates including vaccine clinic status. Kramer requested information from McClain regarding when restrictions regarding masking in healthcare settings might be updated. Kramer reported that they are using a considerable number of masks due to a decrease in mask compliance in other locations. Kramer reported that they have sufficient stores of masks at the moment, however if current usage rates continue, they may struggle with mask inventory. The group discussed the local mask resources available if shortages are experienced.

Patsy King of Yuma District Hospital provided updates for their facility including two hospitalizations yesterday that are unrelated. King also provided updates on vaccine distribution including continued decreases in vaccine participation.

The administrators of the school districts provided updates for their respective districts. Rhonda Puckett of Liberty School District and Myles Johnson of Idalia School District reported no significant changes other than continued issues with student morale related to COVID compliance but that a return to participation in social events is being noted in a very positive way. Levi Kramer of Wray School District reported one student and two staff members out on quarantine at the moment, but no areas of concern.

Scott Moore provided updates on dramatically increased summer rec program registration numbers and no current COVID concerns with staff or operations.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting-will be May 20, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Trent Bushner. Chairman

Wenger, County Clerk

Calhoon, Administrator

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

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