

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

On October 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., President Greg Deranleau called the meeting to order. Lindsey Gonzales took roll call. The following additional Board members were present: Caroline Szuch, Dr. Dawn Comstock, Dr. Kimberley Krapek, and Lane Drager. 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
Mitch Brown, Environmental Health Services

Acceptance of Agenda

Dr. Comstock made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Krapek seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Acceptance of the Minutes

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the minutes from the September Board of Health meeting. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Employee of the Month

The Board of Health presented the September Employee of the Month to Christine Hammond, with Community Health Services. The Board of Health also presented the October Employee of the Month to Kate Watkins, with Administrative Services.

Financial Report

Mr. Badalpour presented the financial report for September of 2018. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the report as presented. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Contracts and Agreements

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

Approval of Warrants

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Old Business

Nicole Work with Health Communications reviewed with the Board a quarterly update regarding, digital media, community events, and upcoming milestones such as, climate change and health equity. Also, Health Communications is finalizing a new community newsletter and new marketing tools for the department. Next year is Jefferson County Public Health's 60th anniversary and plans are underway on how to get the community involved in this milestone.

Mitch Brown with Environmental Health Services brought before the Board for approval the Policy on Operating Permit Enforcement. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the policy. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

New Business

Kelly Keenan with Administrative Services reviewed with the Board the program purpose of the epidemiology and planning programs. The program provides epidemiological, planning, and improvement services to Jefferson County Public Health workforce members and partners to develop and sustain a high-performing health department.

Elise Lubell, the Director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management, and Jacki Paone, with CSU Extension, presented a proclamation supporting the Family Leadership Training Institute. This training was discussed with the Board at the August Board of Health meeting. Dr. Comstock made the motion to approve the Family Leadership Training Institute Proclamation. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.

Proclamation Approved

Marissa Silverberg discussed the recently announced proposed rule to make changes to "public charge" policies from the Trump Administration. This policy change would govern how the use of public benefits may affect individuals' ability to enter the U.S. or adjust to legal permanent resident (LPR) status (i.e., obtain a "green card"). This proposal was posted to the Federal Registrar on October 10, 2018. The preamble to the proposed rule indicates that its primary goal is to ensure that individuals who apply for admission to the U.S. or for adjustment of status are self-sufficient. The proposed changes to public charge policies would primarily affect immigrants who are applying for a green card through a family-based petition. The proposed rule would affect lawfully present immigrants seeking to become LPRs or "green card" holders and individuals seeking to immigrate to the U.S. Most individuals seeking to adjust to LPR status or to immigrate to the U.S. are immediate relatives of U.S. citizens or have a family-based sponsor. The proposed rule would redefine public charge as "an alien who receives one or more public benefits" and would define public benefits to include cash assistance for income maintenance, government-funded institutionalized long-term care, and certain health, nutrition, and housing programs that were previously excluded from public charge determinations.

These programs would include non-emergency Medicaid, the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and several housing programs (including Section 8 vouchers and housing assistance). The proposed rule does not include Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), or subsidies for Affordable Care Act Marketplace coverage as public benefits, however the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requests public comment specifically on whether to include CHIP as a public benefit.

A letter has been drafted and will be sent out to the Office of Homeland Security voicing the opposition of the proposed policy changes. The Board of Health voiced their opposition of the proposed policy changes as well and would like to formalize and sign a letter to then be sent to the Office of Homeland Security for their review.

Public Comment

N/A

Executive Director's Comments

Dr. Johnson introduced newly appointed Board of Health Member, Caroline Szuch.

Directors' Comments

Mr. Rada with Environmental Health Services discussed a response to the Indian Hills Community Water Group. His Division staff believe that the concept brought forth by the group back in July of 2018 is sensible and worthy of consideration. However, the proposed model is based on simple mathematics and may not fully consider the mass nitrogen loading that occurs from numerous systems that are in the Indian Hills community. The Environmental Health Division believes more analysis is needed before changes are made. The Division is in the process of evaluating various nitrogen loading models and looking at their application for fractured granite aquifers in our environment, particularly in the mountain areas. Environmental Health Services will continue to collaborate with the Indian Hills Water Group, Indian Hills Water District and Jefferson County Planning and Zoning on appropriate options to address nitrogen loading issues as well as the potential impacts of regulation and/or policy changes to Jefferson County Public Health operations.

Board of Health Comment

N/A

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.