

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

** This meeting was held via Zoom **

On October 20, 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: Dr. Harriet Hall, Dr. Kimberley Krapek and Lane Drager. Amanda Crusier, counsel for Jefferson County Board of Health, was also present.

For the record Cheri Jahn was absent during roll call and joined the meeting late. A quorum was established.

Mr. Deranleau introduced new Board of Health member, Dr. Harriet Hall. Dr. Hall is taking the place of Dr. Comstock who resigned from the Board of Health on October 1, 2020.

Staff Members Presenting:

Dr. Margaret Huffman, Director of Community Health Services & Interim Executive Director Team Member

Elise Lubell, Director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management & Interim Executive Director Team Member

Jody Erwin, Deputy Director & Interim Executive Director Team Member

Jim Rada, Director of Environmental Health Services & Interim Executive Director Team Member

Joseph Badalpour, Administrative Services

Kelly Kast, Community Health Services

Kelly Conroy, Community Health Services

Mitchell Brown, Environmental Health Services

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Krapek seconded the motion. Dr. Hall abstained.

Motion Passed

Employee of the Month

Dr. Krapek presented Michael Miller, from Community Health Services with the October Employee of the Month award.

Public Comment

Members of the community provided public comment regarding various topics related to COVID-19 restrictions, COVID-19 cases and concerns related to Jefferson County Schools, COVID-19 data sources and resources and hospitalization rates related to COVID-19.

-Note: Public Comment is a time for the community to provide comment on issues they would like the Board of Health to be aware of. The Board does not provide feedback to comments during this agenda item.

Financial Report:

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

Old Business:

Kelly Kast, with Community Health Services shared with the Board her role, Jefferson County Public Health's role, and the role of community partners with the Health Alliance work in Jefferson County. The vision for the Health Alliance in Jefferson County is a thriving and connected community where health and opportunity are possible for all. The current leadership of the organization is, Lynnae Flora, Deputy Director of Human Services (Chair), Chuck Ault, Regional Director, Community Health Improvement at SCL Health/Lutheran (Vice Chair), and Kelly Kast (Jefferson County Public Health representative). Ms. Kast thanked the Board of Health for their continued support and how the Health Alliance looks forward to their continued partnership in the future.

New Business:

Kelly Conroy, with Community Health Services, discussed a new program at Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) called the Bridge Clinic. Jefferson County Public Health's clinic services have been expanded and contracted based on funding and evaluation of county residents' needs. JCPH will provide access to high-quality treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) to individuals with a harm-reduction approach. Access to treatment services is a paramount aspect of this care. JCPH's OUD treatment program is an office-based, low-barrier, "buprenorphine first", short-term bridge program that is accessible to all interested persons, including those who may not elect abstinence-based recovery. As part of a comprehensive treatment approach, JCPH will provide on-site mental health and develop a strong referral network with community treatment providers.

Interim Executive Director Team Comments:

Elise Lubell, Director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management gave a shout out to the Jefferson County Health Communications team. The health communications team has been working diligently to help craft messaging to effectively reach all the various constituents in Jefferson County with information that is helpful to determine next steps within the county related to COVID-19 measures.

Jody Erwin, Deputy Director will provide a 2021 budget update to the Board at the November Board of Health meeting. Mr. Erwin discussed budget carry forward measures for ongoing COVID-19 work with Board which was also briefly discussed during the financial report from Mr. Badalpour. Mr. Erwin also discussed onboarding/orientation processes with the Board of Health's new Board Member, Dr. Hall. The Clerk to the Board will set-up meetings between the Interim Executive Board Team and for the Board of Health President, Mr. Deranleau during the next few months.

Jim Rada, Director of Environmental Health Services shared with the Board a timeline for revisions to the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Regulations. Mitchell Brown and Roy Laws, with Environmental Health are currently working on a first draft of the regulations and will send out for stakeholder review by November 6th with a 30-day review for community response and input. A second draft will be reviewed by Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) by mid-December 2020 with approval from CDPHE by mid-January, at which time, the department will post notice for public hearing. After public hearing the effective date for the new regulations would be towards mid-April.

Dr. Margaret Huffman, Director of Community Health Services discussed with the Board communications and discussions with stakeholders regarding an eventual COVID vaccine. Jefferson County Public Health's immunization team are having preliminary discussions with Jefferson County Public Health's Office of Pandemic Response on plans for implementation. Dr. Huffman also shared with the Board the importance of mental wellness support within the COVID-19 response and implementation and interventions to provide support for staff. A framework will be introduced to Jefferson County Public Health's leadership team, internally called "Code Lavender" this week and Dr. Huffman will provide an update in November outlining the discussions during that meeting.

Executive Director Hiring Process:

Karen Wiggins, with Administrative Services extended an invitation to new Board of Health Member, Dr. Hall for a meeting to discuss the hiring process for the Executive Director and next steps including dates and times for first-round interviews and final candidate presentations. During the final presentations, there will be an opportunity for staff and community stakeholder feedback. The hiring committee shared they met on October 15th and reviewed 37 applicants and narrowed the field down to eight to bring in for interviews during the week of November 9th.

Staff Comments

Mitchell Brown, with Environmental Health Services discussed with the Board the upcoming public meeting (November 17th at 4:00 p.m.) for methamphetamine affected property regulations revisions. Currently, the department is operating under the Colorado Department of Health and Environment's regulation process for property clean-up. Mr. Brown will send the Board of Health the regulations and proposed revisions for their review.

Board Member Comments:

Lane Drager, Board of Health Vice President, applauded Jefferson County Public Health staff for their continued efforts regarding the COVID-19 response and public health work.

Cheri Jahn, Board of Health Member, also thanked Jefferson County Public Health staff for their respectful, ongoing, diligence and going above regarding the ongoing COVID-19 response and public health work.

Dr. Krapek, Board of Health Secretary, shared her gratitude for the Jefferson County Public Health staff. Dr. Krapek also asked for an update regarding a restaurant that had previously been before the Board in early 2020. Mr. Rada will follow-up with the health inspector and provide an update at next month's Board of Health meeting.

Mr. Deranleau, Board of Health President, introduced himself to Dr. Hall and thanked Mr. Drager for chairing and facilitating the October Board of Health meeting. Mr. Deranleau thanked Dr. Johnson for his

years of service and dedication to public health and the community. Mr. Deranleau also thanked the Interim Executive Director Team for stepping up and working with staff, community and elected officials in the absence of Dr. Johnson.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.