

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

On August 21, 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, Kimberley Krapek, Lane Drager, and Greg Deranleau. Amanda Crusier, counsel for Jefferson County Public Health, was also present.

A quorum was established.

**Staff Members Presenting**

Joseph Badalpour, Administrative Services  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director  
Jody Erwin, Deputy Director  
James Rada, Environmental Health Services  
Dr. Margaret Huffman, Community Health Services  
Marion Kalb, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management  
Jenna Metzinger, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management  
Kristian Blessington, Administrative Services

**Acceptance of Agenda**

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

**Motion Passed**

**Acceptance of the Minutes**

Mr. Deranleau made a motion to approve the minutes from May's Board of Health meeting. Mr. Drager seconded the motion. Dr. Comstock and Ms. Krapek abstained from voting as they were both absent from the May meeting.

**Motion Passed**

Dr. Comstock made a motion to approve the minutes from June's Board of Health meeting. Ms. Krapek seconded the motion. Mr. Deranleau and Mr. Drager abstained from voting as they were both absent from the June meeting.

**Motion Passed**

**Employee of the Month Presentation**

The Board of Health presented the Employee of the Month certificate for July to Pamela Gould, with Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management. The Board of Health also presented the Employee of the Month certificate for August to Kezia Endacott and Lisa LaCasse, with Environmental Health Services.

### **Financial Report**

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

**Motion Passed**

### **Contracts and Agreements**

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

**Motion Passed**

### **Approval of Warrants**

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

**Motion Passed**

### **Old Business**

Marion Kalb and Jenna Metzinger presented to the Board of Health the Food Policy Farm Bill Platform Resolution. The Food Policy Council has developed a 2018 Farm Bill Platform as the Farm Bill's policies directly affect urban farmers, the environment, and the most vulnerable populations in Jefferson County. The platform details the Council's ideal Farm Bill, which would support the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), ensure healthy food access for all, support and properly insure local farmers, protect and expand vital conservation programs. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the presented Food Policy Farm Bill Platform Resolution. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion.

**Motion Passed**

Pamela Gould with the Communities That Care program introduced several youth researchers from various high schools in Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, and Edgewater. The youth presented data gathered at their teen focus groups regarding hopelessness, anxiety, substance misuse, and violence.

The Indian Hills Water Study Team, consisting of Indian Hills community members and supported by JCPH staff, presented to the Board some of their research regarding the increasing pressures on the environment, specifically water quality and quantity, in the mountainous areas of Jefferson County. The Indian Hills Water Study Team encourages the Board to remove the current Table 4-1 (within the Onsite Waste Water Treatment System Regulations) to eliminate the practice of allowing development on one-acre lots based on an arbitrary date of legal parcel, which they believe to be detrimental to public health and water quality, and adopt a ground nitrate loading capacity (GNLC) concept they have developed, along with an appropriate GNLC Factor that they believe will be more protective of public health and water quality.

### **New Business**

Jacki Paone and Kim Massey, from Jefferson County CU Extension presented before the Board the Family Leadership Training Institute (FLTI) program. FLTI is a 20-week program offered to Jefferson County adults and teens at no cost that develops effective civic leaders for healthy families and communities. FLTI graduates learn how to utilize information and resources, while working together with others of different viewpoints, to improve their communities. By the end of the course, each participant completes a personal civic project. Susan Brugman, a recent graduate of FLTI, discussed with the Board her experience with the program.

Kristian Blessington with Administrative Services updated the Board on the next steps regarding the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The top priorities for the CHIP are: alcohol and substance use, access to mental health and substance use treatment, housing, and food insecurity. Mr. Blessington discussed with the Board how the Board would like to be involved and/or proceed in approving the final CHIP in December. The Board would like to be involved in the upcoming CHIP planning meetings and receive email updates on a biweekly basis for Board review and discussion.

Dr. Johnson introduced the Youth Vaping as a Public Health Crisis Resolution. Though tremendous gains have been made to reduce tobacco use in our communities, it remains the single greatest cause of preventable death and disease across our state and the nation. Recent Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data for the state show that 1 in 3 adolescents report current (30 day) use of some form of tobacco/nicotine. While use of combustible forms of tobacco has decreased to less than 10%, use of electronic smoking devices (ESDs), commonly known as “vaping”, including vape pens, JUULs, and similar devices, has surged among youth to 27%. Nicotine is highly addictive and contributes to lifelong dependence on tobacco products, but it is also known to cause deleterious changes in the developing brain, including priming for addiction to other drugs. The emergence of ESDs and the surge in vaping among our youth demands a comprehensive and effective response. The Board recognizes that response to this crisis requires collaboration across organizations and communities, and coordination and leveraging of resources. Dr. Comstock made a motion to approve the Youth Vaping as a Public Health Crisis Resolution. Mr. Drager seconded the motion. After Board discussion, it was suggested that the word “sequelae” be changed to negative health outcomes.

### **Motion Passed**

The Board of Health discussed with Amanda Cruser, P.C. the updated Board of Health Bylaws. The Board would like Ms. Cruser to send a redline version of the Board of Health Bylaws for review before the September Board of Health meeting.

### **Public Comment**

N/A

**Executive Director's Comments**

Dr. Johnson discussed with the Board the recent budget presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. Dr. Johnson reminded the Board at the Board of Health meeting in September it will be Bonnie McNulty's last meeting. At the September Board of Health meeting we will add elections for President, Vice President and Secretary to the agenda. Dr. Johnson also mentioned that Jefferson County Public Health has a vacancy for the IT Supervisor position. Dr. Johnson shared with the Board that a news release will go out to within the next few days, alerting the public that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA), based on new computer-modeled cancer risk data, has identified the Terumo BCT site here in Lakewood as a potential cancer risk due to its air emissions of a chemical called ethylene oxide. This assessment is completely based on computer modeling, not on-air samples or cancer rates in the area. The air emissions of ethylene oxide from Terumo BCT are regulated by permits from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and have been well within the limits permitted. Dr. Johnson stated their emissions have not increased – the protective health level established by EPA for ethylene oxide in the air has been raised.

**Director Comments**

Dr. Margaret Huffman, with Community Health Services, updated the Board that due to scheduling conflicts and time constraints, Mary Margaret Fouse-Bishop will present on the Maternal Child Health Program (agenda item 8) at September's Board of Health meeting. Dr. Huffman updated the Board regarding the new electronic health record system that will go into effect on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Jody Erwin, Deputy Director, updated the Board discussions surrounding staff compensation.

**Staff Comments:**

N/A

**Board of Health Comment**

Dr. Comstock suggested Jefferson County Public Health add a page on their website directing public to local farmers markets within Jefferson County.

Ms. Krapek wanted to thank Bonnie McNulty for all she has done for the Board, Jefferson County Public Health and the public throughout her over 20 years of dedicated service to Jefferson County Public Health.

Mr. Drager shared with the Board he recently went to the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) meeting in August. Mr. Drager commented it was a wonderful experience and would like to discuss with the Board and Dr. Johnson some of the areas that resonated with him. Mr. Drager also shared with the Board that in 2019 the NALBOH Annual Conference will take place in Denver.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.