


INFORMATION PACKET

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April 6, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Pre-meeting Parking on the Parkways					
Pre-Meeting Johnson Group Liquor					
Establish April 20, 2021 as Public Hearing Date for Consideration of: Transfer of Retail Liquor License No. 28 from Propper Management, LLC d/b/a 307 Sunrise, Located at 4370 South Poplar Street to 307 Bar, LLC, Located at 4370 South Poplar Street.	C				
Establish April 20, 2021 as Public Hearing Date for Consideration of: Transfer of Three Retail Liquor Licenses Location and Three New Bar and Grill Liquor Licenses.	C				
Amending Section 13.04.060 of the Casper Municipal Code. 2nd reading			N		
Vacation and Replat Creating Central Services Addition No. 2. 2nd reading			N		
Rescinding Resolution No. 14-33 and Establishing Fees for Geographic Information Systems and Engineering Products and Services.				C	
Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Casper Mountain Racers Association, for Management and Operation of the Casper Speedway.				C	
Authorizing a Contract for Professional Services with Rooter Service Incorporated for Rental and Servicing of Portable Toilets.				C	
Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application for Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Operating Assistance Funds for FY 2022.				C	
Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application for Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Transit Capital Funds.				C	
Authorizing an Agreement with Limmer Roofing, Inc., in the Amount of \$19,956, for the 2021 CPU Roof Replacements Project.				C	
Authorizing the Release of Various Local Assessment District Liens for LAD 156.				C	
Accepting Property Donation from the Platte River Trails Trust for Boat Ramp Construction.				C	
Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Valor Construction, LLC, in the Amount of \$26,716.25, to Refinish the Exterior of the Main Building at Stuckenhoff Shooters Complex.				C	
Authorizing an Amendment to Professional Services Contract with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation, in the Amount of \$95,108.81, to Repair the Freight Elevator at Ford Wyoming Center.				C	
Authorizing an Agreement with Installation and Service Co., Inc., in the Amount of \$129,255, for the North Park Street Mill & Overlay Project.				C	
Authorizing the Appointments of Doug Hall, Jason Magnuson, Jim DeGolia and Olivia Cole to the Leisure Services Advisory Board.					C

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April 6, 2021 (cont.) Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Authorizing the Purchase of Six (6) New Mid-Size Police Utility Vehicles, Two (2) New Mid-Size Unmarked Utility Police Vehicles, Two (2) New Half-Ton Four Door Unmarked Police Trucks, and One (1) New Mid-Size Hybrid Utility Police Vehicle, from Greiner Motors, Casper, Wyoming, in the Total Amount of \$391,063, for Use by the Casper Police Department.					C
Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) New Fire Engine Chassis and Bodies, from MaxFire Firefighting Solutions, Castle Rock, Colorado, in the Amount of \$1,228,574, for Use by the Casper Fire Department.					C
Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) New 2021 CCTV Vehicle from Western Precision, LLC, Robertson, Wyoming, in the Total Amount of \$225,038.10, for Use in the Waste Water Collection Division of the Public Services Department.					C
Exec: Litigation					

April 13, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Allotted Time	Begin Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Followup		5 min	4:30
Fort Caspar Seasonal Hours/Closure	Direction Requested	80 min	4:35
Council Goals & Objectives - Part 2	Direction Requested	60 min	5:55
New Delta Addition Public Feedback	Info Only	15 min	6:55
Agenda Review		20 min	7:10
Legislative Review		20 min	7:30
Council Around the Table		10 min	7:50
Approximate Ending Time:			8:00

April 20, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Pre-Meeting: Financial Audit					
Public Hearing: Transfer of Liquor License No. 28 from Propper Management, LLC d/b/a 307 Sunrise, Located at 4370 South Poplar Street to 307 Bar, LLC, Located at 4370 South Poplar Street.		N			
Public Hearing: Transfer of Three Retail Liquor Licenses Location and Three New Bar and Grill Liquor Licenses.		N			
Amending Section 13.04.060 of the Casper Municipal Code. 3rd reading			N		
Vacation and Replat Creating Central Services Addition No. 2. 3rd reading			N		

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April 27, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Allotted Time	Begin Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Followup		5 min	4:30
40th Anniversary (Brook Kaufman)	Direction Requested	30 min	4:35
Health Department Budget Request	Direction Requested	30 min	5:05
Advance Casper	Direction Requested	30 min	5:35
Final Public Participation Plan	Direction Requested	30 min	6:05
Agenda Review		20 min	6:35
Legislative Review		20 min	6:55
Council Around the Table		10 min	7:15
Approximate Ending Time:			7:25

May 4, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action

May 11, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Allotted Time	Begin Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Followup		5 min	4:30
2021 International Building Code	Direction Requested	30 min	4:35
			5:05
Tentative Budget to Council	Information Only	5 min	
Agenda Review		20 min	
Legislative Review		20 min	
Council Around the Table		10 min	
Approximate Ending Time:			

Future Agenda Items

Council Items:

Item	Date	Estimated Time	Notes
Strategic Plan			2021
Roof Inspections			
Formation of Additional Advisory Committees			
Mike Lansing Field Update			Fall of 2021
Missing Persons			Summer 2021
Bus Stop Safety/Shoveling - Public Awareness			
Excessive Vehicle Storage in Yards			
Graffiti Abatement & Alternatives			
Stormwater Enterprise			After July 1

Staff Items:

6th Cent Survey Results			
Limo Amendment			
Sign Code Revision			
Blood Borne Pathogens			
Budget Review			May 17 & 19, 2021
GIS Demo			

Potential Topics-- Council Thumbs to be Added:

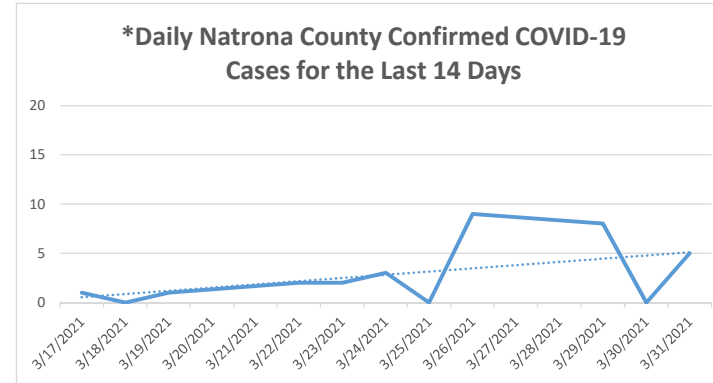
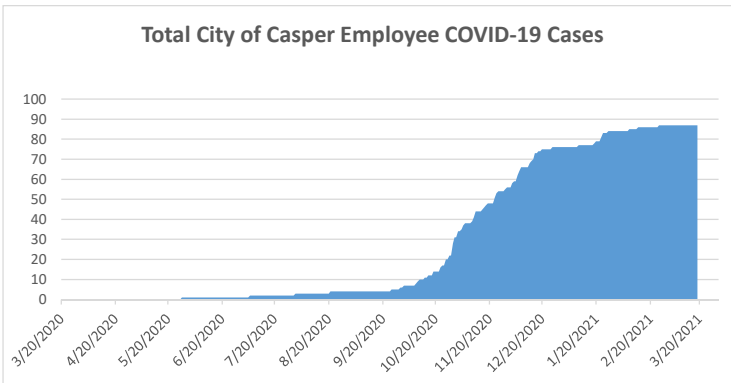
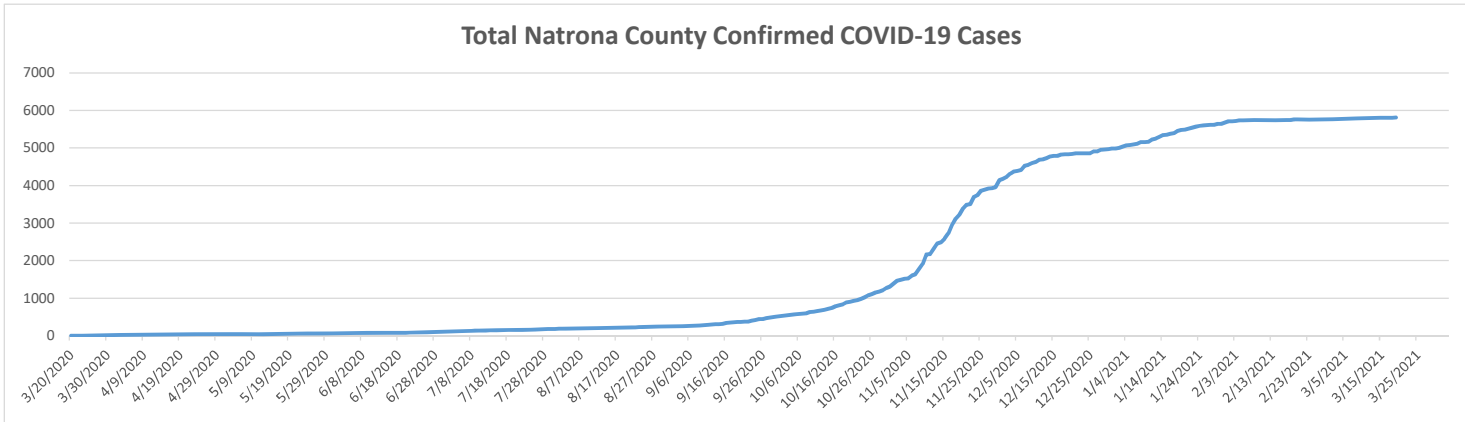
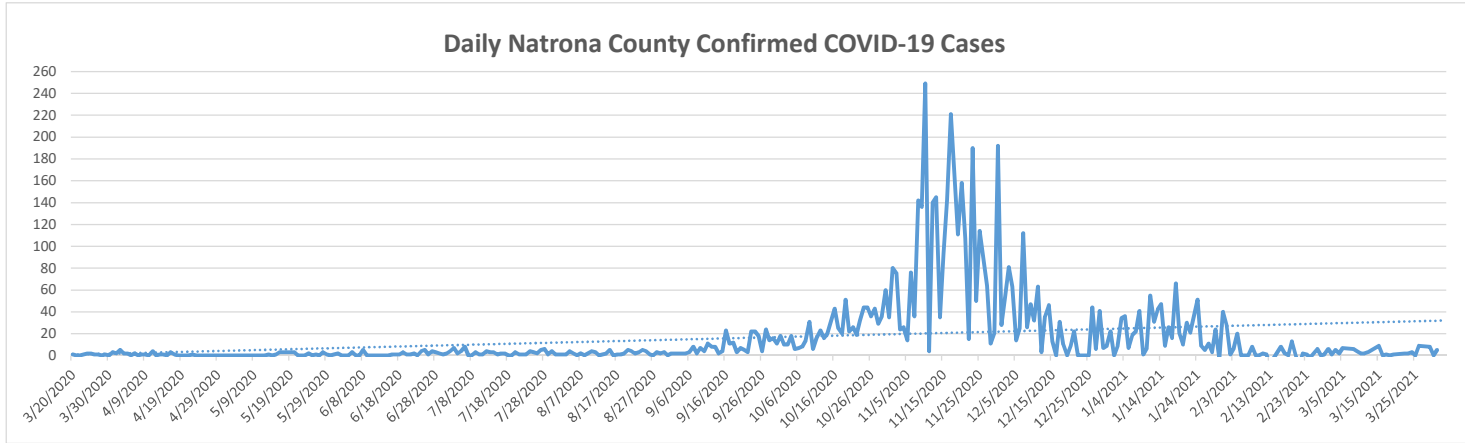
Resolution for Removal of Majestic Trees?			
Restructure of Community Promotions			
Handheld Device Use While Driving?			

Future Regular Council Meeting Items:

Tentative Budget to Council (to be published in minutes)			May 11, 2021
Summary of Proposed Budget Submitted to Council (published in minutes)			June 1, 2021
Establish Public Hearing for City Budget for 6/15/21			June 1, 2021
Public Hearing: FY22 Budget Adoption/Action on Resolution/Publication			June 15, 2021

Retreat Items:

Economic Development and City Building Strategy



*State no longer reporting data on the weekends

**TWENTY-FOURTH CONTINUATION, AND MODIFICATION, OF STATEWIDE
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER REGARDING CHILD CARE FACILITIES, K-12
SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TRADE SCHOOLS**

In an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Wyoming Department of Health finds it necessary to protect the health of the public by modifying and continuing certain restrictions/requirements as outlined in this Order. Additionally, this Order implements measures in line with the White House unveiling, on April 16, 2020, of certain guidelines for Opening Up America Again - a three-phased approach beginning with State or Regional Gating Criteria and continuing through three phases of removing restrictions when there is no evidence of resurgence of the virus.

The metrics measuring outbreak progress and healthcare system capacity support the Wyoming Department of Health continuing certain provisions in the previous statewide public health orders through a measured and data-based approach. As with previous statewide public health orders, this Order continues to authorize countywide variances to the restrictions/requirements within this Order, in the form of a Countywide Variance Order, if approved in writing by the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer.

This Order continues to apply the same restrictions/requirements as the prior statewide public health order #1 (twenty-third continuation), except that it removes the restrictions relating to the number of students and staff in any room in K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools. This Order also continues to recommend require six foot distancing between individuals to the greatest extent possible in K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools, but specifies that public health officials can provide alternative directions for spacing requirements as appropriate, based on the most up to date scientific understanding of COVID-19 transmission.

This Order is effective on April 1, 2021, and shall remain in effect through April 15, 2021, unless the Wyoming Department of Health revokes or extends this Order before April 15, 2021.

FINDINGS

1. COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019, and since then has spread to over 60 countries including the United States. There are 47,322 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wyoming as of March 25, 2021, as well as the presence of community spread. It is expected that more cases will be diagnosed. There have been 695 deaths among Wyoming residents related to COVID-19.
2. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic two to fourteen days after exposure. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. In some cases, COVID-19 can result in severe disease including hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions. New information about the implications of this virus is ongoing.
3. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020.

4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus, specifically stating that, in “December 2019 a novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (“the virus”) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally [...] The spread of COVID-19 within our Nation’s communities threatens to strain our Nation’s healthcare systems. [...] Additional measures [...] are needed to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States.”
5. On March 13, 2020, Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming, stating that on March 11, 2020, an individual within the State of Wyoming tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 and the State of Wyoming is experiencing a public health emergency in response to the evolving COVID-19 outbreak.
6. Governor Gordon’s Declaration of a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency directs the Wyoming Department of Health to take all appropriate and necessary actions, and that in the judgment of the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health, any actions necessary should be taken to provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety, and welfare.
7. A significant number of Wyoming citizens are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms, and even asymptomatic persons with COVID-19, place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.
8. A large number of persons with serious infections may compromise the ability of healthcare systems in Wyoming to deliver the necessary healthcare to the public.
9. Wyoming Statute § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) provides all the rights and powers for the Wyoming Department of Health, through the State Health Officer, Dr. Alexia Harrist, MD, PhD, or under her directive through other employees of the Wyoming Department of Health, to control the causes of communicable disease; to close theaters, schools, and other public places; and to forbid gatherings of people when necessary to protect public health.
10. In addition to the above findings, stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes washing your hands often, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, staying at least six feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, covering your cough or sneeze into your elbow or by using a tissue, and by wearing a face covering when in public.

ORDER

1. As used in this Order “Face Covering” means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face.
2. In order to help protect the health and safety of children, child care centers or home daycares may operate only under the following conditions:

- a. The child care provider shall ensure that all people (children and providers) wash hands with soap and water upon arrival to the facility;
 - b. The child care provider shall ensure that staff and children are screened for symptoms of COVID-19 at the beginning of the day on arrival and may not allow any symptomatic individuals to enter the facility;
 - c. The business shall maintain a record of staff working hours by date and time for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing; if such recordkeeping is done manually, sanitizing measures must be taken on the instruments used for recordkeeping in between use;
 - d. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the facility, the provider shall consult with health officials on next steps; the provider shall close the facility if determined necessary by health officials;
 - e. The child care provider shall require individuals dropping off or picking up children to stay 6 feet away from children that the individual is not dropping off or picking up; and
 - f. The child care provider shall ensure that surfaces and areas that are used and touched often are cleaned and sanitized after each use (e.g. shared toys, keyboards, desks, remote controls) or at least twice a day (e.g. doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, sink handles, countertops).
3. In addition to the measures noted above, child care centers or home daycares are required to follow all health guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and Wyoming Department of Health for limiting the risk of transmission of COVID-19, to the extent possible when caring for children.
 4. As child care is a critical part of the infrastructure of Wyoming, allowing essential systems to function, in the event a County Health Officer closes a child care facility under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, the County Health Officer shall work with local child care providers to make available limited child care services.
 5. K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools may provide on-site instruction to students and allow other use of their facilities under the following conditions:
 - a. Six feet of separation between individuals should be maintained as much as possible, unless otherwise directed by public health officials;
 - b. Students, teachers, school staff, and visitors (including parents, families, and members of the public) shall wear Face Coverings indoors where 6 feet of separation between individuals cannot be maintained;
 - c. The following are excepted from the requirement to wear a Face Covering:

1. Children who are younger than three years of age;
 2. Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a Face Covering, including an individual with a medical condition for whom wearing a Face Covering could cause harm or dangerously obstruct breathing; K-12 schools shall require documentation from the student's parent/guardian, or the student's medical provider, that the student meets this exception;
 3. Individuals who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a Face Covering without assistance;
 4. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing while communicating with others, or individuals who are communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication, in which case it is recommended that a face shield or alternative protection such as a plexiglass barrier be used (a face shield is a personal protective equipment device which protects the person's entire face from potentially infectious materials);
 5. Individuals who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1414, or an accommodation under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794, that would necessitate exempting the individual from wearing a Face Covering;
 6. Children for whom a Face Covering may interfere with the ability to effectively participate in educational activities or may increase the risk of disease transmission because of increased hand to face contact;
 7. Individuals engaged in athletic activities or performances; or
 8. When an individual is eating or drinking.
- d. Six foot spacing of students during transportation to and from the facility shall be maintained as much as practicable, unless otherwise directed by public health officials; Face Coverings shall be worn during transportation when six feet of separation cannot be maintained, with the exceptions listed in paragraph c above;
 - e. Indoor events attended by non-students (e.g., parents, families, or members of the public), must comply with the following provisions:
 1. Individuals must wear a Face Covering at all times during the indoor event subject to the exceptions in paragraph c, above.
 2. Social distancing should be maintained between individual groups of spectators/attendees to the greatest extent possible.

3. An indoor event of more than five hundred (500) spectators/attendees must be held at no more than 50% of the venue's (or room's) capacity.
 - f. Hand hygiene must be performed frequently within the facility; and
 - g. Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to an individual with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, may not attend the institution unless otherwise directed by public health officials.
6. Specific exceptions to the restrictions/requirements in this Order may be granted, at the discretion of the County Health Officer under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, if demonstrated, in writing, to the County Health Officer that effective cleaning and safety measures are implemented. Any specific exception under this paragraph must be approved in writing by the State Health Officer and may be modified or revoked by the County Health Officer under the supervision and direction of the State Health Officer.
 7. Countywide variances to the restrictions/requirements in this Order may be granted in the form of a Countywide Variance Order if approved and signed by both the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer. Countywide Variance Orders may be less restrictive or more restrictive than the measures imposed in this Order.
 8. This Order is entered in conjunction with the statewide public health order titled "Twenty-Fourth Continuation of Statewide Public Health Order #2: Regarding Large Indoor Events of More than Five Hundred (500) People, with Exceptions", entered March 25, 2021.
 9. This Order does not alter but supplements the requirements outlined in the other statewide public health order.

As the State Health Officer, I specifically deem this Order necessary to protect the public health. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv). I will reassess the necessity of this Order as appropriate to do so and according to accepted epidemiological and medical standards. Any person or legal entity that violates this Order shall be subject to criminal prosecution under Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 35-1-105 and -106.

DATED THIS 26 DAY OF March, 2021.



Alexia Harrist
Wyoming State Health Officer

**TWENTY-FOURTH CONTINUATION OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
#2: REGARDING LARGE INDOOR EVENTS OF MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED (500)
PEOPLE, WITH EXCEPTIONS**

In an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Wyoming Department of Health finds it necessary to protect the health of the public by continuing certain restrictions/requirements as outlined in this Order. Additionally, this Order implements measures in line with the White House unveiling, on April 16, 2020, of certain guidelines for Opening Up America Again - a three-phased approach beginning with State or Regional Gating Criteria and continuing through three phases of removing restrictions when there is no evidence of resurgence of the virus.

The metrics measuring outbreak progress and healthcare system capacity support the Wyoming Department of Health continuing certain provisions in the previous statewide public health orders through a measured and data-based approach. As with previous statewide public health orders, this Order continues to authorize countywide variances to the restrictions/requirements within this Order, in the form of a Countywide Variance Order, if approved in writing by the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer.

This Order continues to apply the same restrictions/requirements to large indoor events of more than five hundred (500) people. There also continues to be no restrictions/requirements for outdoor events. This Order also maintains the same exceptions outlined in the prior statewide public health order #2.

This Order is effective on April 1, 2021, and shall remain in effect through April 15, 2021, unless the Wyoming Department of Health revokes or extends this Order before April 15, 2021.

FINDINGS

1. COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019, and since then has spread to over 60 countries including the United States. There are 47,322 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wyoming as of March 25, 2021, as well as the presence of community spread. It is expected that more cases will be diagnosed. There have been 695 deaths among Wyoming residents related to COVID-19.
2. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic two to fourteen days after exposure. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. In some cases, COVID-19 can result in severe disease including hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions. New information about the implications of this virus is ongoing.
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4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus, specifically stating that, in “December 2019 a novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (“the virus”) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally [...] The spread of COVID-19 within our Nation’s communities threatens to strain our Nation’s healthcare systems. [...] Additional measures [...] are needed to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States.”
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7. A significant number of Wyoming citizens are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms, and even asymptomatic persons with COVID-19, place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.
8. A large number of persons with serious infections may compromise the ability of healthcare systems in Wyoming to deliver the necessary healthcare to the public.
9. Wyoming Statute § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) provides all the rights and powers for the Wyoming Department of Health, through the State Health Officer, Dr. Alexia Harrist, MD, PhD, or under her directive through other employees of the Wyoming Department of Health, to control the causes of communicable disease; and to forbid gatherings of people when necessary to protect public health.
10. In addition to the above findings, stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes washing your hands often, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, staying at least six feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, covering your cough or sneeze into your elbow or by using a tissue, and by wearing a face covering when in public.

ORDER

1. As used in this Order “Face Covering” means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face.


2. "Event" is a planned or spontaneous gathering, public or private, bringing together, or likely bringing together people in a single room or a single confined space at the same time. Events include by way of example but are not limited to rodeos, concerts, organized sporting events, fairs, track and field races, farmer's markets, weddings, and any other event of a similar nature.
3. If a business or other entity (child care facility, K-12 school, college, university, and trade school) is governed by statewide public health order #1, the restrictions/requirements in that order govern those businesses or entities unless otherwise specifically noted herein.
4. The following are exempted from this Order:
 - a. Hotels and motels for lodging purposes;
 - b. Livestock auctions;
 - c. Groups of workers being transported to a location for their jobs;
 - d. Government business, military and National Guard facilities, law enforcement, jails, secure treatment centers, and correctional facilities, including any facility operated by the Wyoming Department of Corrections, and any facility used to respond to natural disasters or public health emergencies;
 - e. Federal, State, and local government facilities, including government service centers;
 - f. Relief facilities, including food pantries and shelter facilities;
 - g. Residential buildings, excluding individual household residences;
 - h. Grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores;
 - i. Truck stops, gas stations, and auto-repair facilities;
 - j. Retail or business establishments, where more than five hundred (500) people may be present but are generally not within six (6) feet of one another;
 - k. Healthcare facilities, including hospitals, medical facilities, home health agencies, personal care agencies, hospices, adult family homes, mental health centers, and pharmacies;
 - l. Alcohol and drug treatment centers;
 - m. Long-term care and assisted living facilities, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as long as the facility complies with guidance and directives from the CDC, the Wyoming Department of Health, and appropriate licensing and regulatory agencies;
 - n. Religious or faith based organizations and funeral homes; and
 - o. Parades.

5. Indoor events of more than five hundred (500) people are subject to the following conditions, to be enforced by the host or organizer of the event.
 - a. The indoor event must be held at no more than 50% of the venue's capacity;
 - b. Social distancing should be maintained between individual groups to the greatest extent possible;
 - c. Staff, hosts, organizers, or event participants with symptoms of illness, or known exposure to a person with COVID-19 infection within the previous 14 days, shall not participate in the event unless otherwise directed by public health officials;
 - d. The entire event facility, to the extent there are facilities, shall be cleaned thoroughly, including all high touch areas before and after each event, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines for cleaning;
 - e. Staff, hosts, organizers, participants, and attendees/spectators must wear a Face Covering at all times during the event, however, participants are not required to wear a Face Covering when engaged in athletic activities or performances;
 - f. The event shall not take place without appropriate protective equipment for staff (Face Coverings, gloves for serving and cleaning, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap and other necessary cleaning supplies; and
 - g. For clarity, the 50% venue limitation is not calculated by adding participants and spectators/attendees together.
6. A Face Covering at an event is not required under the following circumstances:
 - a. Children who are under 12 years of age. However, children 3 to 11 years of age are encouraged to wear Face Coverings.
 - b. When a person is eating or drinking while at the event. However, individuals shall wear a Face Covering at all other times during the event.
 - c. If a person has a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents him or her from wearing a Face Covering. This includes, by way of example, but is not limited to, persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a Face Covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a Face Covering without assistance. A person is not required to provide any documentation demonstrating that the person cannot wear a Face Covering for any medical condition, mental health condition, or disability.
 - d. Individuals who are hearing impaired, or communicating with an individual who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

- e. Individuals who are purchasing a product or receiving a service at the event that requires identification may briefly remove a Face Covering as necessary, so that the retailer or service provider can verify identity.
 - f. When law enforcement asks an individual to remove a Face Covering for identification purposes.
 - g. Individuals for whom wearing a Face Covering would create a risk to the individual related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal workplace safety guidelines.
7. Additional specific event exceptions to the restrictions/requirements in this Order may be granted, at the discretion of the County Health Officer, under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, if demonstrated, in writing, to the County Health Officer that recommended public health precautions will be taken before, during, and after the event. Any specific exception under this paragraph must be approved in writing by the State Health Officer, and may be modified or revoked by the County Health Officer under the supervision and direction of the State Health Officer.
8. Countywide variances to the restrictions/requirements mandated in this Order may be granted in the form of a Countywide Variance Order if approved and signed by both the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer. Countywide Variance Orders may be less restrictive (or more restrictive) than the measures imposed in this Order.
9. This Order is entered in conjunction with the other statewide public health order titled "Twenty-Fourth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order Regarding Child Care Facilities, K-12 Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools", entered March 25, 2021.
10. This Order does not alter but supplements the requirements outlined in the other statewide public health order.

As the State Health Officer, I specifically deem this Order necessary to protect the public health. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv). I will reassess the necessity of this Order as appropriate to do so and according to accepted epidemiological and medical standards. Any person or legal entity that violates this Order shall be subject to criminal prosecution under Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 35-1-105 and -106.

DATED THIS 26 DAY OF March, 2021.



Alexia Harrist
Wyoming State Health Officer



WAM Week 4 Report: 2021 General Session of Wyoming Legislature

The fourth week of in-person session of 66th Wyoming Legislature concluded on Friday March 26th.

The WAM Website contains information on all the bills we are tracking, the following paragraphs identify the bills most significant to WAM. The bill tracking site may be found at <https://wyomuni.org/follow-legislation/>. The following is a summary of the status of the bills WAM is tracking. As noted, the full legislative summaries and most current bill status are on the WAM website

Fourth Week Highlights.

The fourth week saw continued work on the budget. The budget is essentially complete, with the only outstanding issue being the Capcon Bill (capital construction). The two days that were missed due to the snowstorm will be made up at the end of the session. The legislature will not meet on Monday April 5th but will reconvene on April 6th and adjourn on April Wednesday April 7th.

There is an expectation that there will be another special session to deal with the new stimulus funding Wyoming is expected to receive. While no dates have been confirmed, it is expected this session will occur in sometime in May and last approximately one week.

The following paragraphs provide a brief summary of the week's activity and a preview of coming bills. ***Bill that have a strike through text have been defeated and are no longer active. Bills that are shaded are bills that have passed both houses.***

~~House Bill 12 – Bond Elections~~

~~This bill would provide that bond elections be held only during general elections. This would restrict a municipality's ability when it holds bond elections. WAM opposed this bill, and it was tabled indefinitely by the House Corporations Committee.~~

House Bill 13 - Alcoholic beverage regulation

This bill included a number of technical changes to the statutes regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages. There are two aspects of this bill that affects cities and towns. The first removed the requirement that the town clerk physically post the renewal application on the premise and will save work for municipal clerks. The bill also changed the definition of dispensing room for restaurant liquor licenses to “dispensing area” . This bill passed both the House and Senate and assigned Chapter 22.

House Bill 26 — Fuel Tax

This bill would increase the fuel tax by 9 cents per gallon. If passed, this bill would generate an additional \$6 million for cities and towns. The bill passed the House Transportation Committee and has been placed the House General File but is unlikely to get a vote in the House.

House Bill 33 - Interference with public contracting

This bill creates criminal offenses related to interference with public contracts such as bid rigging, accepting kickbacks, etc. It creates state felonies (as opposed to federal felonies) for these offenses. WAM opposed this bill as the bill was poorly written and these activities are already illegal under federal statutes. The bill was amended to make the bill better. The bill has signed as HEA No. 22.

HB 50 – Local Government Distributions

This bill addresses reductions in the Direct Distributions to local governments. It is the House version of the Governor’s reduction to direct distribution. The Senate’s version of this is Senate File 64. This bill reflects a direct distribution amount of \$99,750,000, which is a 5% reduction. WAM is opposing this bill. It has been placed on the House General File and does not appear to be moving. If neither HB50 nor SF64 passes, local direct distributions will not be cut this biennium.

House Bill 55 – Tobacco Tax

This bill would increase the cigarette tax from \$0.60 per pack to \$0.84 per pack and increases the tax on moist snuff from \$0.60 per ounce. This bill is estimated to increase municipal revenues by \$830,000 in FY 22 and \$920,000 in FY 23. The bill did not make the COW cutoff. WAM supported this bill.

House Bill 65 – Political Subdivisions Deposits

This bill would authorize political subdivisions to deposit public funds in financial institutions other than state and federal chartered banks. The bill passed the House and has been introduced in the Senate and referred to Senate Corporations. WAM is supporting this bill.

House Bill 72 – Transfer of Water and Sewer District Operations

This bill authorizes the assumption of water and sewer district operations, assets and liabilities by cities and towns. This bill has been introduced and referred the House Corporations Committee. WAM is neutral on this bill and at this time, pending amendments. This bill did not make the COW cutoff.

~~House Bill 74 – Elected Official Removal~~

~~This bill would provide a process to remove local elected officials from office. The bill was heard by the House Corporations Committee and failed by a vote of 4-5.~~

~~House Bill 99 – Property Taxes~~

~~This bill would limit the maximum taxable value increase for purposes of property taxes to 20% per year. The bill passed the House Revenue Committee but did not make the COW cutoff.~~

~~House Bill 117 – Repeal of Gun Free Zones~~

~~This bill would repeal all gun free zones currently established in the Wyoming Statutes. Because this is a preemption of local authority, WAM is opposing this bill. The bill was not considered for introduction is dead for the session. SF 67 is a similar bill and is moving through the Senate.~~

~~House Bill 128 – County Option Real Estate Transfer Tax~~

~~This bill would provide for a local option real estate transfer tax. The tax would impose following a county voter, a 1% tax on transfers of property. All transactions under \$1 million would be exempt from this tax. The bill failed the House Revenue Committee by a vote of 4-5.~~

~~House Bill 143 – Municipal Services Recovery Act~~

~~The bill will preempt cities and towns who provide service (water, sewer, etc.) from seeking payment from the property owner when a renter defaults on the payment. When a renter defaults on the fees, most of the cities will seek payment from the property owner. WAM was successful in defeating this bill in last year's session but has been introduced again this year. Because this is a preemption of local authority WAM is opposed this bill. The bill was defeated in the Committee of the Whole.~~

~~House Bill 158 – Local Land Use Planning and Zoning~~

~~This bill clarifies that a local comprehensive plan is a community vision and guiding document and cannot be used regulate land use. It specifies that land use regulations must be done through local zoning ordinances. The bill passed the House Committee of the Whole and referred to Senate Corporations.~~

~~House Bill 168 – Sales and Use Tax Application~~

~~This bill provides that sales taxes be collected on services such as landscaping and gardening services, beauty and barber services, financial and graphic artists. It is estimated to generate \$55 million to the state general fund and \$52 million for cities, towns and counties. The bill failed to pass the House Revenue Committee.~~

House Bill 173

House Bills 173 and 174 were intended to be run as companion bills. HB 173 reduces school funding by \$66 million and implements one additional penny of statewide sales and use tax to fund education if the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account dips below \$650 million. This would bring the statewide sales and use tax to five cents. The bill passed the house but was amended to reduce the sales tax increase to .5%. It is currently being heard by the Senate Education Committee.

House Bill 174

~~If HB 173 is implemented, HB 174 provides that the three pennies for local government funding with one permanent penny, a penny to be enacted by the local governing body or by ballot and the opportunity for another penny by the vote of the people. Both bills combined would raise the state and local maximum from seven cents to eight cents. This bill failed on third reading in the House.~~

House Bill 179- Municipal Option Tax - Election

This bill amends the Municipal Option tax passed during last year's session. Specifically, it removes the requirement that a municipal option tax be voted only during a general election and allows a municipal option tax to be held in May, August or November of any year. This bill passed the House and passed Senate Corporations 3-2. It's going to be a heavy lift to get this passed out of the Senate.

House Bill 181- Specific Excise Tax Revisions

~~This bill would remove limitation on the expenditure of tax revenues on the ordinary operations of local government for Specific Purpose Excise Taxes. The House Revenue Committee tabled the bill this week. WAM is supported this bill but it did not make the COW cutoff.~~

House Bill 200- Sales and Use Taxes Exemptions Repeal

~~This bill would repeal all the exemptions currently in the sales tax statutes. This bill was not considered for introduction. WAM was supporting this bill.~~

House Bill 211- Property Taxes

~~This bill incrementally increases the assessment percentage for the industrial property class and for all other property classes. HB 211 increases the taxable value of industrial property from 11.50% to 11.75% and provides increase of .25% annually in the following years. Residential taxable value increases from 9.5% to 9.75% and .25% increases in the following years. The bill was referred to House Revenue but failed to make this COW cutoff. WAM is supporting this bill.~~

House Bill 247 – Law Enforcement Hiring Practices

This bill prohibits the hiring of peace officers with who have been dismissed for serious misconduct; or resigned/retired while under investigation for serious misconduct. The bill passed House Judiciary and has been placed on the House General File. WAM is monitoring this bill.

House Bill 250 – Ban on Sanctuary Cities

This bill prohibits the implementation of immigration sanctuary policies by cities, towns and counties. This bill was defeated last year and has been reintroduced this year. The bill has been introduced and referred to House Minerals Committee. This bill is a preemption of local authority and is being opposed by WAM. The bill did not make the COW cutoff.

House Joint Resolution 09 – Local Government Investment in Equities

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow local government to invest in equities under terms established by the Wyoming Legislature. The bill has passed the House and passed Senate Judiciary. WAM is supporting this resolution.

House Joint Resolution 15 Taxpayers Bill of Rights

This resolution proposes to amend the constitution by creating a new section establishing the taxpayer's bill of rights; prohibits any tax increase by the state or any local government or increase of debt unless approved by the voters; specifying ballot; provides for the refund of excess taxes; prohibits increasing state expenditures; and provides for distribution of surplus state funds. This bill was not considered for introduction. WAM opposed this resolution.

Senate File 04 – Airport Districts

This bill would authorize counties and municipalities to establish airport districts. This bill passed the Senate and been referred to the House Transportation Committee. WAM is monitoring this bill.

Senate File 06 – Public Works Contracting Requirements Amendments

This bill requires the adoption of prequalification requirements for contractors to perform public works in cities, towns and counties. This bill has passed the Senate and is headed to the House. WAM opposed the bill but worked with Wyoming Contractors and Wyoming County Commissioners Association to amend the bill to make it workable for cities and towns. The bill has passed the Senate but died in the House Appropriations Committee.

Senate File 17 – Governmental Publications Requirements

This bill would eliminate the requirement to publish the minutes of city council and county commission minutes in the official newspaper and allow the minutes to be published on the town or county website. This bill died on 3rd reading in Senate. WAM strongly supported this bill.

Senate File 20 – Public Records – Personnel Records

This bill clarifies the right for the inspection for personnel records for specified public employees. This bill affects only the city managers in the state. This bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. WAM testified against the bill and was successful in killing the bill.

Senate File 23 – Public Meetings – Executive Session for Security Plans

~~This bill adds security planning to the justifications for executive sessions. The bill has passed Senate and House and assigned SEA No. 0017. WAM is supported this bill.~~

Senate File 44 – Solid Waste Cease and Transfer Funding

This bill creates a prioritized of cease and transfer projects for municipal solid waste facilities. It provides for funding these landfill projects. This bill has passed the Senate and is on third reading in House.

Senate File 56 – Skill Based Amusement Games – Modifications and Corrections

This bill makes technical changes to the statutes regulating skill-based amusement games. This bill has passed the Senate and is up on 2nd reading in House.

Senate File 64 – Local Government Distributions

The bill addresses the Governors recommendation to reduce direct distribution payments by 10%. The bill passed the Senate with a 10% reduction (\$94.5 million). It was amended by the House Appropriations Committee to \$99,750,000. The bill is now on the House General File.

Senate File 67 – Repeal of Gun Free Zones

This bill is the Senate version of the repeal of gun free zones. It would repeal all gun free zones currently established in the Wyoming Statutes. This bill is similar to HB 117. This bill passed Senate and has been referred to the House Education Committee. Because this is a preemption of local authority, WAM is opposing this bill.

Senate 73 – Tolling Authority for I-80

This bill would grant WYDOT the authority to create a tolling program for Interstate 80. The bill passed has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Transportation Committee. WAM is monitoring this bill.

Senate File 82 – Local Impact Assistance Payments

This bill reduces the amount of local assistance to cities and counties from project constructed under the oversight of the Industrial Siting Council from 2.77% to 2.25%. This bill has passed the Senate and was referred to the House Minerals Committee. The Minerals Committee amended the bill to reduce local assistance to 2.0%, which was the amount in the original bill.

~~Senate File 144 – Public Funds – Lobbying~~

~~This bill would prohibit the use of tax funds for lobbying. It was introduced in the Senate and referred to Senate Corporations where it promptly died. WAM is opposing this bill.~~

Senate 157 – Property Rights – Limitation on local authority.

This bill limits local authority to manage local sewer systems. It has passed the Senate and is on General File in the House. This is yet another preemption bill and WAM is opposing it.

Tracking Bills online

The WAM website contains all the information about all the bills and their status in the legislative process. A direct link can be found at <https://wyomuni.org/follow-legislation>

If you have questions about any legislative issue, please do not hesitate to call Bob McLaurin at (307) 413-3483 or David Fraser at (307) 414-0265.



Casper's Council of People with Disabilities

MINUTES from Meeting Held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 11:30 AM Participation via Microsoft Teams Online

Attendees: Voting Members: Austin Berlin, Chairperson; Nikki Green, Vice-Chairperson; Renate Pullen, Secretary; Zulima Lopez, Treasurer; Maureen Barnes, Ardell Breed, Masha Flinn, John Wall, Bonnie Wilson

Liaisons, Alternates & Guests: Jeremy Yates

1. Roll Call – Jeremy Yates with MPO joined the meeting as a guest.
2. Minutes from February 25, 2021 Meeting – Zulima Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes, and John Wall seconded the motion. The CCPD members approved the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. City Council Representative to address any City of Casper business that may affect or be of interest to the CCPD: Zulima reported that Councilman Pacheco was traveling today and was not available to attend, but there have been changes made to the City's guidelines for requesting an official Proclamation by the Mayor. A request has to come from a Casper resident, non-profit organization, and cannot include any topics that are political, ideological or religious beliefs, anything that goes against City policy or duplicates another agency's request. They are not automatically renewed. There will be one approved per year per organization.
4. Question & Answer (Q & A) with the City Council Representative: Nothing to report.
5. Old Business:
 - Discuss updates from Committees since the previous CCPD meeting to address established priorities as listed below:
 - o QOL Committee – Zulima Lopez, Chairperson
 - o Public transportation priorities & projects – Jeremy Yates with MPO updated the Council on the status of the transit study. The community meeting was broadcast on public access channel 192 on March 22nd. John stated he watched it and agreed with the recommendations of the committee. Jeremy Yates reported a transportation plan will be developed and be functional specifically for our community. A draft report will be sent to the group in April before being finalized. Zulima will email the council members with the YouTube link information as well to the recorded community session from March 22nd.
 - o Quality of Life Sub-Committee will meet in April to resume discussion of the transportation priorities and develop a plan to address them.
 - o Public Relations (PR) Committee – John Wall, Chairperson
 - o John provided an update for the PR Sub-Committee. He has posted information on the CCPD Facebook page regarding a rally tonight, 3/25/21, celebrating Medicaid Expansion.
 - o John is working on an emergency response proposal for those with disabilities, and will work on a project proposal for the Council to review. Bonnie did mention that there is a form on the Casper Police Department website to register.

- Big thanks to Nikki Green for her work on the Facebook page during March for Disability Awareness Month and Music Unites Casper events.
- Events Committee – Nikki Green, Chairperson
 - Nikki presented an update on the virtual events celebrating Disability Awareness Month in March, 2021. The Concert for the Community was held on March 23rd and was a success! Nikki reported on the Facebook analytics from the Disability Awareness Month posts and engagement. The CCPD Facebook page showed 17 new page likes, an 89% increase, 695 post engagements which is a 538% improvement; the most popular post has 923 people reached when we went live on March 23rd. 120 clicked into the live video on March 23rd. This is with no money out of pocket. The campaign went very well. Nikki has already received requests to participate in next year's event. The last week of the campaign will be requesting the Casper community to post their videos enjoying music and sharing how music moves them.
- Fundraising Committee – Linda Jones, Chairperson
 - Calendar Fundraising Project Update – Zulima provided an update, and the calendars are at Mountain States Lithographing getting printed currently. 100 calendars will be printed. The CCPD will advertise the sale of the calendars on the CCPD Facebook page when they're ready. Zulima showed the group a proof of the calendar including the 2022 calendar that will be included as well.

6. New Business:

- Financial Report – Presented by the Treasurer – The Financial Report is unchanged. There has been no additional revenue received or expenses incurred to date.
- Discussion took place regarding meeting in person moving forward. It was decided by the group to offer the virtual meeting as well as the in-person meeting beginning next month. Zulima reported that there are 12-14 attendees able to be in-person in the City Hall conference room. Masks are highly encouraged but no longer required by the public since the State mask mandate was lifted, but social distancing will be followed. Masks can be provided for those who need them. City employees are required to wear masks.
- Zulima and the PR Sub-Committee will work on the development of a webpage for the CCPD on the City of Casper's website.
- The Central Wyoming Fair and Parade will be moving forward this summer, so Nikki asked that the group think about this and whether the CCPD would like to participate.
- John brought up putting a link to Microsoft Teams on the CCPD Facebook page for the public to participate virtually. Our meetings are open to the public. Zulima suggested posting on the CCPD Facebook page to email the Council at the disability council email if they want a link emailed to them to participate virtually. The group agreed this would work. The public can also attend in person with the hybrid meetings moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held online through Microsoft Teams as well as in-person at City Hall for up to 12-14 attendees in the Downstairs Conference Room. The meeting is scheduled on April 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

Minutes taken by: Renate Pullen, Secretary

ROSTER - Casper's Council of People with Disabilities - Eff March 29, 2021
CCPD By-Laws require between 12-16 voting members.

Voting Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Term Dates</u>
1 Maureen Barnes "Mo"	Member	3 year	barmmbranchwy@yahoo.com	307-267-0993	April 21, 2020-April 21, 2023
2 Austin Berlin	Chairperson	3 year	austinberlin1987@gmail.com	308-631-1722	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
3 Ardell Breed	Member	3 year	ArdellBreed@yahoo.com	307-234-3427	April 21, 2020-April 21, 2023
4 Maria Flinn "Masha"	Member	3 year	mashaflinn@hotmail.com	435-659-0282	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
5 Nicole Green "Nikki"	Vice-Chairperson	3 year	nikki@aspirecasemanagement.com	307-577-0722	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
6 Linda Jones	Member	3 year	ltak7j.p@gmail.com	307-337-1405	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
7 Martin Kruzich	Member	3 year	martyfred1@aol.com	307-690-8574	April 21, 2020-April 21, 2023
8 Zulima Lopez	Treasurer	permanent	zlopez@casperwy.gov	307-235-8212	N/A
9 Steven McNichols "Steve"	Member	3 year	swmzellia87@gmail.com	307-315-3740	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
10 Catherine McQueen	Member	3 year	cathymcqueen@bresnan.net	307-277-1116	April 21, 2020-April 21, 2023
11 Michelle Onstott	Member	3 year	michelle190@myncsd.org	307-259-4850	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
12 John Wall	Member	3 year	johnwall63@live.com	307-472-2997	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
13 Luan Plumb	Member	3 year	lkplumb55@msn.com	307-266-1001	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
14 Renate Pullen	Secretary	3 year	rpullen@nowcapservices.org	307-233-0403	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
15 Bonnie Wilson	Member	3 year	bonniewilso@gmail.com	307-267-3786	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022
<u>CCPD Liaisons & Alternates</u>					
Ray Pacheco	Council Liaison	3 year	rpacheco@casperwy.gov	307-235-8224	
Matthew Kowalski	County Liaison	3 year	mattkowalski@natronacounty-wy.gov	307-235-9460	July 16, 2019-July 16, 2022



From: Casper Area Chamber of Commerce <information@casperwyoming.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Renee Jordan-Smith <rjordansmith@casperwy.gov>
Subject: Hear directly from Wyoming's Legislators!

Event Invitation

Post-Legislative Outlook

Hear directly from Wyoming's Legislators and engage them in a question and answer session about the activities that took place during this year's session!

MENU:

Roasted Round of Beef
Mashed potato & gravy
Seasonal vegetable

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. MDT

Location: Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center
800 N. Poplar St.

Details: \$25 seating for Chamber Members
\$40 seating for Not-yet Chamber Members
Table Sponsorships are available at \$250

**You may have tickets to this event included in your Chamber Investment! Please contact Jereca or Kim at the Chamber to learn more. **

Email: jlutz@casperwyoming.org

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CASPER POLICE DEPARTMENT'S

2020 AWARD CEREMONY

FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH | 5:30PM
THE HALL ON ASH

Families are encouraged to attend. Light hors d'oeuvres to be served.

Free professional family portraits will be available.





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Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a nationally designated month to acknowledge the importance of communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The pinwheel represents healthy, happy childhoods, and is the official symbol of Child Abuse Prevention.

PINWHEEL GARDEN

The Children's Advocacy Project would like to invite the community to help us bring awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month through the planting of a Pinwheel Garden.

This year we are encouraging homes and businesses to join us in planting a pinwheel garden of their own for the month of April. Pinwheels may be purchased through the Children's Advocacy Project. Call 307-232-0159 or email ashley@childrensadvocacyproject.org. Order deadline is March 29, 2021 and the purchase of pinwheels covers the costs of the pinwheels themselves and is of no profit to CAP.

As well, the Children's Advocacy Project will be planting our pinwheel garden of our own and we invite you to join us at our office (350 N. Ash) on Tuesday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m.

A pinwheel will be planted for each child victim of abuse and maltreatment we served in 2020 – 314 children, 314 pinwheels. We hope these pinwheels will serve as a visual reminder of the child abuse that continues to occur in our own community.

See a pinwheel? Help us plant a virtual garden on Facebook by tagging us and #WYPinwheelGarden.

WEAR BLUE DAY

Join us Friday, April 9, 2021 for "Wear Blue Day!" Get out your blue jeans and favorite blue tee to show your support for strong families, safe kids, and the prevention of child abuse. Find us on Facebook to show us your blue and use the #WYIWearBlue to let us know why you support safe, happy childhoods.

SUPPORT CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Stay tuned all month at www.childrensadvocacyproject.org and the Children's Advocacy Project on Facebook to learn how you can continue to help support child abuse prevention, tips and tricks for prevention, and activities you can do as a family.

About the Children's Advocacy Project

Founded in 2002, the Children's Advocacy Project works with a team of agencies to provide forensic and comprehensive services for alleged victims of child abuse in order to minimize trauma to children, to break the cycle of abuse, and to foster a more effective community response to child maltreatment throughout the state and surrounding areas.

Learn more about the Children's Advocacy Project at www.childrensadvocacyproject.org

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From: Katie Hogarty, Climb Wyoming <katie@climbwyoming.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:23 AM
To: Renee Jordan-Smith <rjordansmith@casperwy.gov>
Subject: A Year Later: Resilience and Courage



Dear City of Casper,

Exactly a year ago, I wrote to you as the pandemic was beginning to dramatically shift our lives.

Today, looking back, I'm amazed at the resilience and courage Climb moms have shown in the face of many challenges and uncertainties for their families. They have taken bold steps toward employment readiness, and overcome obstacles in the way, all to build better lives for their children.

Kelsey, a recent Certified Nursing Assistant graduate, says of the past year: ***"2020 knocked me down more than once but gave me more reason to fight through this program and get the life I've been chasing and reaching for."***



You can see Kelsey and her Climb cohort share their thoughts in this [video](#) from their virtual commencement ceremony.

With a 98% graduation rate and a 73% job placement rate, Climb's 2020 graduates have shown determination during one of the most difficult years many of us have known.

In 2021, new programs are underway across the state, training participants for jobs in healthcare, transportation, and professional office careers. In Climb's 35th year, these moms will join thousands of other graduates to shine a lasting and positive light on their children, our communities, and the entire state of Wyoming.

Also, in case you missed our update in November, 2021 brings a visionary succession plan developed over the last three years with our Board of Directors. Dr. Ray Fleming Dinneen will step away to focus on sharing Climb's expertise with other job training entities around the country. This fall, I am incredibly honored to step into the role of Climb's CEO, with Molly Kruger in the role of COO. Together, we have more than 20 years of combined experience at Climb and know firsthand how the program changes lives.

Thank you for standing with vulnerable families during a really incomparable year. I'm honored and grateful to have you along for the journey.

With Gratitude,



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