

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
October 24, 2018
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 24, 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
Robert Bux - excused
Longinos Gonzalez
Peg Littleton
Richard Skorman
Doris Ralston
Sam Gieck

Directors Present:

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

Others Present at Regular Session:

Kathi Schwan	Elaine Johnsen	Jakob Rodgers	Victoria Bennett	Lori Seago
Robin Johnson	Lisa Powell	Kristen Waters	Kimberly Pattison	

Approval of Agenda

Kari Kilroy asked for approval of the agenda.

MOVED: by Peggy Littleton seconded by Sam Gieck to approve the agenda for the October 24, 2018 meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health Comments

PFOAs were discussed at the last Fountain City Council meeting

Kari Kilroy asked members to consider a later start time for Board of Health meetings in 2019, to accommodate the schedules of some members who are not available at 7:30 a.m.

Commissioner Littleton congratulated Susan Wheelan on an excellent budget presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

MOVED: by James Terbush seconded by Sam Gieck to ratify the minutes from the September 26, 2018 Board of Health meeting, pending amendments as requested following discussion.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget

September 2018 Financial Report – revenue is coming in ahead of expenditures. Operating is slightly over budget, but as the board planned to spend into the fund balance, that is expected. Not all planned purchases have been made and some better prices were secured, so we won't spend into fund balances as much as planned.

MOVED: by Longinos Gonzalez seconded by Sam Gieck to approve the financial report for September 2018, pending audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Preliminary Balanced Budget Presentation – The budget will change between now and the final, actual budget that the board will be asked to adopt in December. For many years, Public Health has not stepped forward to make a critical needs request. This year, Public Health has put in a request to accommodate increasing demand and the higher population. On November 9, the BOCC will decide on the 2019 critical needs and how much funding will be allocated to El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH). This presentation was to help Board of Health members understand the various factors at play in allowing EPCPH to address the needs of a growing population. Board members were asked to consider taking money from the fund balance to offset the need.

Commissioner Littleton suggested EPCPH identify how this request satisfies the county's strategic plan and objectives to meet those goals.

Jim Terbush asked about the emergency amount reserved. Elaine Johnsen explained that that amount is identified on every monthly financial statement.

Health insurance rates are going up in 2019. Employee and spouse policyholders will pay an additional \$48 per month and family policyholders will pay an additional \$68 per month. The two percent increase, if it occurs, will offset the increase in health insurance premiums. No employee will suffer a net decrease, provided the two percent increase moves forward.

Victoria Broerman asked if State funding is equal for all counties. It is primarily a population-based formula, but most funding comes from the county or city funding.

Tom Gonzales indicated that there is an effort from CALPHO to go before the Joint Budget Commission to increase that funding.

Doris Ralston asked what would happen if the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) does not approve the critical needs funding. She asked the commissioners to confirm that they wouldn't do an unfunded mandate. Elaine Johnsen indicated that EPCPH would need to reconsider their options at that point.

Kari asked if there should be a work session to discuss budget strategies after we know the BOCC's decision on November 8th. The Board agreed to a November 28th work session. Victoria Broerman would like a presentation on the critical needs and take a deep dive into the health department. Why do we need those position filled and how does that fit into the strategic plan?

Contracts:

- A. WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - renewal
- B. Chlamydia Screening – renewal
- C. Title X - renewal

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution

- A. **Legislative Policy Resolution** – We need to be sure any legislative policy is supported by evidence-based, best practices.

MOVED: by Jim Terbush seconded by Longinos Gonzalez to approve the Legislative Policy Resolution

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. **Resolution for Environmental Health Fees Hearing** – This resolution is only to set the date for the public hearing.

MOVED: by Peggy Littleton seconded by Longinos Gonzalez to approve the Environmental Fees Hearing Resolution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report – *Susan Wheelan*

- A. Emergency Preparedness – Rampart Dam Exercise recap and lessons, presented by Lisa Powell. Colorado Springs Utilities did an exercise relating to a breach of the Rampart Reservoir. Although the likelihood is very small, the exercise would help with preparedness and included a natural disaster – a 7.1 earthquake that ruptured the dam. The goal of the exercise was to determine if staff could respond within one hour. Over 90 percent of staff were able to respond and agreed to shelter in place. Follow up instruction on what sheltering in place would entail was provided.
- B. Dr. Robin Johnson, Medical Director, updated board members on acute flaccid myelitis or enterovirus. We are moving out of the peak season, but we have been seeing certain strains that cause acute onset of neurological symptoms. Most of the time it resolves, but occasionally it does not. It looks a lot like polio, but it is not polio. The best course of protection is to avoid contact with contagious individuals and to wash hands. There have been 41 cases of A71 in the state, and 14 of the acute flaccid myelitis. We have not had any of the devastating cases in El Paso County.
- C. We have had our first hospitalized cases of flu in El Paso County. Recommendations for the vaccination are the same. Nasal vaccine is available, but not recommended for immunocompromised individuals. A higher dose is recommended as we age.

Public Comment:

None.

Next Board of Health meeting

December 19, 2018, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.

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