



**MINUTES
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

In accordance with the current State of Emergency and the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, of March 12, 2020 and N-33-20 of March 19, 2020, teleconferencing was used for this meeting. Board members, staff and members of the public were able to participate by webinar and members of the public were also able to participate by telephone.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Kate Schwartz called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

In attendance: Committee Members Kate Schwartz-Frates and Stephanie Ortiz
CEO Rachel Mason and staff members Linda Bannerman and Mireya Banuelos.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Discussion Items

a. Government

i. Legislative Updates

National legislative updates include the passage of H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the announcement by President Joe Biden making COVID-19 vaccine available to all adults in the U.S. by mid-April.

State of California legislative updates include that the state will reopen its economy June 15, as long as it has a sufficient supply of vaccines and hospitalizations are low, ending its color-coded tier system that has governed county-by-county reopening for several months. (Details of AB 339 and other updates are included in the meeting packet which is on the District website).

ii. San Diego County & Live Well Updates

More than 2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine has been delivered to the region. Nearly 1.9 million logged as administered to residents and workers. Almost 40% of eligible residents received at least one of the two-doses.

Cases of COVID-19 totaled 5.8 per 100,000 residents.

The County moved into the Orange Tier on April 7th further easing restrictions and allowing more indoor activities. Many other restrictions to end April 15th.

The County Board of Supervisors established appropriations of \$107 million for implementation of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and appropriated \$80 million for the Great Plates Delivered program which delivers meals to older adults and people with disabilities who meet eligibility criteria. Lastly, the County accepted \$124 million in funding

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, directed through the state, to expand the County public health laboratory's capacity.

b. Public Engagement

Community Health Coordinator Mireya Banuelos said in the next couple of months the District Board of Directors will receive final data from Catalyst (the consultant hired to assist in the development of the upcoming wellness center at 1636 E. Mission Road).

c. Health District's COVID-19 Response

Working with CalFire, San Diego County Fire and North County Fire Protection District, FRHD is assisting to bring the COVID-19 vaccine to our communities. The interest list totals more than 2,000 and continues to grow. The District also works with Neighborhood Healthcare and Champions for Health and total vaccinations with all our partners were 2,294 and total tests as of 3/26/2021 were 8,710. A great deal of updated COVID information is always available on the District's website at www.fallbrookhealth.org.

d. FRHD and Community Events

The Community Collaborative for Health & Wellness will meet again on April 21st, and the next Farmworker CARE Coalition is scheduled for April 16th. Woman of Wellness continues with a monthly newsletter. Social media efforts are ongoing on Facebook and Instagram with updated COVID vaccine and testing information as well as the National Health Observances for April including National Donate Life Month, International Immunization Week, World Health Day and Earth Day.

Director Schwartz commented she has received positive feedback regarding our vaccine clinics and our efforts to provide COVID-19 information to the community. She noted that added effort has been made to communicate with the Latino community, and further efforts are ongoing for better communication with leaders in the Latino community. On April 17th, CalFire is providing a vaccine event at the fire station in De Luz reaching out to agricultural workers in the area.

Using the hello@fallbrookhealth.org site facilitates appointment confirmations when volunteers are assisting Spanish speaking residents making appointments.

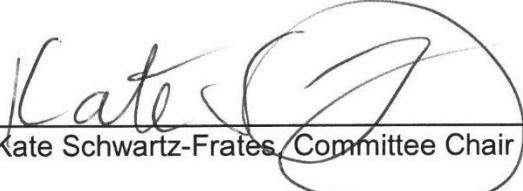
Director Schwartz recommended the District move forward with both Spanish and English language forums to present information by medical providers regarding COVID vaccines and answer questions/concerns from the public. Director Jeffries had mentioned that such a forum was held in South Bay and she was also working toward that goal for our District.


4. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items

None

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.


Kate Schwartz-Frutes, Committee Chair


Pamela Knox
Board Secretary/Clerk