

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

\*\* This meeting was held via Zoom \*\*

On July 21, 2020 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: Cheri Jahn, Dr. Dawn Comstock, Dr. Kimberley Krapek and Lane Drager. Amanda Crusier, counsel for Jefferson County Public Health, was also present.

For the record a quorum was established.

Staff Members Presenting:

Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director  
Joseph Badalpour, Administrative Services  
Jody Erwin, Deputy Director  
Jim Rada, Environmental Health Services Director  
Dr. Margaret Huffman, Community Health Services Director

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

Mr. Deranleau postponed the July Employee of the Month agenda item to the August Board of Health Meeting. Dr. Krapek made a motion to approve the consent agenda with proposed changes. Ms. Jahn seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed

Public Comment

Adela Orozco discussed with the Board her plans to build their home and reduce the overall nitrate load to the groundwater system. After Board discussion they would like the homeowner to follow up with Roy Laws and Jon Vickery, in Environmental Health Services, as the homeowner has already been in communication with them.

Public Meeting: Jefferson County Mandatory Mask Order

After an extensive discussion, which included public comment from community members, the Board unanimously agreed to impose a local mask order that best protects the residents of Jefferson County, based on science and evidence models currently available to the county and the department. The Board directed Dr. Johnson to work with the local public health agency experts to implement a consistent policy for the region, including Jefferson County. Specifically reviewing requirements for outdoor and indoor mask wearing when in public settings, when unable to maintain a six-foot social distance. The current mask wearing public health order through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment applies to indoor settings.

Dr. Comstock discussed with the Board her concerns regarding the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement's lack of enforcement related to but not limited to, Bandimere Speedway and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Dr. Comstock would like to draft a letter addressed to the Jefferson County Elected Officials outlining the Board's support of the public health orders and request full support from the elected officials to ensure the public health order's effectiveness within the community, with one of those means of effectiveness being enforcement. Dr. Comstock will draft the letter and share with the Board before the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting. The Board will discuss the letter during the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting.

Dr. Krapek discussed with the Board her related concerns regarding the public mask order. Dr. Krapek would like to ensure Jefferson County Public Health's communications team is actively educating the community through media and social media, highlighting the importance of wearing a face mask in social settings when you can not maintain 6-foot social distancing and also education around proper mask cleanliness and hygiene.

\*\*\*\*\*The Board of Health took a short recess\*\*\*\*\*

Financial Report:

Mr. Badalpour presented the June 2020 financial statements to the Board. Dr. Krapek made a motion to approve the presented financial reports. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed

Approval of Proposed 2021 Jefferson County Public Health Budget:

Jody Erwin, Deputy Director of Jefferson County Public Health, presented the proposed 2021 budget to the Board during the study session portion of the Board of Health meeting. After discussion and review from the Board, Dr. Krapek made a motion to approve the presented proposed 2021 budget. Mr. Drager seconded the motion with the caveat Mr. Erwin will come back to the Board for review and approval if the budget fluxuates by ten percent.  
Motion Passed

Approval of Amended 2020 Fee Schedule

After Board review and discussion Dr. Krapek made a motion to approve the amended 2020 Fee Schedule. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed

Executive Director Comment:

Dr. Johnson discussed with the Board the current impacts from COVID-19 within Jefferson County. He also discussed the impacts the workload is having on staff. Dr. Johnson expressed how proud he is of the Jefferson County Public Health staff and how they have responded during this crisis. Other local public health agencies have commented on how they like the way Jefferson County Public Health is responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

Dr. Johnson also discussed the legal proceedings with Bandimere Speedway. The judge did not grant a permanent injunction in the case. Legal proceedings coincided with a Jefferson County Public Health public health order requiring large indoor and outdoor events to submit a plan for review at least 14 days before the event occurs to allow us to ensure compliance.

Dr. Johnson thanked the Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners for their support throughout the pandemic response.

Director Comments:

Mr. Rada congratulated Environmental Health Services staff for their ongoing efforts in maintaining COVID-19 response work along with keeping up with routine inspections within environmental health related programs. Mr. Rada specifically thanked Madison Pitts and Jon Vickery for their continued efforts in the onsite wastewater program. Mr. Rada is currently working with staff to implement updated standardized operations procedures regarding routine inspection work of regulated facilities. This includes virtual site inspections as well as limited in-person site inspections focusing on food safety risk factors and risk factors related to COVID-19. Mr. Rada shared with the Board he has taken on the role to review plans for high school graduation events around the county. The variance requires the health department to observe the events as they are taking place. There are currently 20 graduations scheduled for August.

Dr. Huffman commended staff for rising to the challenge of working within and outside their strength areas to be a team player and intracule part of the COVID-19 response in the Jefferson County Community. Dr. Huffman expressed some areas of need that has been highlighted by the pandemic, specifically our whole community inclusion model, which is currently being led by Paulina Erices within Community Health Services. This work focuses on priority populations and involves providing wrap-around services to ensure needs are met ahead of individuals becoming ill with COVID-19. This helps with building trust within those communities, and we could expect an outcome of a higher number of individuals being tested for COVID-19 and follow-up with healthcare providers to maximize positive results. Dr. Huffman has also been part of a MDPH social health exchange workgroup which focuses on using COVID-19 as business case to help align all the efforts with data needs and reporting needs to help capture information needed in order to provide a more comprehensive and aligned response throughout the metro area.

Executive Session:

Mr. Deranleau called an Executive Session to discuss personnel related matters with the Board and the Board of Health's attorney. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the Executive Session. Ms. Jahn seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.