

**EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
DECEMBER 16, 2013
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, December 16, 2013. C.J. Moore, President, called the regular meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Board of Health Members: C.J. Moore, President
Victoria Broerman
Helen Collins
Robert Bux
Sallie Clark - excused
Kari Kilroy
Amy Lathen - excused
James Terbush - excused

Division Directors Present: Jill Law, Public Health Director
Dan Martindale, Deputy Director
Tom Gonzales, Environmental Health Director
Susan Wheelan, Office of Communication Director
Bill Letson, Medical Director

Others Present at Regular Session:

Elaine Johnsen	Martin Thrasher	Kathi Schwan	Lesia Gabel
Shirley Macrides	Shannon Rowe	Sharon Brown	

Approval of Agenda

C.J. Moore asked for approval of the agenda, amended to move Board officer elections and the 2014 meeting schedule until January 2014. Discussion on moving the meeting dates to a different week to accommodate finance was also tabled until January.

MOVED: by Dr. Robert Bux seconded by Victoria Broerman to approve the agenda for the December 16, 2013 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health President congratulated the City for getting full funding for their City of Champions proposal.

The Board of Health members bid farewell to Sharon Brown. Sharon has served on the Board for more than two years. She expressed her gratitude. Public Health Director explained that the City is working on the best way to fill the position that Sharon has left vacant.

Finance and Budget – Elaine Johnsen presenting for County Budget Officer

Elaine Johnsen reviewed the November 2013 EPCPH budget before the Board.

MOVED: by Dr. Robert Bux seconded by Victoria Broerman to approve the financial report for November 2013, pending audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Public Health Budget

Elaine Johnsen explained the Finance Resolutions before the Board, beginning with the 2014 Public Health Budget.

MOVED: by Kari Kilroy seconded by Victoria Broerman to approve the 2014 Public Health Budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

Helen Collins opposed the resolution because she doesn't approve of spending into the reserve.

Resolution to Amend the 2013 Budget

Elaine Johnsen explained that the purpose of this resolution is to true up the 2013 budget. It removed a grant that was not awarded or used out of the budget and reflected the reduced WIC activity.

MOVED: by Dr. Robert Bux seconded by Kari Kilroy to approve the Resolution to Amend the 2013 Budget

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures

This resolution approved the use of additional funds to the Immunization Core Contract allocated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to cover costs. The Director of Public Health explained that there was no change to the number of employees or the services provided to the public, and the funding will be used to pay salaries. This was pass-through funding that pays for the clinic.

MOVED: by Victoria Broerman seconded by Dr. Robert Bux to approve the resolution the Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

MOVED: by Kari Kilroy seconded by Dr. Robert Bux to approve the minutes from the November Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report : Public Health Director highlighted the success of the Tobacco Education and Prevention Program's (TEPP) Great American Smoke Out event last month. Susan Wheelan, Communications and TEPP Director provided details to the Board.

Victoria Broerman asked for a 2-3 year picture synopsis on the state of WIC be provided at the January Meeting. The Public Health Director said that a current GIS trend map would be requested from State.

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Letson, Medical Director indicated that influenza has arrived in the region. The H1N1 pandemic strain is what's here. It's a more severe virus than we've seen in the past couple of years. Viruses usually switch mid-season, but if it stays with us we could see a rough season. Medical Director also mentioned that the Gazette published a report on obesity. Colorado is consistently among the healthiest states in nation, but we still have a 20% obesity rate in adults and about a 9% rate for kids. It is still a real issue.

Resolution on the 2014 Environmental Health Fee Schedule – Special Note

Tom Gonzales, Environmental Health Division Director explained that this resolution addresses a request made by Board members last month. It keeps Environmental Health fees unchanged for victims on the Black Forest Fire for 2014. Individual exempted are on the assessor's list of those affected by the Black Forest Fire

MOVED: by Dr/ Robert Bux seconded by Victoria Broerman to approve the 2013 Environmental Health Fee Schedule - Special Note.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following last month's presentation and discussion on medical marijuana the Board discussed the possibility presenting a resolution in opposition to the sale of non-medical marijuana. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Dr. Finn commented that the Board already has the support of the American Medical Association, which spoke out against recreational marijuana use last month. He suggested that Board consider using their position on tobacco or alcohol as a template against the use of recreational marijuana. He also offered to provide the Board with peer reviewed data.

Next Board of Health meeting

January 27, 2013, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30, located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.

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