

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 11, 2020

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On December 1, 2020 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. Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Robin Wiley, 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 community inquiries regarding vaccinations and anticipated timelines for vaccine availability. The hospitals also provided updates on an upcoming antibody treatment program they have signed up for as a potential alternative treatment option for COVID positive patients.

McClain provided updates on vaccine distribution plans and various information associated with vaccine provision plans and protocols. Specifically addressed were the comparatively limited quantities of vaccines and coordination efforts designed to make best use of vaccination resources. McClain also provided updates on resources and infrastructure that will be provided by the State to ensure proper storage, shipping, and administration of vaccines.

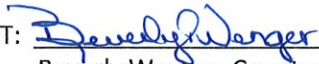
The attending school district administrators provided updates on school statistics and status. McClain and the school administrators discussed the mental health crises being seen within the school systems related to COVID restrictions and stressors. McClain discussed a program designed to provide crisis intervention services to students in crisis during these challenging times. The group discussed the importance of mental health support and resources for students within our communities as their interactions and activities and social communities are limited. Commissioner Wiley discussed coordination opportunities with Centennial Mental Health related to establishing a strong mental health resource framework for our students and communities.

Commissioner Wiley shared information gained from surrounding counties who have been moved to Level Red and the impacts on those communities and businesses.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of December 14, 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.


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