

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

** This meeting was held via Zoom **

On January 19, 2021 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, Cheri Jahn, Dr. Kimberley Krapek and Lane Drager. Amanda Crusier, counsel for Jefferson County Board of Health, was also present.

A quorum was established.

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

Paulina Erices, Community Health Services Supervisor

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

Mr. Deranleau recommended adding at the end of the December minutes the meeting adjourned into Executive Session. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the consent agenda with Mr. Deranleau's suggested changes. Ms. Jahn seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Employee of the Month

Ms. Jahn presented Katie Lazar, from Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management with the January Employee of the Month award.

New Employee Introduction:

Dr. Huffman, from Community Health Services introduced Oriana Richmond and Alex Carmitchel-Fifer.

Public Comment

N/A

~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. However, Jefferson County Public Health staff are standing by to address any data questions.

New Business

Tracy Volkman, with Environmental Health Services, shared that Jefferson County Public Health has recently given away 976 radon test kits to Jefferson County residents in honor of radon awareness throughout the county. Ms. Volkman brought forth a proclamation for the Board's consideration to declare January as Radon Action Month in Jefferson County, Colorado.

Dr. Hall made a motion to adopt the proposed proclamation, making January Radon Action Month in Jefferson County, Colorado. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.

Motion Approved/Proclamation Adopted

Financial Report:

Mr. Badalpour presented the unaudited December financial statements to the Board. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the presented financial report and to provide a report to the Board of Health after the 2020 audit process has been completed. Ms. Jahn seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Incoming Executive Director Comments:

Dr. Dawn Comstock discussed her excitement in joining the Jefferson County Public Health team on February 16. Dr. Comstock discussed the challenges ahead due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as the anniversary of the first reported positive SARS-COV-2 case approaches on January 21. The COVID pandemic has brought to light that many Jefferson County residents have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and how local public health agencies can partner with organizations, community partners, and our health and medical system partners to bridge the gap. Dr. Comstock discussed her commitment to provide public health support and services for all in Jefferson County.

Interim Executive Director Team Comments:

Dr. Huffman, Director of Community Health Services, shared with the Board that Jefferson County Public Health received full funding for the next five years for the Health Alliance work in Jefferson County. The Board of County Commissioners also approved three full-time positions to work with the Health Alliance.

Paulina Erices, with Community Health Services, updated the Board regarding Jefferson County Public Health's work with the Whole Community Inclusion Program and the work that has been done due to the COVID response, such as food delivery, navigation of resources and services, Latinx testing locations, and vaccination outreach efforts.

Elise Lubell, Director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management, shared several programs that have been re-funded through the A-35 grant process, including; tobacco, breastfeeding support, food systems, healthy beverage and Communities that Care.

Mr. Erwin, Deputy Director of Jefferson County Public Health, discussed different funding opportunities on the horizon, as well as safety concerns that have been developing at different Jefferson County Public Health buildings. The Jefferson County Public Health Parfet Building will be closed during the week of January 18th out of an abundance of caution, similar to other County offices. No specific threats have been received; however, the Executive Team is concerned for staff security at this time.

Board of Health 2021 Nomination and Approval of President, Vice President and Secretary

Dr. Krapek made the motion to retain Mr. Deranleau as the President for Jefferson County Public Health for 2021. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Dr. Krapek made the motion to retain Mr. Drager as the Vice President for Jefferson County Public Health for 2021. Dr. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Dr. Hall made a motion to retain Dr. Krapek as the Secretary for Jefferson County Public Health for 2021. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Executive Session:

The Board of Health meeting adjourned into Executive Session to discuss Dirty Dogs Roadhouse – Legal Advice – C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and Executive Director – Advice to Negotiators – 24-6-402(4)(e)(I) and Legal Advice C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).