

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

On April 16, 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: Dr. Dawn Comstock, Dr. Kimberley Krapek, and Lane Drager. Amanda Cruser, counsel for Jefferson County Public Health, was also present.

A quorum was established. For the record Caroline Szuch arrived at 4:30 p.m.

Staff Members Presenting

Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director  
Dr. Margaret Huffman, Community Health Services Director  
Elise Lubell, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management Director  
James Rada, Environmental Health Services Director  
Joseph Badalpour, Administrative Services  
Drew Kartos, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management

Acceptance of Agenda

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the April agenda as presented. Dr. Krapek seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed

Acceptance of the Minutes

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

Employee of the Month

The Board of Health presented April's Employee of the Month to David Volkel, with Environmental Health Services.

Variance Case

Jon Vickery, with Environmental Health Services presented Variance Case Number 19-102-687 to the Board.

The engineer, Drew Schneider gave testimony regarding this case.

After review and discussion from the Board. Dr. Comstock made a motion to approve Variance Case Number 19-102-687 OW as presented. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.  
Motion Approved

#### New Employee Introductions

Elise Lubell, with Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management, introduced Joel Newton. Jim Rada, with Environmental Health Services, introduced Aly Dressler. Dr. Huffman, with Community Health Services, introduced Hisae Tsurumi.

#### Financial Report

Mr. Badalpour presented the financial report for March of 2019. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the report as presented. Dr. Comstock 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. Krapek seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

#### Approval of Warrants

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

Motion Passed

#### Old Business

Drew Kartos, with Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management, reviewed with the Board Jefferson County Public Health's (JCPH) Health Communications quarterly update. During quarter one, the communications team secured more than 40 original news stories. The key topics that were focused on were: JCPH's 60th Anniversary, National Radon Action Month, local tobacco policies (Lakewood and Edgewater), National Groundwater Awareness Week, and this year's first case of rabies in Jefferson County. Mr. Kartos also discussed quarterly digital media usage and JCPH's community outreach programs.

#### Executive Director's Comments

Dr. Johnson discussed with the Board JCPH becoming a fully accredited health department earlier in April. Dr. Johnson thanked Kelly Keenan and staff for all their efforts during the accreditation process. The department will celebrate this important milestone along with the department's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary throughout the year. Dr. Johnson also shared information on a new policy in place at JCPH regarding additional compensation for JCPH employees that use their bilingual language skills in their work. Dr. Johnson also discussed his plans to retire from JCPH in June of 2020. The Board will review the State Board of Health's requirements for Public Health Directors and the county's process for formulating the job description. The Board has stated they want to do a national search for the position. Dr. Johnson will work with Jefferson County Human Resources regarding their involvement in the marketing and oversight of the hiring process. Dr. Johnson has reached out to the Board of County Commissioners regarding his retirement as well. During different discussions Dr. Johnson has had about his retirement plans, the question was raised about a potential merger with Tri-County Health Department. At this point there appears to be no active interest.

#### Directors' Comments

Dr. Huffman provided a status update to the Board regarding the Family and Medical Leave Insurance legislation. Dr. Huffman will continue to update the Board as more information is available. Dr. Huffman also updated the Board regarding Title X funding. At this point, Dr. Huffman believes the new Title X rules and regulations would be detrimental to our core services in family planning and reproductive health.

Dr. Huffman is working with the Colorado Department of Health and Environmental to see whether they would forgo funding from Title X in the future based on the new rules and regulations. Dr. Huffman will update the Board as more information becomes available. Dr. Huffman also announced Kate Follett, a public health nurse with JCPH, was nominated for an award surrounding the work she does through the Family Integrated Treatment (FIT) Court in Jefferson County. Kate Follett will receive the Excellence in Practice Spirit of the Convening Award at this year's Convening on Children, Youth and Families on April 30th.

#### Board of Health Comments

Lane Drager shared how impressed he was with the recent Communities that Care (CTC) event he attended. He was amazed at the determination and focus of the young people involved in this program and how open they were to share their stories. Mr. Drager found the event and the program to be impactful. He thanked the staff that put the event together for their work and dedication.

Dr. Comstock shared in regard to the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) event she attended last month, and mentioned that they are working with JCPH in giving away CSA shares to needy families within Jefferson County.

#### Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.