

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
September 26, 2018
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 26, 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
Longinos Gonzalez - excused
Peg Littleton - excused
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	Danielle Oller	Lori Seago	Robin Johnson
DeAnn Ryberg	Meghan Haynes	Kelsey Leva	Susan Imhoff	

Approval of Agenda

Kari Kilroy asked for approval of the agenda.

MOVED: by James Terbush seconded by Doris Ralston to approve the agenda for the September 26, 2018 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health Comments

None.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

MOVED: by Robert Bux seconded by Sam Gieck to ratify the minutes from the August 22, 2018 Board of Health meeting, pending amendments as requested following discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget

August 2018 Financial Report – Elaine Johnsen indicated that expenditures are lagging slightly. Next month the board will review the 2019 preliminary balanced budget.

MOVED: by James Terbush seconded by Sam Gieck to approve the financial report for August 2018, pending audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Contracts:

- A. Refugee TB Screening – renewal
- B. WIC Contract – renewal
- C. Indoor Radon Agreement

Board members asked for additional information on the Radon agreement. The radon-testing laboratory will pay commensurate county rent per square foot for their use of bench space. This cooperative arrangement will allow us to offer radon in water testing. This is the only radon-testing lab in the region that is EPA certified.

MOVED: by Robert Bux seconded by Sam Gieck to approve contracts A-C.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution

- A. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Resolution

Susan Wheelan introduced EPCPH's efforts on youth suicide prevention over the past two years. Youth suicide prevention is listed as a goal in the County's Strategic Plan and mental health is a top priority in El Paso County's Community Health Improvement Plan. Maternal Child Health (MCH) funding allowed that program to use an upstream approach in their work on bullying and suicide prevention with elementary-aged children, to increase their resiliency, connectedness and life skills. Healing Our Youth programming helps children gain and use skills that save lives. Susan Wheelan thanked the members of the Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners for their support on this important issue.

MOVED: by Robert Bux seconded by Victoria Broerman to approve the Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report – *Susan Wheelan*

- A. El Paso County's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Team was awarded the "Loving Support Award" for the EPCPH Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Our team was one of 78 nationwide and one of three in the state of Colorado to be recognized for the achievement of this national award. More information about the award is available on the [WIC website](#).
- B. Flu season is here. All staff were invited to get free flu vaccine yesterday. Each year in October, EPCPH promotes the importance of getting vaccinated. Our Communicable Disease program monitors flu cases throughout the season. We will also be communicating with the schools. There will be flu vaccinations available for Board of Health members at the October board meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

Next Board of Health meeting

October 24, 2018, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., located in the John Snow/Milton Miller conference room.

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