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## **West Nile Virus Technical Advisory Committee**

January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chet Moore, Roxanne Connelly, Greg McMaster

Members Absent: Danielle Butke, Dana Kunze

Staff Present: Amy Resseguie, Ginny Sawyer, Jason Komes, Kim Meyer-Lee (Larimer

County), Matt Parker

4:30 – 4:35 Welcome and Introductions, Review Agenda

Matt Parker, City of Fort Collins, welcomed the group, introductions of the committee and support staff, and the agenda was reviewed with no changes.

4:35 – 4:40 Public Comment

No members of the public in attendance

4:40 – 5:00 Larimer County 2021 Review Report

Kim Meyer-Lee reported on the Larimer County case count for 2021. A total of 27 human cases were reported with 10 hospitalizations, 8 neuro-invasive cases, and 1 fatality. The majority of cases were in the 80525 (S. FC), 80537, and 80538 (both Loveland) zip codes. Interestingly, the latest case onset date was week 42; this is 2-3 weeks later than most years. Case onset dates ranged from week 30 to week 42. A majority of the cases were in males, with the predominant age class 40-60 years old.

5:00 – 5:10 Preview of 2022 Budget

Matt Parker provided an overview of the 2022 budget. This is a budget that is reduced from full operation levels with impacts likely on both outreach and length of the data generation season. For context, the recent years' budget are as follows:

2019 \$361,281 2020 \$375,864 2021 \$336,864 2022 \$359,864

Issues related to the 2022 budget include 1) the need to secure a new 5-year contract for mosquito control services, 2) the climate-change induced lengthening



of the mosquito breeding season, 3) growth in the NE area of the city, and 4) rebuilding the budget to meet resource needs.

5:10 – 5:20 Discuss General Improvements for 2022 – 2023; What does TAC want to pursue?

The committee discussed two items for potential follow-up; 1) the makeup of the TAC and 2) identifying potential changes to the trap network to accommodate the decrease in budget.

5:20-5:40 Plan for Feb, Mar, Apr meetings

Parker presented a plan for the subsequent meetings.

Feb – Will Schlatmann with VDCI will present a review of the 2021 season. Mar – Dr. Sue VanderWoude, or a representative, from CSU OneHealth will present on the variety of research topics currently underway. April – Russ Schumacher will present on 2022 climate predictions

## Meeting Discussion Guidelines:

- 1. Share the floor; give everyone a chance to be heard
- 2. Listen to others
- 3. Try to remain open minded
- 4. If you find yourself in disagreement, focus on the issue, not one another