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

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.
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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