

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

October 26, 2022

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at the Citizens Service Center at 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on October 26, 2022. Seven Board of Health members were present, two were absent.

Dr. James Terbush, President, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call:

Present:

Dr. James Terbush, President
Doris Ralston, Vice President
Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.
Dr. Richard Vu
Trustee Ron Stephens
Commissioner Cami Bremer
Councilman Dave Donelson

Absent (excused):

General Jack Briggs
Ted Collas

Directors and Officers Present:

Susan Wheelan, Public Health Director
DeAnn Ryberg, Public Health Deputy Director
Dr. Bernadette Albanese, Co-Medical Director
Dr. Paul Mayer, Co-Medical Director
Dawn Wesenberg, Strategic Initiatives Officer
Michelle Beyrle, Public Health Information Officer

Others Present at Regular Session:

Vicki Bennett	Becca Barnhart	Lori Cleaton	Harmony Chaussee
Kimberly Disnute	Kristi Durbin	Lynnes Estrada	William Hill
Alicia Humlicek	Emma Kahn	Darrell Kirby	Marigny Klaber
Kat McGarvy	Samantha Montmeny	Cara Rodriguez	Melissa Rogerson
Lori Seago	Nikki Simmons	Tom Strand	Kelsey Tillema
Nora Todd	Steven Walsh		

Four American Sign Language Interpreters from Sign Language Network

Approval of Agenda

MOVED: by Dr. Vu, seconded by Ron Stephens to approve the agenda for the October 26, 2022 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Health Comments

1. Dr. Terbush provided positive feedback regarding the educational session held last week. He also mentioned that he would like Dr. Kelly to come to a future Board of Health meeting to give a Coroner's Report presentation similar to the presentation that was given to the Board of County Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Terbush entertained a motion to approve the September 28, 2022 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

MOVED: by Doris Ralston, seconded by Commissioner Bremer to ratify the minutes from the September 28, 2022 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

1. Public comment received from Steven Walsh.

Finance and Budget

Samantha Montmeny, Health and Human Services Budget Supervisor presented the September 2022 financial summary and the 2023 preliminary budget.

1. Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures for Contract Funding to support monkeypox response.*
 - a) DeAnn Ryberg, Public Health Deputy Director, clarified that Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has provided funding for staffing to address the monkeypox response. The funding will also provide support for staffing in the Reproductive Health Clinic, limited clinical supplies, and marketing materials geared towards communities most at-risk to contract monkeypox. The time limited funding will run through the end of December 2022.

*Since date of this meeting, the term 'monkeypox' has been changed to 'mpox' per state and federal health organization protocol.

MOVED: by Dr. Vu, seconded by Doris Ralston to approve the Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures for Contract Funding.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. September 2022 financial summary: there are no concerns from Budget at this time, everything is coming in as expected.
3. 2023 preliminary balanced budget:
 - a) Projected revenue for 2023 is \$30,648,127

- b) Projected expenditures for 2023 are \$30,899,801. (66% allocated for personnel)
- c) Nov 15, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners will be giving direction on the budget.
- d) Dec 6, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners will vote on the budget.
- e) Dec 14, 2022, the Board of Health will vote on a resolution to adopt the 2023 Public Health budget.

New Business

1. Consolidated Resolution Proclaiming October 2022 as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month And Resolution Opposing City of Colorado Springs Ballot Initiatives 300 and 301

- a) Dr. Terbush, Commissioner Bremer, Councilman Donelson, Commissioner Gonzalez, Doris Ralston, Ron Stephens, and Dr. Vu provided comments to support the Consolidated Resolution to Proclaim October 2022 as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month and Resolution Opposing City of Colorado Springs Ballot Initiatives 300 and 301.
- The floor was opened for public comment. City Council President Tom Strand expressed his opposition to City of Colorado Springs Ballot Initiatives 300 and 301.

MOVED: by Dr. Terbush, seconded by Doris Ralston to approve the Consolidated Resolution to Proclaim October 2022 as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month and Resolution Opposing City of Colorado Springs Ballot Initiatives 300 and 301.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director's Report

1. Communities That Care team presented on substance abuse prevention:
 - a) The Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Take Back Day event will be Saturday, October 29 from 10am-2pm at the Fountain Library (230 S. Main St.). This event provides an opportunity for community members to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths by disposing of unused or expired prescription drugs. Vapes and sharps can be collected at that time as well.
 - b) There will be a "Dangers of Fentanyl and Substance Abuse" Town Hall on Thursday, October 27, from 6-7pm at the Public Health-South location. This Town Hall is a community conversation with Widefield School District (SD) 3 and Fountain Ft. Carson SD 8 and will be livestreamed on D3, D8 and El Paso County Public Health Facebook pages.
2. The mass vaccination site providing COVID-19 vaccines at the Citadel Mall will close on November 9, 2022.
3. Dr. Mayer, Co-Medical Director, presented on COVID-19 infections. The rate of infections appear to be stable at this time. Influenza is experiencing a slight uptick which is not unusual for this time of year.
4. Kat McGarvy, Environmental Health Water Quality Program Manager, presented on wastewater treatment
 - Indirect reuse is when wastewater is treated within standards and put back in the ground. It can be reused at a later time or at a different location.
 - Direct reuse is treating wastewater within standard and putting it back into the drinking water systems.

- El Paso County has one of the highest number of licenses in the state for onsite wastewater treatment systems.
5. Introduction of Dawn Wesenberg, Strategic Initiatives Officer
- Joined Public Health recently and has prior experience working with Red Cross, State of South Carolina and Air National Guard in various public health roles.
 - She is a licensed Physician Assistant.

Dr. Terbush adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Citizens Service Center

1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd., Colorado Springs

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