

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

** This meeting was held via Zoom **

On February 16, 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 Cruser, counsel for Jefferson County Board of Health, was also present.

A quorum was established.

Staff Members Presenting:

Dr. Dawn Comstock, Executive Director
Dr. Margaret Huffman, Director of Community Health Services
Elise Lubell, Director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management
Jody Erwin, Deputy Director
Jim Rada, Director of Environmental Health Services

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

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

Employee of the Month

Mr. Drager presented Gwyn Rodman-Rice and Annie Nolan, from Community Health Services with the February Employee(s) of the Month award.

New Employee Introduction:

Elise Lubell introduced Jefferson County Public Health's new Executive Director, Dr. Comstock. Christine Billings, from Administrative Services introduced Courtney Fox.

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.

Executive Director Comments:

Dr. Comstock shared her excitement to have officially joined the Jefferson County Public Health team. Dr. Comstock also is looking forward to meeting the entire team on March 4th during a Jefferson County Public Health General Staff meeting.

Division Director Comments:

Jody Erwin, Deputy Director shared his enthusiasm after touring the Arvada Fire Training Center vaccination drive-thru site. Mr. Erwin also thanked staff for their patience with the roll out of a new county-wide platform called Workday.

Elise Lubell Director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management thanked staff for their continued efforts at the vaccination site and across the entire division.

Jim Rada, Director of Environmental Health Services thanked Environmental Health Services staff for their continued efforts to make sure non-COVID related inspections and coordination of programs have continued without disruption.

Staff Comment:

Christine Billings thanked the executive team for their great leadership, teamwork and dedication during the transition of Dr. Johnson retiring and the hiring and onboarding Dr. Comstock.

Paulina Erices welcomed Dr. Comstock to Jefferson County Public Health. Ms. Erices also thanked the executive team, Christine Billings, the Emergency Preparedness Response team, Marius Nielsen and many others for their support, kindness and leadership during the last several months.

Board of Health Comments:

Dr. Hall commented and shared her understanding on how difficult it can be to change platforms (Workday) during a pandemic and during a new leadership change.

Mr. Drager thanked staff and emphasized how important it is to take care of yourself during this time and how important it is to check-in with team members. Mr. Drager also requested from Environmental Health Services a list of Jefferson County restaurants that have applied for the Five Star Program.

Cheri Jahn echoed the many thanks to the staff at Jefferson County Public Health. Ms. Jahn is thankful for staff doing their best each day and staying the course throughout the most difficult time Public Health has seen in recent history.

Dr. Krapek welcomed Dr. Comstock to Jefferson County Public Health. Dr. Krapek shared a recent story shared with her regarding the necessity of having the WIC (Women, Infant and Children) program open during the COVID pandemic. Dr. Krapek also asked Environmental Health Services to research why variance cases have been on the decline during the last year.

Mr. Deranleau thanked the executive team for their dedication and hard work over the last several months. Mr. Deranleau shared his eagerness for having Dr. Comstock join Jefferson County Public Health. Mr. Deranleau also expressed his gratitude to staff for stepping up in different roles during the last year. Continuing to provide excellent support to partners and the community.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.