

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

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

On November 17, 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. 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

Mitchell Brown, Environmental Health Services

Karen Wiggins, Administrative Services

Kelly Keenan, Administrative Services

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

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

Motion Passed

Employee of the Month

Dr. Krapek presented Donna Viverette and Marissa Silverberg, from Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management with the November Employee of the Month award.

Public Comment

Members of the community provided public comment related to COVID-19 cases and concerns specifically regarding opening Jefferson County Schools, conference center usage for testing sites and hospitalization rates related to COVID-19.

Nancy Mutz, with the Board of Directors from the Denver Curling Club thanked Lindsey Gonzales for guiding her and another board member through newly adopted Public Health Order changes. Ms. Mutz also thanked Michael Lucero for being available to their team for questions and guidance when reviewing the orders, and for his professionalism and helpfulness.

-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.

#### Financial Report:

Mr. Badalpour presented the October financial statements to the Board. Mr. Drager made a motion to approve the presented financial reports. Dr. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

#### New Business:

Mitchell Brown, with Environmental Health Services discussed the Methamphetamine Affected Property Regulation with the Board. The purpose of this regulation is to reduce and mitigate the significant known and probable health and environmental consequences resulting from the use of property to conduct activities associated with illegal drug laboratories or other activities that result in methamphetamine contamination on subsequent owners, occupants, invitees and other users of the property and adjacent properties by the imposition of testing, cleaning and certification requirements imposed on property owners as a condition precedent for the use of the property, to provide public notice of those properties that have not been remediated in accordance with Code 6 of Colorado Regulations (CCR) 1014-3. After review, discussion and public comments, Mr. Drager made a motion to approve proposed regulations; without the definition of consultant used. Dr. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

#### Interim Executive Director Team Comments:

Jody Erwin, Deputy Director introduced new employee, Cody Katen, with Administrative Services. Mr. Erwin also discussed signature authority regarding contracts. Historically, smaller amount and non-financial contracts that fall outside the Board of Health meeting, have been signed by Dr. Johnson. After board discussion and legal counsel, the Board of Health delegated signature authority; that was previously granted to Dr. Johnson, to Jody Erwin. Mr. Erwin also thanked Dr. Huffman, Jim Rada and Elise Lubell for all their dedication and hard work during the last couple of weeks.

Dr. Margaret Huffman, Director of Community Health Services discussed with the Board vaccines which will come through Clinic Services to manage and dispense during the next 6-12 months. The Community Health Services team is working on community outreach planning and priority areas within Phase 1A and 1B with the Operational Preparedness Response (OPR) team and community partners. Dr. Huffman also shared effective November 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm the Colorado Department Public Health and Environment moved Jefferson County to Level Red on their dial metric. Colorado Department of Health and Environment will reevaluate Jefferson County's level metric on or before December 18, 2020.

Jim Rada, Director of Environmental Health Services discussed informational updates at the request of Dr. Krapek discussed during October's Board of Health meeting.

Elise Lubell, Director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management thanked the interim executive director team regarding their outstanding leadership when it comes to answering recent media requests. Ms. Lubell also thanked the Health Promotions team for the continued support and diligence. Ms. Lubell introduced new employee, Corey Engle. Ms. Lubell acknowledged the Communities That Care team for all their efforts on working with the community during the last several months.

#### Executive Director Hiring Process:

Karen Wiggins, with Administrative Services announced to the Board two of the four finalists have declined the invitation for second interviews due to other opportunities and current COVID-19 conditions within their community. Dr. Dawn Comstock and Pramod Dwivedi have accepted the hiring team's invitation to present to Jefferson County Public staff, Elected Officials and community partners on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am and 10:00 am. The finalists will also meet with the interim executive director team on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews/presentations will be held via Zoom.

Kelly Keenan, with Administrative Services discussed with the Board the feedback process and timeline for staff, community partners and Elected Officials to submit feedback regarding the finalists' presentations. Ms. Keenan will provide the survey results to the hiring committee by 3:00 pm on December 4<sup>th</sup> for review.

The Board thanked Ms. Keenan for her efforts and emphasized the importance of staff to provide feedback during this process.

#### Staff Comments

Kate Watkins, with Administrative Services, shared she will be available at each Board of Health meeting to help with questions from public comment centered around data.

Paulina Erices, with Community Health Services, discussed whole community inclusion work during the pandemic.

Lola Peregoy, Communities That Care Youth Leader, updated the Board on different Communities That Care initiatives.

Meredith Quenzer thanked Jefferson County Public Health for supporting staff and being a great employer; especially throughout the pandemic.

#### Board Member Comments:

Lane Drager, Board of Health Vice President, shared how pleased he was to hear the lack of confrontational comment during public comment at today's meeting. Mr. Drager remains hopeful the community is seeing the importance of wearing masks, social distancing, and staying home during this time.

Dr. Krapek, Board of Health Secretary, discussed with the Board the opportunity for community preparedness and community education during this time related to COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations and community outreach for testing sites.

Mr. Deranleau, Board of Health President, shared his desire to get children back into sports. However, emphasized what is in the best interest of the community right now is to keep children safe. Mr. Deranleau also discussed the mental health needs of the community and asked Jefferson County Public Health to continue to highlight the opportunities for care on websites and other public facing platforms. Mr. Deranleau thanked the interim executive director team and Jefferson County Public Health staff for their continued dedication to the community during the COVID response.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

