

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

On September 5, 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 (via conference call), Dr. Kimberley Krapek and Lane Drager. Amanda Crusier, counsel for Jefferson County Public Health, was also present.

A quorum was established.

Staff Members Presenting

Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director
Dr. Margaret Huffman, Director of Community Health Services
Jim Rada, Director of Environmental Health Services
Jody Erwin, Deputy Director
Melissa Silverberg, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management
Karen Wiggins, Administrative Services
Pamela Gould, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management
Kelly Keenan, Administrative Services
Matthew Nii, Administrative Services

Acceptance of Agenda

Mr. Deranleau made a motion to add Matthew Nii to the agenda under Old Business to discuss strategic planning. Dr. Krapek seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Acceptance of the Minutes

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

Approval of Warrants

Dr. Krapek made a motion to approve the warrants. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

New Business

Pamela Gould, with Communities That Care, presented on a new website called Twelvetalks.com. Jefferson County data has shown that many teens do not have an adult to go to when they need to talk. This website is aimed towards adults to provide conversation starters, review key facts and local data and tap into local resources on important topics to discuss with teens.

Marissa Silverberg, with Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management and Eric Ross, with Five Points Geoplanning, LLC., discussed food access mapping within Jefferson County. They brought to the Board's attention how GIS mapping can help visualize the issue of food insecurity across Jefferson County. This is done by pinpointing the lack of adequate access to healthy, affordable food and to highlight areas of high concentration of fast food options. Also revealed through this mapping process are important local resources, such as Community Supported Agriculture programs and food pantries, and their proximity to high need areas.

Old Business

Mr. Erwin provided an update to the Board regarding the 2020 budget for Jefferson County Public Health. He discussed with the Board that JCPH has very little flexibility for the 2020 budget but should be able to work within the proposed budget if revenue projections are achieved. Mr. Erwin will present a decision package regarding the 2020 Budget to the Board of County Commissioners on September 16, 2019. The decision package will include discussing with the Board of County Commissioners the Board of Health's stance on additional cuts to the 2020 budget and utilization of the fund balance.

Mr. Deranleau and Mr. Drager will try to attend the September 16th meeting to show their support of the decision package presentation.

Matthew Nii and Kelly Keenan, with Administrative Services, requested on behalf of the strategic planning committee that the Board of Health remove their previous request of having community partners provide input on the tentative goals and objectives before the completion of the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan due to workload capacity and time constraints. Instead, the strategic planning committee proposes to have a robust community feedback gathering process as part of the planning process for creating the 2023-2025 strategic plan. Mr. Nii shared that soliciting feedback from partners would delay completion of the planning process by an estimated three to six months because of existing workload capacity and the logistical challenges of coordinating a feedback process in a short time frame. Mr. Nii and Ms. Keenan discussed the 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment and the 2018 Community Health Improvement Plan processes and the extensive and methodical ways in which feedback was obtained from community partners. The Board believes it is very important to have partner input before JCPH's strategic plan is approved and published.

Dr. Huffman discussed that the Health Alliance is in the beginning stages of getting feedback from community partners. Mr. Erwin asked that Kelly Keenan be invited to the monthly Health Alliance meetings to ensure coordination with the upcoming community health needs assessment and community health improvement plan discuss the community engagement processes.

Dr. Krapek made a motion not to change the Board's original request to have staff seek input from community members about JCPH's tentative goals and objectives prior to JCPH finalizing the plan. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.
Motion passed

Executive Director Hiring Process Update

Karen Wiggins, with Administrative Services, discussed with the Board the next steps for the recruiting process for the executive director position. Ms. Wiggins will revise the process timeline for the Board and email the revision before the next meeting with county human resources.

The Board has asked that the next meeting with county human resources be done via phone conference. The Clerk to the Board will set-up a meeting between county human resources and the Board of Health by the end of September to review the proposed job announcement for the executive director.

Executive Director Comments

Dr. Johnson shared with the Board the different communicable diseases that are currently impacting the residents of Jefferson County. He also discussed the concerns surrounding vaping. Dr. Johnson discussed the increasing number of residents in Colorado that have been infected with hepatitis A. Jefferson County Public Health has partnered with Jefferson County Human Services, the Jefferson County Jail, and the Action Center to help increase immunizations among those most at risk to safeguard residents in Jefferson County against this contagious illness. Dr. Johnson also shared with the Board that he has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Public Health Association.

Director Comments

Dr. Huffman, with Community Health Services, shared with the Board that in late August, Michael Miller, Jefferson County Public Health's Opioid Initiatives Coordinator, held an End Overdose Jeffco event for community partners. Jefferson County's End Overdose event included guest speakers and community members who shared their personal stories of overcoming addiction and community leaders who are working toward combating the opioid crisis. Representatives from local organizations provided resources to community members. A video presentation provided training on how to administer naloxone. Naloxone is a potentially life-saving medication designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. It works by removing opioid molecules from their receptors, thus restoring normal respiration to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose. Administering naloxone to someone suffering an overdose of opioids is protected under Colorado's Good Samaritan Law. On October 8th, Community Health Services will be hosting a Suicide Prevention Summit, facilitated by Sophie West, Jefferson County Public Health's Injury and Violence Prevention Coordinator. The summit is being held for community partners to discuss priorities based on data and how to better and more effectively coordinate work across the region to prevent suicide, across the lifespan. This has emerged from the Maternal Child Health (MCH) priorities and the strong partnership with Jefferson Center for Mental Health. An additional outcome is to streamline the Death Scene Investigation Form used by the Coroner's Office and is being worked on in collaboration with the County Coroner.

We are working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to improve vaccination rates for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) in Jefferson County. This is in keeping with a Governor's Executive Order and the CDPHE Immunization Section's "Wildly Important Goal" of improving MMR rates in the state. In Colorado, the rate of MMR completion rate for Kindergarten entry is 87%; Jefferson County is at 90.1%, which is very good for overall herd immunity. However, to meet the "Wildly Important Goal" of getting to 95% MMR completion rate, Jefferson County needs to increase uptake by 150 children. JCPH will be providing a "Shots for Tots" clinic at Bear Creek K-8 during parent-teacher conferences in October, with support from Jefferson County Public School's Nurse Consultants. Dr. Huffman, also shared that their student program is expanding to include more CU-College of Nursing students, and they will be developing opportunities and curriculum to be Public Health 101 type of opportunities, and BSN students will work on developing the understanding of what nurses bring to Public Health, and what Public Health brings to the profession of nursing.

Mr. Rada shared with the Board recent data from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding ozone levels within Jefferson County. Mr. Rada also discussed that Environmental Health Services has an opportunity to work with a student intern from the Colorado School of Public Health to help with Chinese, specifically Mandarin translation barriers as the Environmental Health Services Division plans for the transition to a new Retail Food Establishment Program enforcement system passed during the last legislative session.

Board of Health Comments

The Board would like to discuss with the Board of County Commissioners providing their recommendations and input on newly appointed Board of Health members.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.