

**MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH**

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

On October 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., President Bonnie McNulty called the meeting to order. Lindsey Gonzales took roll call. The following additional Board members were present: Dawn Comstock, Lane Drager, and Greg Deranleau. Amanda Cruser, counsel for Jefferson County Public Health, was also present.

For the record. Kimberley Krapek was absent.

A quorum was established.

Staff Members Presenting

Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director
Jody Erwin, Deputy Director
Dr. Margaret Huffman/Director - Community Health Services
James Rada, Director/Director - Environmental Health Services
Craig Sanders/Environmental Health Services
Joseph Badalpour/Administrative Services

Acceptance of Agenda

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Comstock seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Deranleau seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Employee of the Month Presentation

The Board of Health presented the October Employee of the Month certificate to Gloria Gutfeld, with Community Health Services.

Old Business

Mr. Sanders, with Environmental Health Services, discussed a summary of proposed changes in the 2017 Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Regulations. Overall, staff believe that the revisions to Regulation 43 represent a significant improvement in the regulatory environment and will provide additional protection for groundwater resources. The changes proposed to the 2017 Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Regulation are mostly the result of changes to the State regulations. In discussion, it was decided not to mandate the use of pumps instead of dosing siphons, and Jefferson County Public Health will not require the property purchaser to obtain a use permit if the seller failed to do so. The Board also requested that Mr. Sanders attempt to find out how many transactions have historically occurred without a use permit.

Public Comment

Michael Fahy discussed with the Board the mountain ground water overlay as it occurs throughout the Jefferson County area and how this relates to what he believes is the optimal minimum separation distance between wells.

*****Board of Health took a seven-minute break *****

New Business

Mr. Sanders discussed whether additional training on onsite wastewater treatment systems for various OWTS practitioners in Jefferson County is necessary. The Colorado Professionals in OWTS (CPOW) encourages agencies to consider whether the training and education required for OWTS practitioners is appropriate and recommends specific OWTS relevant courses. The Board would like Mr. Sanders to survey OWTS practitioners to solicit their comments on what training or credentials, in addition to the Professional Engineer's (PE) license, might be recommended. This information will then be provided to the Board for further discussion.

Financial Report

Mr. Badalpour presented the financial reports for September 2017. Mr. Deranleau made a motion to approve the report as presented. Ms. Comstock seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Contracts and Agreements

Mr. Erwin presented the contracts and agreements. Mr. Deranleau made a motion to approve the contracts and agreements as presented. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Approval of Warrants

Mr. Deranleau made a motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Executive Director Comments

Dr. Johnson introduced the new Jefferson County and JCPH websites. Dr. Johnson also brought to the Board's attention recent discussions involving the possibility of a drug injection site at the Harm Reduction Action Center in Denver. They are working with the Legislature's Opium and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Committee to propose a safe site in Denver for people to inject drugs. This site proposal will need changes in federal, state and local laws to make it legal. The Harm Reduction Action Center would like Jefferson County's Board of Health to sign a resolution supporting the establishment of a site such as this in Denver. Dr. Johnson will bring a report on sites such as this to the Board at its next meeting.

Director Comments

Mr. Erwin introduced Kristian Blessington, Jefferson County Public Health's new Health Planner.

Mr. Rada with Environmental Health Services introduced Jennifer Reusser, Jefferson County Public Health's new Informatics Specialist. Environmental Health Services is three weeks away from sending out applications for renewal for the retail food licenses. New this year is the option for retail food establishments to renew online. Information about the new online renewal process will be sent out with the Retail Food Establishment packets.

Dr. Huffman with Community Health Services updated the Board on grant applications submitted by Community Health Services, including a metro public health CCPD project to encourage breastfeeding-friendly environments, a grant for drug overdose education (including health provider education), and a grant addressing health disparities by providing health education within Family, Friends and Neighbors childcare environments.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.