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 May 24, 2023. Nine Board of Health members were present.

Ted Collas, President, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**Board of Health Member Roll Call:**

*Present:*
- Ted Collas, President
- Doris Ralston, Vice President
- Commissioner Cami Bremer
- General Jack Briggs
- Councilmember Dave Donelson
- Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr (Teams)
- Mayor Glant Havenar
- Dr. James Terbush
- Dr. Richard Vu

**Directors and Officers Present:**
- Susan Wheelan, Public Health Director
- DeAnn Ryberg, Public Health Deputy Director
- Dr. Bernadette Albanese, Co-Medical Director
- Michelle Beyrle, Public Health Information Officer
- Pamela Preston, Deputy Public Health Information Officer
- Carolyn Gery, Development Officer

**El Paso County Public Health staff present at Regular Session:**

- Andrew Magpoc
- Becca Barnhart
- Brittany Riffle
- Cara Rodriguez
- Claudia Lara
- Dylan Rutmann
- Emma Woolard
- Erin Thompson
- Haley Zachary
- Kara Hamby
- Karisa Dreyer
- Kristi Durbin
- Lanae Notah
- Marques Dungey
- Nora Todd
- Rachael Lyon
- Samantha Montmeny
- Summer South
- Susan Garrett
- Taylor Hartshorn
- Victoria Bennett

**Members of the public present at Regular Session:**

- Cass Walton
- Eric Walton
- Dr. Emily Russell-Kinsley
- Dr. Leon Kelly
- Three American Sign Language Interpreters from Sign Language Network

**Approval of Agenda**

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the May 24, 2023 Board of Health Meeting
MOVED: by Vice President Doris Ralston, seconded by Dr. Terbush to approve the agenda for the May 24, 2023 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Health Comments

1. Dr. Terbush commented on Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Board of Health trainings in June.
2. Commissioner Bremer acknowledged Public Health for receiving a National Association of Counties Achievement Award in recognition of its Care Coordination program.
3. President Collas will be presenting with Director Wheelan and Carolyn Gery on workforce retention and resilience at the National Association of Local Boards of Health Annual Conference in July in Tacoma, Washington. President Collas also suggested a tour of Springs Rescue Mission for Board of Health members and will coordinate with Public Health office.

Approval of Minutes

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the April 26, 2023 Board of Health Meeting minutes.

MOVED: by General Briggs, seconded by Mayor Havenar to ratify the minutes from the April 26, 2023 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments presented.

Finance and Budget

1. Kristi Durbin, Immunization Program Manager, presented the Immunizations Core Services contract.
   a) Contract funding runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and is an annual renewal.
2. Kara Hamby, Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program Manager, presented the NFP contract.
   a) Contract funding runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and is an annual renewal.
3. Becca Barnhart, Youth Substance Use Prevention Planner, presented on the Substance Misuse Prevention contract.
   a) Contract funding runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and is an annual renewal.
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   b) Students Working Against Tobacco commented on the work they have done in their schools to help educate fellow students on the dangers of smoking and vaping.
MOVED: by General Briggs, seconded by Dr. Terbush to approve the Immunizations Core Services contract, Nurse Family Partnership contract, Substance Misuse Prevention contract, and Tobacco Education Prevention and Partnership contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Samantha Montmeny, El Paso County Health and Human Services Budget Supervisor, presented the April 2023 financial summary:

1. Public Health is currently under budget in terms of expenditures. This is attributed to vacant staff positions and delays on capital spending. These expenditures would be paid for by reimbursement grants; however, since we have not incurred these expenditures, we are not billing for reimbursement. There are no concerns regarding the budget at this time.

Director’s Report

1. Director Wheelan introduced Emily Maney as the agency’s new Strategic Initiatives Officer.

2. A joint presentation on El Paso County Strategic Plan Objective 4: Health and Safety was given.
   a) Brittany Riffle, El Paso County Public Health Youth Resilience and Suicide Prevention Planner presented on youth suicide rates and the common methods by which death by suicide occurs among youth.
   b) Cassandra Walton, Executive Director of Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention, presented on suicide prevention measures.
   c) Dr. Emily Russell-Kinsley, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, presented on suicide rates in all age ranges and the common methods by which death by suicide occurs in the adult population.

Ted Collas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: by General Briggs, seconded by Mayor Havenar to adjourn the Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment at 10:50 am.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
at Citizens Service Center
1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd. in Colorado Springs.

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