

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

May 22, 2019

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 22, 2019. Dr. James Terbush, President, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Board of Health Members:

Dr. James Terbush, President
Victoria Broerman, Vice President
Yolanda Avila
Cami Bremer
Dr. Robert Bux
Longinos Gonzalez
Kari Kilroy
Doris Ralston

Directors Present:

Susan Wheelan, Director
DeAnn Ryberg, Deputy Director
Dr. Robin Johnson, Medical Director
Dr. Susan Anthony, Development and Strategic Initiatives Officer
Brenda Heimbach, Health Services Division Director

Others Present at Regular Session:

Vicki Bennett	Lori Cleaton	Mava Cooper	Aubrey Day
Alexis Harper	Helen Harris	Michelle Hewitt	Dacia Hudson
Rachel Jervis	Leon Kelly	Paula Linhares	Tammy Maldonado-Long
Kimberly Pattison	Lisa Powell	Jacob Rogers	Joyce Salazar
Lori Seago	Phil Thomas	Greg Tung	Teresa Vogt
Haley Zachary			

Approval of Agenda

Dr. James Terbush asked for approval of the agenda.

MOVED: by Doris Ralston seconded by Longinos Gonzalez to approve the agenda for the May 22, 2019 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health Comments

Dr. James Terbush reintroduced new Board member, Yolanda Avila. Ms. Avila is taking Richard Skorman's place on the Board as City Council representative.

Dr. Terbush introduced Phil Thomas, who is sitting in for Sam Gieck. Mr. Thomas serves as Mayor Pro Tem on Fountain's City Council.

Dr. Terbush also advised that El Paso County has recently updated its employee Conflict of Interest Disclosure Policy to include volunteers and board members. Board of Health members were provided with an updated version of the policy to review. No other action is required.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

MOVED: by Robert Bux seconded by Doris Ralston to ratify the minutes from the April 24, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget

A. April 2019 Financial Report

Lori Cleaton, County Budget Manager, presented the monthly financial report for April 2019 to the Board of Health. Revenues are as expected. Expenditures are slightly below projection due to some FTE positions taking longer to hire than expected. This will correct itself as positions are filled. Operating is trending as expected. Finance has no concerns.

MOVED: by Victoria Broerman seconded by Longinos Gonzalez to approve the financial report for April 2019, pending audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Contract Approval

- A. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Core Funding
- B. Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Funding
- C. Communities That Care
- D. Immunizations Core Services Project
- E. Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (TEPP) Community Tobacco Initiatives of El Paso County
- F. Establishing Peer Tobacco Cessation Connectors in Low Income Multi-Unit Housing In Colorado Springs
- G. Food System Assessment Phase 2
- H. Parks for People – Panorama Park Improvement Project

Contracts A-G are all renewals. It was asked why some contracts are less funded than previous years. Susan Wheelan advised that El Paso County Public Health is closely monitoring all contracts and funding formulas with state for possible future recalculations. The Tobacco Education and Prevention Program is receiving reduced funds as cigarette sales tax is decreasing due to less cigarette use. Brenda Heimbach advised that even though contract D shows \$30,000 less than the previous year, we anticipate receiving supplemental funding from the state later in the year. Dr. James Terbush expressed his enthusiasm regarding contracts A and B, as the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County have recently consolidated their offices of emergency management.

Contract H is a new contract. The Trust for Public Land identified southeast Colorado Springs as an area to improve parks and enhance community engagement and has been working with the RISE Coalition in these efforts. Through stakeholder interviews, Panorama Park was identified as a key community need. This contract provides for the hiring of personnel to guide the community engagement process locally as part of the master planning process for the park renovations.

MOVED: by Kari Kilroy seconded by Robert Bux to approve contracts A-H.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Retirement Resolution

Tammy Maldonado-Long has served in El Paso County Public Health since March 1993. Most recently, Tammy has worked as a Community Health Educator for the Healthy Children and Families Program.

MOVED: Motion was not made. To be moved at June Board of Health meeting.

Director's Report – *Susan Wheelan*

By statute, El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) completes a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) every 5 years. The CHIP is a community plan created by the Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC), which is convened and facilitated by EPCPH. The HCC selected mental health and substance abuse and healthy eating and active living as the top two priorities of the 2018-2022 CHIP.

- A. Dr. Susan Anthony presented a high-level overview of mental health and substance use sharing national, state and local data, and discussing El Paso County Public Health's role in addressing the prevalence of mental illness and substance abuse in the County. The presentation is the first in a series that will delve into various aspects of this issue. Dr. Leon Kelly, El Paso County Coroner, provided data pertaining to suicides and drug-related accidental deaths in 2018. Dr. Alexis Harper, Criminal Justice Planner for El Paso County, and Dr. Greg Tung, Assistant Professor at the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH), provided information on strategic partnerships they have formed with EPCPH around behavioral health and homelessness to help address these issues in El Paso County.
- B. Rachel Jervis, Enteric Disease Unit Manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, presented an update on the state perspective and response to the ongoing hepatitis A outbreak. Haley Zachary, Communicable Disease Epidemiologist for El Paso County Public Health, provided a local update.

Public Comment:

None.

Next Board of Health meeting

June 26, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.
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