

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
September 30, 2014
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 30, 2014. Kari Kilroy, President, called the regular meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Board of Health Members: Kari Kilroy, President
James Terbush, Vice President
Victoria Broerman
Helen Collins
Robert Bux
Sallie Clark – excused
C.J. Moore - excused
Amy Lathen - excused
Coreen Toll

Division Directors Present: Dan Martindale, Public Health Director
Bill Letson, Medical Director
Susan Wheelan, Office of Communication Director
Tom Gonzales, Environmental Health Director
Kelley Christians, Health Services Director
Kathy Vincent, Office of Planning, Partnerships and Accreditation Director

Others Present at Regular Session:

Martin Thrasher Elaine Johnson Kelly Vivian Joy Clark
Kathleen Schwan

Approval of Agenda

Kari Kilroy asked for approval of the agenda.

MOVED: by Coreen Toll seconded by Dr. James Terbush to approve the agenda for the September 30, 2014 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health Comments

Board President, Kari Kilroy mentioned that when the Board sets its 2015 schedule, they should consider returning to the monthly format, as it can be difficult when there isn't a quorum because the gap between meetings can be too long to conduct business efficiently.

Dr. Terbush stated that there will be medical students from UC Anschutz Medical Center coming to Colorado Springs next fall. He is working with Director, Dan Martindale to set up an opportunity for students to rotate through the Health Department to get full exposure to Public Health.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Dr. Robert Bux to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2014 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED: by Dr. Robert Bux seconded by Helen Collins to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2014 Board of Health retreat.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED: by Coreen Toll seconded by Dr. James Terbush to approve the minutes from the Special Board of Health meeting on June 30, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget – Elaine Johnsen presenting for County Budget Officer

Elaine Johnsen presented the financial reports for June, July and August 2014. Finance expressed no concerns regarding revenues or expenditures for this period.

MOVED: by Coreen Toll seconded by Dr. Robert Bux to approve the financial reports for June, July and August 2014, pending audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Elaine Johnsen presented the 2015 Preliminary Budget for approval.

MOVED: by Dr. Robert Bux seconded by Dr. James Terbush to approve the 2015 Preliminary Budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director’s Report – Dan Martindale

Dan highlighted Environmental Health’s role in alerting the public to the dangers of tularemia and plague in the areas where infected animals were found

Medical Director’s Report – Bill Letson

Dr. Letson discussed enterovirus. Children with asthma are at higher risk of succumbing to the EV68 strain. Polio is the most well-know enterovirus. Ten children in the county have experienced lower limb weakness, however this has not been definitively linked to EV68.

New Business -

A. **Mutual Aid Agreement** – The State of Colorado acknowledges that disasters do not recognize political boundaries, and has crafted an MOU in response. This MOU allows all the signatory public health departments in the state to call on one another if they find their area

stricken by disaster and unable to cope by using their own resources. Requests for aid can be denied based on petitioned department's ability to provide support. The requesting agency is responsible to pay salary, lodging, support, travel, etc.

MOVED: by Victoria Broerman seconded by Dr. James Terbush to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Discussion Regarding Legal Services for the Board of Health – The El Paso County Board of Health's Legal Counselor for the past 14 years will not seek to renew his contract when it expires on December 31, 2014. The Public Health Director has met with the El Paso County attorney to discuss options for legal counsel. The Public Health Director will email Board members after he meets with the County Attorney and the County Administrator regarding new legal representation.

C. Resolution Regarding the Deletion of Fetal Death Reviews Regulations – The state child fatality prevention committee reviews cases of child fatalities among victims aged 0-17 yrs. Fetal death reviews are not supported by state statute. The current regulation is not used, funded or supported. If this issue arises in the future, the board can take measures to establish an appropriate regulation. This resolution establishes a hearing date of 15 December 2014 to repeal the regulation.

MOVED: by Dr. Robert Bux seconded by Helen Collins to approve the Resolution Regarding the Deletion of Fetal Death Reviews Regulations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Resolution for Environmental Health Fees Hearing –This resolution sets a December 15, 2014 hearing date to establish the 2015 fee schedule for Environmental Health inspections, permits and licenses.

MOVED: by Coreen Toll seconded by Victoria Broerman to approve the Resolution for Environmental Fees Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease (CCPD) Grants Program - Joy Clark Maternal Child Health Program staff explained to the Board that a small team of Public Health employees has recently submitted a proposal to state for a Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease (CCPD) grant. EPCPH chose four of the seventeen offered activities that are related to Healthy Eating – Active Living, including partnering with Fountain to update building codes, increasing breastfeeding rates, healthy food choices and worksite wellness. The fifth strategy EPCPH applied for is radon education and cancer prevention. CCPD is a three-year grant which requests \$1.6 million. We will learn at the beginning of December if our grant application was successful. If it is, the grant will go into effect on July 1, 2015.

F. **Letterhead** – EPCPH will develop a new letterhead which will include the names of the members of the Board of Health. The new format will be sent out electronically for member review.

Contracts

A. Tuberculosis Outreach Contract

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Helen Collins to approve the Tuberculosis Outreach Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B: Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Helen Collins to approve the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C: Maternal and Child Health (MCH)

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Helen Collins to approve the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Breastfeeding Contract (WIC)

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Helen Collins to approve the Breastfeeding Contract (WIC) Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. CDPHE Radon Grant (EH)

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Helen Collins to approve the CDPHE Radon Grant (EH) Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO) - EPCPH is applying for a grant from the RCCO, currently managed by Community Health Partners (CHP) to allow us to hire two patient navigators – one in EPCPH and one in El Paso County Department of Human Services (DHS). These patient navigators would assist Medicaid patients in getting the resources they need and help connect them to a variety of services.

Public Health is ambitiously hoping to have the grant approved and the positions staffed in early November 2014. All costs would be covered by RCCO.

All Board of Health members expressed support to move ahead with this effort.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Next Board of Health meeting

October 20, 2014, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30, located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.

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