

**EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**April 25, 2018**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 25, 2018. Kari Kilroy, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**Board of Health Members:**

Kari Kilroy, President  
James Terbush, Vice President  
Victoria Broerman - excused  
Robert Bux - excused  
Longinos Gonzalez  
Peg Littleton - excused  
Richard Skorman  
Doris Ralston  
Sam Gieck

**Directors Present:**

Dan Martindale, Director  
Tom Gonzales, Deputy Director  
Susan Wheelan, Deputy Director  
Brenda Heimbach, Health Services Division Director

**Others Present at Regular Session:**

Lori Seago	Kathi Schwan	Elaine Johnsen	Jakob Rodgers	Taryn Bailey
Daniel Vigil	Theresa Rodriguez	Donna Dunkley	Victoria Bennett	Mina Liebert
Shannon Rowe	Devi Almklov	Vanessa Miller	Lisa Powell	Janel McNair
Scott Gladden	Marigny Klaber	Kimberli Dietz		

**Approval of Agenda**

Kari Kilroy asked for approval of the agenda.

**MOVED:** by James Terbush seconded by Doris Ralston to approve the agenda for the April 25, 2018 meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Board of Health Comments**

Dr. Terbush shared a publication on homelessness research that Rocky Vista University students worked on under his mentorship.

Dr. Ken Finn of Springs Rehabilitation, serves on American Board of Pain Medication and on the Colorado Board of Medical Marijuana. Dr. Finn spoke on the societal costs of recreational marijuana.

Daniel Vigil, CDPHE data analyst for the State of Colorado marijuana health monitoring program indicated that two primary concerns of the State program are adolescent recreational marijuana use and impaired driving.

Kari Kilroy asked how the board could help EPCPH address these issues.

Taryn Bailey, Youth Substance Use Prevention Planner, manages the Communities That Care (CTC) grant, which is funded with marijuana tax dollars. The goal of CTC, which takes a long term strategy and policy implementation approach, is to encourage reduction and prevention of adolescent use and abuse. It is a tested and effective community-based model. The EPC CTC is beginning year three of a five-year plan. The focus has been on Fountain Valley, as the community leaders in that area were ready to address substance use in their community using the CTC model. Ft Carson and Widefield Security have recently joined Fountain. Risk factors for substance use include poverty and a lack of community involvement.

Richard Skorman indicated that he would be open to having Taryn explain the CTC model at a City Council work session.

**Public Hearing:**

Tom Gonzales requested the Public Hearing and Resolution for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Regulation Revision be continued to the May 23, 2018 Board of Health meeting. The notice inadvertently missed the publication date needed for the required notice. It was published in the Fountain Valley News on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

**MOVED:** by Longinos Gonzales seconded by Sam Gieck to approve continuing the Resolution to Approve Public Hearing for Amended Onsite Waste Water Treatment Systems Regulation Revision to the May 23, 2018 Board of Health meeting

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Public Comment:**

Deborah Stout Meininger provided public comment on wind turbines.

**Approval of Board of Health Minutes**

**MOVED:** by Richard Skorman seconded by James Terbush to ratify the minutes from the March 28, 2018 Board of Health meeting, pending amendments as requested following discussion.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Finance and Budget**

A. March 2018 Financial Report – variations in revenues and expenditures are based on trending and timing. Everything is tracking as expected as of the end of March. Fund balance is listed and a \$500,000 placeholder is listed to address an emergency as discussed at the March Board of Health meeting. The fund balance is at 32 percent of the current budget, which is well above the 18-21 percent target. When last year’s continuing expenses and the 2018 approved expenditures are spent, we are still at a 24 percent reserve.

**MOVED:** by James Terbush seconded by Richard Skorman to approve the financial report for March 2018, pending audit.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures for New and/or Increased Contract and Grant Funding and Update Authorized FTE Positions

This resolution addresses the co-responder grant and responsibilities – Public Health has a small component of the grant which covers staff time and time assisting with communication. A total of \$124,696 revenue recognition and expenditure was included in the resolution.

Operationally, the resolution increases EPCPH total FTE count by .5 FTE plus benefits.

**MOVED:** by Doris Ralston seconded by Richard Skorman to approve the Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures for New and/or Increased Contract and Grant Funding and an Additional 0.5 FTE with Benefits.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Resolution to Appropriate Expenditures from Fund Balance for One Time Operational and Capital Expenditures

This resolution ratifies the expenditure from reserve in the amount of \$589,957 for operational and capital expenditures as approved at the March 2018 Board of Health meeting.

**MOVED:** by Doris Ralston seconded by Richard Skorman to approve the Resolution to Appropriate Expenditures from Fund Balance for One Time Operational and Capital Expenditures

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Contracts:**

- A. Public Health Core Services Funding
- B. Nurse Home Visitor Program
- C. Immunization Core Services -
- D. Communities that Care (CTC)
- E. Air Quality
- F. TEPP Multi-Unit Housing

**MOVED:** by Longinos Gonzalez seconded by Sam Gieck to approve contracts A-F.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**New Business**

A. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) – *Mina Liebert*

Mina Liebert explained that a CHIP is a process conducted every five years which identifies public health community priorities. It is informed by community partners – the more than 60 partner organization/members of the Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC). The HCC initially convened in 2011 to develop the 2012-2017 CHIP.

The creation of a CHIP is mandated by state statute (Colorado Public Health Act of 2008) and approval by Board of Health is required. The CHIP supports Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Domain 5: Develop Policies and Plans and informs state CHIP and aligns with healthcare systems CHIPs

The HCC's Goal Statement was shared, "Increase healthy life expectancy for all in El Paso County by offering opportunities and removing barriers that prevent people from achieving optimal health by...

- Reversing the upward trend of obesity across the lifespan by addressing its root causes
- Decreasing the incidence of poor mental health and substance use and misuse.

Strategies to Address Mental Health and Substance Use Goals were also described. Those include

- Reduce stigma for behavioral health conditions
- Increase evidence-based mental health school programs
- Increase access to behavioral health screening and treatment (depression and substance use)
- Increase social connectedness

Strategies to Address Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) were described. Those include

- Increase number of safe parks, sidewalks, and trails
- Reduce household food insecurity
- Increase access to a variety of healthy foods encouraged by the dietary guidelines
- Increase the number of youth that get 150 minutes of vigorous physical activity per week

Public Health is charged with collecting and monitoring data. The dashboard that was developed as a collaborative tool for that purpose was demonstrated.

**MOVED:** by James Terbush seconded by Richard Skorman to approve the El Paso County Public Health Community Health Improvement Plan as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B.** El Paso County Communicable Disease and Tuberculosis Program members, Shannon Rowe, Vanessa Miller, Haley Zachery, Devi Almklov and Public Health nurse Robin Trujillo were recognized for their role in implementing the Video Recorded Directly-Observed Therapy for tuberculosis patients (VrDOT). The VrDOT was awarded an El Paso County Innovation Award last month from the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), and was subsequently awarded the National Association of City and County Health Organizations (NACCHO)'s coveted Model Practices Award.

Persons who have Tuberculosis disease (TB) must be treated with the correct medications, and, in certain cases, the treatments must be directly observed by trained nurses. The requirements for directly observed therapy are cumbersome, costly, and can extend the time of treatment because it can only take place on business days. VrDOT utilizes a smart phone application to view live or recorded sessions where a patient is shown to be taking TB medication according to the treatment plan on any day, at any time of day.

The benefits of VrDOT include:

1. Improved adherence to TB medication requirements by reducing barriers to treatment
2. 3000 percent increase in improved staff efficiency by reducing home visits
3. Cost savings associated with reduced mileage and travel time spent by nurses; average of \$35.70 per home visit without VrDOT
4. Prevents the spread of TB by supporting TB patients with the completion of the regimen of required medicines; have already seen a 100% completion rate of enrolled patients

- C.** At the NACCHO Preparedness Summit, EPCPH was one of 27 Local Public Health Association (LPHA)'s across the country recognized by **Project Public Health Ready** (PPHR). PPHR is a criteria-based training and recognition program that assesses LPH capacity and capability to plan for, respond to and recover from a PH emergency such as bioterrorism, pandemics and natural events. Scott Gladden, Janel McNair, Lisa Powell and Marigny Klaber were recognized.

**Director's Report** – *Dan Martindale*

- A. Two members of EPCPH, Mina Liebert, Public Health Planner, and Aubrey Day, Healthy Environment Planner had an article, "Changes in School Food Preparation Methods Result in Healthier Cafeteria Lunches in Elementary Schools" in Journal of Preventative Medicine, a peer reviewed publication.
- B. The Public Health Director will present at the BoCC on Thursday, April 26.
- C. The 2017 annual report will be out in the next few weeks.

- D. The Director shared a copy of the April 1943 Director's Report to highlight the improvements and changes that public health has seen in the past 75 years.
- E. Dr. Christine Nevin-Woods, Medical Director, will be leaving her post at the end of May. A succession plan is in place, and we are currently recruiting for a new Medical Director, with a target start date of June 1, 2018.

**Next Board of Health meeting**

**May 23, 2018, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**, located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.  
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