

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

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

On April 20, 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, 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. Dawn Comstock, Executive Director  
Dr. Margaret Huffman, Director of Community Health Services  
John Vickery, Environmental Health Services  
Mary Sloan, Environmental Health Services  
Joe Badalpour, Administrative Services  
Marissa Silverberg, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management  
Pamela Gould, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

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

Employee of the Month

Greg Deranleau presented Sandra Jimenez, from Community Health Services with the April Employee of the Month award.

New Employee Introduction:

Dr. Huffman with Community Health Services introduced Terry Schissler, Della Turque and Sarah Ruchti.

Public Comment

Todd Kirchner discussed with the Board the mask mandate in Jefferson County. Mr. Kirchner shared an NIH (National Institutes for Health) study link with the Board members to review:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7680614/>

Luke Mann discussed with the Board the same NIH study link regarding wearing masks:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7680614/>

David Ellis discussed with the Board the current mask mandate and would like to see this lifted as soon as possible.

Steve Hosie thanked the Board and shared his excitement regarding the hiring of Jefferson County Public Health's new Executive Director, Dr. Dawn Comstock.

~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.

Variance Case:

Dr. Krapek made a motion to deny Variance Case 21-101-990 HLT OW due to the size of the lot. Mr. Drager seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Financial Report:

Mr. Badalpour presented the first quarter financial reports to the Board of Health. After discussion and review, Mr. Drager made a motion to approve presented financial reports. Dr. Krapek seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

New Business:

Marissa Silverberg presented to the Board the COVID-10 Food Report findings. During the discussion Ms. Silverberg highlighted how the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the economic strain on residents in Jefferson County, negatively impacting food and nutrition security. Interviews during the pandemic with food support organizations illustrated a staggering demand in access to food needs, the success in these organizations meeting these new demands, and the success in removing barriers to access.

State and federal policies were adopted to address the rising food insecurity during the pandemic, including increased benefits, the SNAP online food delivery waiver, and the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program. Large sectors of the food supply chain faced massive disruptions to markets. Many small- to mid-scale farmers, producers, and distributors faced the brunt of these challenges. Opportunities to address systematic breakages in these market channels proved successful in simultaneously addressing the rise in food and nutrition security, such as through the Farmers to Families Food Box Program and the Colorado Food Pantry Assistance Grant program.

Interviews with food support organizations indicated an accelerating need for adequate transportation and storage capacity, as well as concerns regarding the limited sustainability of certain state and federal programs. Please go to the following link for more information:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a446fa6a-5003-4ba3-bbce-bcbf38d55541>

Pamela Gould invited the Board of Health to the upcoming Communities That Care Youth Voices Event. Ms. Gould also discussed and shared the link with the Board of Health regarding Jeffco Youth Risk and Protective Factors Data Report and the Jeffco Youth Policy Change Proposals:

- Jeffco CTC Youth Risk & Protective Factor Data Report: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vEpufk4barS0dECxllJ\\_eFK8uCsjXtNi/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vEpufk4barS0dECxllJ_eFK8uCsjXtNi/view?usp=sharing)
- Social hosting youth policy proposal: <https://sites.google.com/view/jefferson-county-ctc/youth-voices-event/social-hosting-youth-policy-proposal>
- Teen spaces policy proposal: <https://sites.google.com/view/jefferson-county-ctc/youth-voices-event/teen-spaces-youth-policy-proposal>

#### Executive Director Comments:

Dr. Comstock thanked the Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) staff for their continued amazing work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Comstock introduced a plan she is campaigning called the Evolution of the Jefferson County Workplace. Dr. Comstock believes there is a need to reimagine, reframe, and evolve the JCPH workplace to address COVID-19 pandemic recovery needs of both JCPH staff and Jefferson County communities while positioning JCPH to meet the growing and evolving everyday health and safety needs of Jefferson County while maintaining the flexibility and preparedness needed to address future public health emergencies. The first phase of the Evolution of the JCPH Workplace project will be to obtain stakeholder feedback. Feedback will be reviewed by Dr. Comstock and any appropriate revisions will be incorporated into this scope of work. Dr. Comstock will then identify the external consultant/consultant team as well as internal project manager(s), project team(s), change manager(s) and change team(s). Dr. Comstock will also acquire any additional resources that are required. A finalized scope of work will be created to articulate the expectations for the selected project and change teams. Once these pieces are in place then the planning projects may begin. Dr. Comstock has shared her vision with the Jefferson County Manager, JCPH Division Directors, Jefferson County Human Resources, Facilities and will be sharing her vision with Jefferson County staff during the month of May.

After review and discussion, the Board of Health members would like to have a Special Board of Health Meeting to further discuss the vision shared by Dr. Comstock. The meeting will be open to the public and take place before the next Board of Health meeting in May.

#### Division Director Comments:

Dr. Huffman shared with the Board specifics around the Maternal Child Health (MCH) Block Grant. The new cycle will be starting 10/1/2021. The new model gives those working on the MCH grant more autonomy on implementing strategies that are supportive to our community. As a result, our MCH dollars will be used to really support and advance goals and activities identified through existing plans, such as our local Child Maltreatment Prevention Plan, the Bright Future's Road Map, and the Health Alliance.

#### Board of Health Comments:

Dr. Krapek shared with the Board the following published study regarding Mr. Kirchner's and Mr. Mann's public comments: [Brooks JT, Butler JC. Effectiveness of Mask Wearing to Control Community Spread of SARS-CoV-2. JAMA. 2021;325\(10\):998-999. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.1505.](https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2021.1505)

Mr. Deranleau would like to discuss legal counsel for the Board of Health and Jefferson County Public Health at the Special Meeting to be scheduled before the May Board of Health meeting. Mr. Drager, Dr. Krapek and Dr. Hall all agreed to this added agenda item at the upcoming Special Board of Health Meeting.

#### Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.