

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
Jefferson County, Colorado**

****This meeting was held via Zoom****
May 16, 2023



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Communities that Care (CTC) update by Sasha Hutchings began at 3:30p.m.

[CTC Presentation](#)

On May 16th, 2023, President Cheri Jahn called the business meeting to order at 4:02 pm. The following additional board members were present: Lane Drager, Hilda Gehrke, Dr. Harriet Hall, and Rachelle Woods.

A quorum was established.

For the record, Jen Virdin took minutes.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

Dr. Hall made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Gehrke seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Public Comment:

No public commenters signed up to speak.

Financial Reports: Joe Badalpour:

Mr. Badalpour presented the April 2023 financials. JCPH is still in line for a strong fiscal year.

Mr. Drager made a motion to approve and Dr. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Old Business:

Daniel Cummings discussed the Executive Director search update. Mr. Cummings is currently continuing the sourcing of candidates for the Board of Health to interview for the Executive Director position. Mr. Cummings will let the Board of Health know when there is a candidate ready to be interviewed; there is no one that fits that category, as of this time.

Jefferson County legislative update: Kelli Curl

[Legislative Update. 05/16/2023](#)

Ms. Curl provided updates on state and house bills that are related to public health infrastructure, functions, and workforce, behavioral health and substance use, environmental health and climate change, community safety and violence prevention, and bills that are connected to JCPH programs, services, and Foci.

New Business:

Kate Watkins presented on the Community Health Assessment (CHA). The new CHA will be published in June or July of 2023.

Ms. Jahn introduced Jeff Zayach as the new Interim Executive Director of JCPH.

Senior Leadership Team Updates/Comments

Jeff Zayach, Interim Executive Director- Mr. Zayach introduced himself, talked about his experience, and his current projects.

Jody Erwin, Deputy Director- Mr. Erwin updated on the JCPH clinic. There is a deep dive being done into budget and staffing before the next director is hired. Next steps are being looked at for a new contract for JCPH's medical director. The current contract ends June 30, 2023.

Joe Badalpour, Administrative Services Director- JCPH will soon have a fully functional, mobile, clinic. Board of Health members are invited to see the mobile clinic van at Parfet.

Jim Rada, Environmental Health Services Director- Jodi Jackson and Jeanette Maez were introduced as new employees of JCPH, working with Environmental Health Services. Mr. Rada believes Environmental Health will be fully staffed by July 2023. Mr. Rada also updated on air quality rules, reporting rules, and the rule-making process.

Alix Hopkins, Family Services Director- Ms. Hopkins thanked Mr. Drager for attending the kickoff for the Bright Futures roadmap. Claudia Benavidez was nominated for a Childrens Champion Award and Ms. Hopkins would like to congratulate her.

Christine Billings, Epidemiology, Planning and Communications (EPC) Director- Ms. Billings updated on the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023. EPC team is shifting into recovery mode and looking into how best to make data available in the recovery phase. Free COVID-19 tests will be available through JCPH until April of 2024. Preparedness capability regarding climate change has been added at the federal level. Employee of the Month for May is Nick Adams.

Staff Comments:

There are no staff comments.

Board of Health Comments:

Mr. Drager would like to welcome new JCPH staff and is impressed by the direction Jefferson County is headed; he appreciates everyone. Dr. Hall would like to thank everyone for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic response and the difficult situations involved. Ms. Jahn reminded directors of the Employee of the Month luncheon on May 23, 2023; she invited everyone to bring their Employees of the Month.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.