

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

August 28, 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 August 28, 2019. Dr. James Terbush, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. James Terbush, President

Victoria Broerman, Vice President

Yolanda Avila

Cami Bremer

Dr. Robert Bux

Sam Gieck

Longinos Gonzalez

Doris Ralston

Directors Present:

Susan Wheelan, Director (via conference call)

DeAnn Ryberg, Deputy Director (via conference call)

Dr. Robin Johnson, Medical Director

Brenda Heimbach, Health Services Division Director

Others Present at Regular Session:

Dr. Christine Bong Betsy Lehman Paula Linhares

Jennifer Mussaw Victoria Ramirez Lori Seago

Nikki Simmons Matt Steiner Jessi Summers

Robin Trujillo

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Terbush asked for approval of the agenda.

MOVED: by Sam Gieck seconded by Doris Ralston to approve the agenda for the August 28, 2019 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health Comments

Dr. Terbush discussed key takeaways from the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Conference that he attended with Board members Kari Kilroy and Victoria Broerman, Public Health Director Susan Wheelan, and Development and Strategic Initiatives Officer, Dr. Susan Anthony, on August 14-16, 2019. Dr. Terbush summarized the conference discussions around health equity, data sharing, and the Board of Health's involvement in future strategic planning. Board members expressed gratitude for being able to attend and felt the conference was beneficial to their role as Board members.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Longinos Gonzales to ratify the minutes from the June 26, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget

A. July 2019 Financial Report

Nikki Simmons, El Paso County Controller, presented the monthly financial report for July 2019. Official budget packets were provided to Board members. Expenditures are slightly behind projection due to challenges hiring personnel to fill open positions. Ms. Simmons has no concerns with expenditures or any other aspects of July's financial report.

MOVED: by Dr. James Terbush seconded by Longinos Gonzalez to approve the financial report for July 2019, pending audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report – *Susan Wheelan*

- A. Matt Steiner, Public Health Information Officer (PHIO), outlined highlights of EPCPH's 2018 Annual Report, hardcopies of which were distributed to Board members during the meeting. The electronic version of the report, which was published in June, is available on the EPCPH website.
- B. As an introduction to this month's installment of the Board of Health's Behavioral Health series, Dr. Robin Johnson, EPCPH Medical Director, offered a brief perspective on the different levels of prevention, including primordial prevention, which aims to inhibit the emergence of risk factors for disease and injury.
- C. This month's Behavioral Health presentation featured Dr. Christine Bong, local pediatrician, and Jennifer Mussaw, HCP Care Coordinator, who gave a presentation on the HCP program (a program for children and youth with special health care needs) and focused on a specific case where HCP helped a family connect to services for special needs care. Individuals and families can be referred to HCP by a professional entity or can self-refer. 400 participants are currently involved with the program in El Paso County (EPC). The program supports statewide objectives to promote best practice mental health integration in all publicly funded primary care.
- D. Since the beginning of the hepatitis A outbreak in October 2018, over 4,000 hepatitis A vaccinations have been administered in EPC and there have been 70 outreach events to educate providers and provide vaccinations. There are 96 cases to date and the outbreak is estimated to end on December 11, 2019, pending no further reported cases. Last case to be reported was on August 27, 2019.

Public Comment:

None.

Next Board of Health meeting

September 25, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.

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