EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
October 23, 2019
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on October 23, 2019. Dr. James Terbush, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Health Members:
Dr. James Terbush, President
Victoria Broerman, Vice President
Yolanda Avila
Cami Bremer
Dr. Robert Bux
Sam Gieck
Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.
Kari Kilroy
Doris Ralston

Directors Present:
Susan Wheelan, Director
DeAnn Ryberg, Deputy Director
Dr. Susan Anthony, Development and Strategic Initiatives Officer
Brenda Heimbach, Health Services Division Director
Dr. Robin Johnson, Medical Director
Aaron Termain, Environmental Health Services Division Director

Others Present at Regular Session:
Vicki Bennett  Jenny Best   Daniel Brennan  Tom Butts  Aaron Doussett
Helen Harris  Meghan Haynes  Chris Heberer  Michelle Hewitt  Grace Houser
Dacia Hudson  Elaine Johnsen  Jennifer Lange  Kelsey Leva  Paula Linhares
Marla Luckey  Emily Maney  Dr. Ed Maynard  Kimberly Pattison  Lisa Powell
Jacob Rogers  Lori Seago  Nikki Simmons  Adrian Stanley  Jessi Summers
Fadi Youkhana  Haley Zachary  Jodi Zimmerman

Staff Recognized at Regular Session (see Other Business):
Devi Almklov  Aaron Doussett  Kristi Durbin  Shannon Ely  Natalia Gayou
Tabitha George  Eric Gordon  Lisa Hewett  Michelle Hewitt  Darrell Kirby
Marigny Klaber  Julie Kortz  Kari Learned  Peggy McGee  Linda Miller
AnaLy Padilla  Kimberly Pattison  Kena Pina  Teresa Rodriguez  Jenny Satre
Carmen SetlliF  Haley Zachary

Approval of Agenda
Dr. James Terbush asked for approval of the agenda.

MOVED: by Doris Ralston seconded by Dr. Robert Bux to approve the agenda for the October 23, 2019 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
**Board of Health Comments**
Doris Ralston thanked El Paso County Public Health staff for their excellent communication concerning local water contamination issues, resolutions, etc. She stated it is valued and appreciated. Longinos Gonzalez reiterated that point, also commending the great work between Public Health staff and the Air Force to provide outreach to residents affected by the water contamination.

**Approval of Board of Health Minutes**
MOVED: by Yolanda Avila seconded by Longinos Gonzalez to ratify the minutes from the September 25, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Other Business**
October marks the one-year anniversary of the hepatitis A outbreak in El Paso County. An update on the status of the outbreak was provided. Twenty-two key Public Health staff who have dedicated hundreds of hours to outreach and vaccination efforts were recognized.

**Finance and Budget**
A. September 2019 Financial Report: Elaine Johnsen, Budget Optimization Manager for El Paso County, presented the monthly financial report for September 2019 to the Board. Expenditures are still tracking below projection. The fund balance is not being spent as anticipated due to more revenue collected than predicted and extended vacancies for key positions. By year-end, the fund balance will show as increased but will even out in 2020 as positions are filled. Finance has no concerns.

MOVED: by Victoria Broeraman seconded by Robert Bux to approve the financial report for September 2019, pending audit.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. A Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures in the Amount of $90,000 was presented. The Resolution is to recognize additional contract funds awarded to the Women’s, Infants and Children (WIC) contract: $65,000 to purchase new computer equipment; and $25,000 to fund a texting platform for the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor portion of the contract.

MOVED: by Victoria Broeraman seconded by Yolanda Avila to approve the Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures in the Amount of $90,000.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. 2020 Budget Presentation: Elaine Johnsen presented the 2020 preliminary balanced budget. Final budget will be presented at December’s Board of Health meeting.

**Contract Approval**
A. Amendment to Public Health Core Services Funding

Contract A is a one-time funding addition of $195,000 for the core services contract through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to be used to address opioid and other Board of Health Meeting Minutes (October 23, 2019) - Page 2 of 4
substance use priorities by June 30, 2020. Public Health is in the process of collaborating with other El Paso County agencies and evaluating community needs to determine how funds will be spent.

MOVED: by Doris Ralston seconded by Longinos Gonzalez to approve contract A.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolutions

A. A Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Legislative Policy was presented. The Board requested a change to the Legislative Policy attachment, item number 4 under Legislative Process, from “In the fall of each year” to read “Throughout the year”.

MOVED: by Doris Ralston seconded by Robert Bux to approve the resolution, if the change above is made as requested.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. A draft Resolution to Support Policies and Regulations that Prevent Youth Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Products Including Electronic Cigarettes, or Vapes, was presented.

Guest speaker Ed Maynard, Pediatrician and youth health advocate, expressed concern on youth electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) and vaping use. Dr. Maynard discussed evidence-based policies already enacted by other local and national jurisdictions, such as retail licensing and enforcement; raising legal age for sale of tobacco products to 21; and banning added flavors to tobacco products, including menthol. All methods would constitute a comprehensive approach to tobacco control.

Chris Heberer, Chief of Police for the City of Fountain, stated Fountain mandates tobacco retailer licensing and it has proven to be effective. Fountain Police Department does compliance checks and provides training to retailers. They did not have to increase personnel to accommodate enforcement. Chief Heberer recommends that neighboring jurisdictions do the same, only to make it harder for underage tobacco purchases.

The Board discussed the resolution and expressed concern about including specific policies or practices that may hurt small business if passed, or criminalize youth. The Board made the decision to pass the resolution as drafted, leaving it general in nature so local municipalities can decide what policies they would like to implement, with the knowledge that the Board can amend the resolution in the future.

MOVED: by Cami Bremer seconded by Doris Ralston.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director’s Report – Susan Wheelan

Integrated Behavioral Health Series Presentation, fourth installment:

Meghan Haynes, El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) Teen Suicide Prevention Planner, and Kelsey Leva, EPCPH Youth Health and Development Planner, offered a presentation on suicide prevention and community collaboration. EPCPH convenes and facilitates a Teen Suicide Prevention Work Group that is based on a collective impact model. The work group utilizes evidence-based strategies to address youth suicide in the community, such as Columbia Suicide Severity Scale, Sources of Strength, Mental Health First Aid/Youth Mental Health First Aid, and Below the Surface Campaign. El Paso County has seen a 47% decrease in youth suicide in the past year, contrary to national trends. The Work Group and strategies that have been developed serve as a model for other communities and also for an all-ages approach to suicide prevention in El Paso County.
**Environmental Health Update:**
Jodi Zimmerman, Lead Environmental Health Inspector for El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH), presented on two organizations with which she is involved: the Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA) and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). Ms. Zimmerman currently serves as president of CEHA, elected in 2018. She is also a member of the Body Art Committee for AFDO. She represents EPCPH at multiple local and national conferences and stated El Paso County serves as a model community for body art regulations.

**Public Comment:**
None.

**Next Board of Health meeting**
**December 18, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**, located in the John Snow conference room.
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