

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

On April 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., President Bonnie McNulty called the meeting to order. Lindsey Gonzales took roll call. The following additional Board members were present: Dr. Dawn Comstock, Lane Drager, and Greg Deranleau. Amanda Crusier, counsel for Jefferson County Public Health, was also present.

For the record Kimberley Krapek was absent. A quorum was established.

**Staff Members Presenting**

Joseph Badalpour, Administrative Services  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director  
Jody Erwin, Deputy Director  
Dr. Margaret Huffman, Community Health Services Director  
Elise Lubell, Health Promotion & Lifestyle Management Director  
Craig Sanders, Environmental Health Services  
Roy Laws, Environmental Health Services

**Acceptance of Agenda**

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

**Motion Passed**

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Mr. Deranleau made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion. For the record, Mr. Drager abstained, since he was not present during March's Board meeting.

**Motion Passed**

**Employee of the Month Presentation**

The Board of Health presented the April Employee of the Month certificate to Susan Westhof, with the Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management Division.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Badalpour presented the financial report for March of 2018. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the report as presented. Mr. Deranleau seconded the motion.

**Motion Passed**

**Contracts and Agreements**

Mr. Erwin presented the contracts and agreements. Dr. Comstock 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**

**Old Business**

N/A

**New Business**

N/A

**Public Comment**

Mr. and Mrs. Orozco discussed an idea with the Board regarding a property which he purchased in Indian Hills, Colorado, and has not been able to build on due to the prohibition against onsite wastewater systems. Currently Mr. Orozco owns two lots that are just slightly over a half acre each, in the Alpine Village area. Mr. Orozco understands the reason for the prohibition in the area, but after discussions with Environmental Health Services staff, he thinks he may have a proposal that might be acceptable to the Board members. Mr. Orozco would like to move forward with preparing a formal proposal to the Board to address some of the wastewater issues in the area that he believes may allow him to develop the land he has purchased. In the proposal, he will offer to use a high-level nitrogen treatment system for a new septic system on his property, and would buy one high-level nitrogen treatment system for his neighbor, who currently has an older septic tank system. His proposal is that this will reduce the nitrogen load on the area groundwater.

Roy Laws discussed with the Board that he would work with Mr. Orozco in putting together a formal presentation for the Board to review at a Board of Health meeting later in the year.

After discussion, the Board would like more information regarding this idea and gave permission to have Environmental Health Services staff look at this idea as a possible pilot program. The Board discussed with Mr. Orozco that he will more than likely need to come back to the Board and formally ask for a variance. In the formal proposal, the Board would like to see potential impacts, both negative and positive.

A few members from the community came to hear a case which was posted on Stansberry Street in Conifer, Colorado, in March of 2018. However, the case was not on the April Board of Health Agenda. This case will be heard at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Health.

Mr. Steve Hosie verified with the Board that there was nothing on the agenda under New or Old Business at today's Board of Health meeting. Mr. Hosie also sought to verify if Mr. Orozco's comments were discussed under the Public Comment section of the agenda. Mr. Hosie asked the Board if all the current members had read Dr. Margaret Herzog's Jefferson County Public Health Groundwater Study. Mr. Hosie also wanted to verify if the Indian Hills moratorium or prohibition area was still in effect and suggested that the proposal by Mr. and Mrs. Orozco didn't meet the intent of the prohibition. He also claimed that some properties in the prohibition area were removed without any scientific evidence as to

why they were removed and stated that was contrary to what had been presented in the report by Dr. Herzog.

### **Executive Director's Comments**

Dr. Johnson thanked the Board of Health members who attended the Jefferson County Public Health Champions Luncheon earlier this month. Dr. Johnson also thanked the Public Health Communications Team for all their hard work in making the event such a success.

Dr. Johnson brought to the Board's attention the collaborative work being done between Jefferson County Public Health and the local hospitals regarding the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The approach is turning out to be a very positive and productive relationship. Dr. Johnson pointed out that Jefferson County Public Health's planning team is doing an amazing job of collaboration with the county's hospitals on this endeavor. The finished report should be a good tool to share between public health, the hospitals, the Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners.

Dr. Johnson highlighted that Jefferson County Public Health recently opened a new WIC (Women, Infants and Children) office in Littleton, Colorado. Dr. Johnson discussed with the Board that the TABOR amendment revenue limits are impacting the county, and may impact us as we apply for new grant revenue. The County is asking all departments to look closely at the kinds of grants that the departments are receiving, because increased state grant revenue could result in having to refund money to taxpayers. Dr. Johnson updated the Board regarding a group within Jefferson County, called the Jefferson County Hot Spotting Alliance. This group has asked Jefferson County Public Health to be the 'back bone' or the convener of this group moving forward. The name will be changed to the Jefferson County Health Alliance. Dr. Johnson recognized and thanked, Dr. Huffman for working closely with this group.

Dr. Johnson relayed to the Board that he will be resigning from the Residency Advisory Committee for the Dartmouth Leadership Preventive Medicine Program, after serving on this committee for the past six years. Dr Johnson will be turning this opportunity over to someone else in the preventive medicine community. Also, Dr. Johnson has reviewed the comments from the Board of Health members, regarding his personal evaluation that was sent to the Board in December of 2017. Dr. Johnson would like to discuss with the Board their comments outlined in the evaluation during an Executive Session in May or July.

### **Director Comments**

Mr. Craig Sanders, with Environmental Health Services, relayed to the Board that at the May Board of Health Meeting the members will receive a copy of the revised Onsite Wastewater Regulations that were approved during March's Board of Health meeting. The revised regulations are up on the [Jeffco.us/public-health](http://Jeffco.us/public-health) website for review as well. Also, a memo will be prepared and given to the professional practitioners regarding the changes to the regulations within the next few weeks. Mr. Sanders also updated the Board on the growing population of rabid skunks within Jefferson County. Press releases have gone out to the community, asking them to please make sure their pets are vaccinated, and to notify the health department or County animal control if they notice anything out of the ordinary.

Environmental Health Services has filled the Informatics Specialist job position. Also, Environmental Health is working closely with Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management regarding restaurant menu review, to collect data concerning the health of drinks offered with kids' meals.

Dr. Huffman, with Community Health Services (CHS), introduced new staff member, Christine Reily. Dr. Huffman updated the Board regarding the Safe Sleep Summit training on infant death scene investigation and data collection aimed at law enforcement, and the creation of our jurisdictional Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Reporting Form (SUIDIRF) last year.

The infant safe sleep work in Jefferson County, now coined "The Jefferson County Safe Sleep Project," has extended its partnership to include home visitation nursing programs here at Jefferson County Public Health, all caseworkers within Human Services, the Child Welfare Subcommittee of the CYLC and its partners, our Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, the State Infant Safe Sleep Partnership, and Children's Hospital of Colorado's Pediatrics Pulmonary doctors and sleep-expert psychologists.

Community Health Services will be hosting 3 trainings this year titled, "Taking the Fear Out of Infant Safe Sleep". These trainings are designed to train employees to change the conversation/education with families around safe sleep to a more positive, developmental benefits-based counseling session. These will include using Motivational Interviewing techniques and training from expert psychologists on how to navigate complicated conversations and encourage positive behavior change. Additionally, in partnership with experts listed above from Children's Hospital, we are working to create a behavior change intervention tool (video), and data collection tool in hopes of capturing whether this new approach is successful in creating and encouraging behavior change. The project's mission: *"Using data, education, public outreach and support to establish a coordinated and consistent message around infant safe sleep to promote positive and lasting behavioral changes so that all Jefferson County infants and children thrive."*

In May, Sophie West, with CHS, has been invited to attend the National Child Death Review Conference with state and national partners, and will spend the week with Centers for Disease Control Sudden Unexpected Infant Death experts. She will be discussing both our Jefferson County Safe Sleep Project work and our Regional Child Fatality Review Team overall.

Elise Lubell, with Health Promotional and Lifestyle Management, introduced two newer staff members to the Board of Health, Lindi Jones and Marion Kalb.

#### **Staff Comment**

Roy Laws addressed the Board informing them that he attended a small work group meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> with members of the Indian Hills community to move forward on the directives that were provided at March's Board of Health meeting. Mr. Laws will update the Board as more discussions happen throughout the coming months.

**Board of Health Comment**

Mr. Deranleau commented regarding public comments that had been made, and indicated that the properties removed from the Indian Hills prohibition had been removed based on a correction in the original calculation of the prohibition area, and that Dr. Herzog's report had come out after the removal of those properties. He also addressed Mr. Steve Hosie's concerns about the department considering the Orozco family's proposal.

Dr. Comstock relayed her appreciation for Roy Laws and other Environmental Health Services staff for already addressing concerns and questions from March's Board of Health meeting regarding Indian Hills.

Ms. McNulty thanked everyone who attended the Public Health Champions Luncheon. The event was wonderful and very positive.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.