

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

On February 19, 2019 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, and Lane Drager. Amanda Crusier, counsel for Jefferson County Public Health, was also present.

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

Staff Members Presenting

Dr. Margaret Huffman, Community Health Services Director  
Jim Rada, Environmental Health Services Director  
Joseph Badalpour, Administrative Services  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director  
Jody Erwin, Deputy Director  
Marion Kalb, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management  
Marissa Silverberg, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management  
Jenna Metzinger, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management  
Drew Kartos, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management

Acceptance of Agenda

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the February agenda, with the removal of item number three (January's Employee(s) of the Month) from February's agenda. It will be moved to the March agenda. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion as amended.  
Motion Passed

Acceptance of the Minutes

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

Employee of the Month

The Board of Health presented February's Employee of the Month to Cara Policelli, with Community Health Services.

New Employee Introductions

Elise Lubell, with Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management, introduced Guadalupe Gonzalez. Dr. Margaret Huffman, with Community Health Services introduced Laree Mortz and Angelica Pereda.

Public Comment

Chris Arnold, from Indian Hills, Colorado, discussed with the Board a wetlands graphic document. Mr. Arnold asked for data which was gathered from individual wells in Indian Hills Colorado recently. Currently, that information is not available to the public, but will be shared with the Board at a later Board meeting, once all data is compiled and reviewed.

Financial Report

Mr. Badalpour presented the financial reports for February of 2019. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the report as presented. Ms. Szuch seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Contracts and Agreements

Mr. Badalpour presented the contracts and agreements. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the contracts and agreements. Dr. Comstock seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Approval of Warrants

Dr. Comstock made a motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Ms. Szuch seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Old Business

Marion Kalb, Drew Kartos, Jenna Metzinger, and Marissa Silverberg discussed with the Board details surrounding urban farms. As per the Board's request, the Jefferson County Public Health website has a new food policy page, which connects to the urban farms page and SNAP informational pages. Jenna Metzinger discussed with the Board an upcoming event, Health from the Ground Up, which will present information regarding local farms and helping the community sign up for CSA (Community Supporting Agriculture) shares. Marissa Silverberg brought to the Board's attention a speaker from the office of Senator Bennet who will discuss housing and eviction during the March Food Policy Council meeting.

Jim Rada, the Director with Environmental Health Services reviewed with the Board the Operating Permit Enforcement Actions Policy. After Board discussion and review, Dr. Comstock moved to approve the presented revisions as amended by the Board. Ms. Szuch seconded the motion.

Motion approved

New Business

Ann Marie Braga with Colorado Department of Health and Environment presented the Public Health Transformation process which is now underway in Colorado.

### Executive Director's Comments

Dr. Johnson discussed the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey. The Superintendent of the R-1 school district and the Board of Education agreed that next year's Healthy Kids Colorado Survey will be opt out instead of an opt in. This is very exciting news for Jefferson County Public Health as they have been working closely with the school board for many years to achieve this goal. The Jefferson County Hot Spotting group, which is now called the Jefferson County Health Alliance, has been awarded funding by the Community First Foundation for several years to come. The Jefferson County Health Alliance (Jeffco Health Alliance) is a county-wide collaborative that has worked on a community-based approach to healthcare in relation to the overutilization of emergency rooms but has more recently adopted a broader focus on overall community health. Alliance representatives come from the following agencies: Lutheran Medical Center, Jefferson County Public Schools, MCPN (Metro Community Provider Network), Jefferson County Public Health, St. Anthony's Hospital, CCHA (Colorado Community Health Alliance), Signal Behavioral Health, and Jeffco Human Services. The Jeffco Health Alliance is not an independent nonprofit agency or government equivalent and requires a fiscal sponsor to receive funding for its work. Jeffco Public Health will be the fiscal sponsor for the Jeffco Health Alliance and will play a central role in supporting the back-office needs of the Alliance as it forms, including human resources, Information/Technology and other functions. The City of Lakewood has passed an ordinance for non-cigarette tobacco and nicotine licensing. Jefferson County Public Health is working closely with the Board of County Commissioner's office and the County Manager's office regarding similar ordinances throughout Jefferson County. Dr. Johnson announced Kelly Keenan and Jody Erwin's presentation has been accepted at the NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) conference, which is coming up in August.

### Directors' Comments

Dr. Huffman, Director of Community Health Services, updated the Board regarding Jefferson County's Health Alliance team. Dr. Huffman also discussed Paid Family Leave and the legislative activities to come in 2019. Dr. Huffman also discussed an upcoming Interdisciplinary Training on March 14, 2019. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Opioid overdose prevention grant and supports provider education. This training's goals are to bring together primary care and behavioral health providers to network and learn about integrating care for persons with substance use disorders. Training will be specifically aimed at using Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other modalities used in successfully treating addiction.

Mr. Rada, Director of Environmental Health Services, announced to the Board that Environmental Health Services is only 10 facilities away from having the Retail Food Licenses done for 2019. Two of the 10 have gone into the civil penalty process and the other eight, have changed ownership and staff will be working with them to get proper paperwork submitted and updated. Mr. Rada shared that during National Radon Action Month, 1,079 test kits were handed out to the public for free. Mitch Brown, with Environmental Health Services, will follow up on these test kits to determine the effectiveness of giving away the kits and how many of them were submitted for testing. March 10-16<sup>th</sup> is National Ground Water Awareness Week. Environmental Health is working with communications and the county on educational services and ground water sampling events.

### Staff Comments:

Kelly Keenan asked for the Board's direction regarding the upcoming presentation for the NALBOH Conference. Kelly will share an outline with Board for their review and comments.

Board of Health Comments:

Mr. Deranleau thanked Jefferson County staff, directors, and supervisors for their continued engagement throughout various events beyond their scope of work.

Mr. Drager echoed Mr. Deranleau's comments as well, empowering staff to support legislative events critical to public health. Mr. Drager would like to discuss upcoming public health related initiatives with the Board of County Commissioners to increase transparency and support.

Dr. Comstock appreciates staff's continued partnerships with community members and groups. She believes this helps keep Jefferson County Public Health visible with the public.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

