

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
February 27, 2019
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, February 27, 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
Cami Bremer
Dr. Robert Bux
Sam Gieck
Longinos Gonzalez
Kari Kilroy
Doris Ralston
Richard Skorman

Directors Present:

Susan Wheelan, Director
DeAnn Ryberg, Deputy Director
Brenda Heimbach, Health Services Division Director

Others Present at Regular Session:

Kim Bedford	Aaron Doussett	Susan Garrett	Rachael Kellbach
Marigny Klaber	Sean Mandel	Kimberly Pattison	Lisa Powell
Jakob Rodgers	Kathi Schwan	Lori Seago	Nikki Simmons

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 February 27, 2019 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health Comments

Incident Command Training information was provided to board members.

The National Association of Local Boards of Health is hosting their annual conference in Denver (August 14-16, 2019). Members who are interested in attending should notify the Public Health Director.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

MOVED: by Dr. Robert Bux seconded by Richard Skorman to ratify the minutes from the January 23, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget - *Nikki Simmons*

- A. January 2019 Financial Report – This report represents only one month of data for 2019. We are ahead of revenue, and timing issues have caused that. It will even out as we move through the year.

MOVED: by Doris Ralston seconded by Longinos Gonzales to approve the preliminary financial report for January 2019, pending audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

- A. Recognition of past Board of Health president - Dr. James Terbush expressed appreciation to Kari Kilroy for her service as President of the Board of Health over the past five years. She was presented an award.

Director's Report - Susan Wheelan

- A. EPCPH is working to change the format of the Director's Report and the board member packet to align with our Strategic Plan. The report pulls information across divisions and focuses on the strategic plan.
- B. DeAnn Ryberg, RN, MPH, was selected as the new EPCPH Deputy Director. She has international, national, state and local public health experience. DeAnn will oversee the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Division as well.
- C. DeAnn Ryberg provided information on the current influenza season. We've had a substantial increase in cases – 18 reports, 12 of which were in schools. By comparison, in December there was just one.
- D. Lisa Powell, Emergency Preparedness and Response Program Manager, was recognized for becoming a Certified Emergency Manager for the State of Colorado. She has been with EPCPH for 27 years and has worked in many capacities throughout the agency during that time. Lisa has been tremendously valuable in leading and building out workforce skills in the incident command structure (ICS).
- E. An update was provided by Marigny Klaber, EPCPH epidemiologist and Incident Co-commander on the current hepatitis A outbreak response. El Paso County has had 14 cases of hepatitis A. Our first 14 weeks of the outbreak look similar to San Diego's epidemiology curve from weeks 1 - 14. Marigny presented a map highlighting prevention efforts in El Paso County. We have taken a proactive approach to this outbreak. The focus of our ICS response is on limiting and preventing the spread of disease. We have had over 20 outreach vaccination events known as Point of Dispensing (PODs) and over 500 vaccines have been given in a low barrier way.
- F. The outbreak response has been a collaborative effort with our community partners, with whom we work on a routine bases to broaden our reach and impact. The Public Health Director and Incident Commander recognized the Colorado Springs Police Department Homeless Outreach Team, under the supervision of Gold Hill Mesa Division Commander Sean Mandel. They also recognized University of Colorado Colorado Springs Beth-El School of Nursing Instructor of Public Health Nursing, Susan Garrett, who spoke of the mutual benefits of nursing students assisting in vaccination outreach efforts like this. Kim Bedford, a nursing intern who is working on her MSN with a public health focus at Grand Canyon University, stated that it is heartening to see everyone coming together to collaborate and prevent the spread of this disease. Kim is also a school nurse with Harrison District 2 and had an opportunity to go out with EPCPH staff on several PODs and administer vaccine.

Public Comment:

A local nurse stated that flu is a serious disease and there have been several adult deaths.

Next Board of Health meeting

March 27, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.
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