

## **Board of Health AGENDA**

**NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus):** To adhere to COVID-19 social distancing precautions, all on-site public Board of Health meetings are postponed until further notice. To allow access to this meeting, and future Board of Health meetings, call 719-583-4513 for more information. The public may make any public comments by email to Executive Assistant Ramona Chisman-Ewing, at mona.ewing@pueblocounty.us.

The Board of Health meeting will be held **Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 12:00 noon by Zoom.**

- A. 12:00 - 12:03 p.m. – Call to Order and Approval / Changes to Agenda (**Action Required**)
- B. 12:03 - 12:05 p.m. – Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes held **May 25, 2021 (Action Required)**
- C. 12:05 – 12:10 p.m. – **Public Forum**
- D. 12:15 - 12:30 p.m. – **Action Items**
  - Monthly Financial Report – Georgia Alfonso
  - Contracts – Georgia Alfonso
- E. 12:30-12:45 p.m. **Special Presentation:** 2022 Initial Budget (**Action Required**)
- F. 12:45 - 1:00 p.m. – **BOH Updates**
  - Model Aquatic Health Code Timeline – Vicki Carlton
  - HIPAA Hybrid Summary – Marci Day
  - Legislative Updates- Katie Davis
  - Public Health Director Report – Randy Evetts
- G. 1:00 – 1:05 p.m. – **Unfinished Business**
- H. 1:05 - 1:10 p.m. – **New Business**

**ADJOURN**

The Board of Health meeting was held by Zoom May 26, 2021, at 12:00 noon.

**Board Members**

**Present:** Donald Moore, Board President  
Michael J. Nerenberg, Board Vice President  
Ed Brown, City Council Member  
Eileen Dennis, Board Member  
Garrison Ortiz, County Commissioner

**Legal Counsel:** Marci Day, Assistant County Attorney

**Administrative Staff**

**Members Present:** Randy Evetts, Public Health Director  
Katie Davis, Deputy Director  
Georgia Alfonso, Budget and Finance Director  
Jody Carrillo, Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Division Director  
Denise DeNardo, Human Resources  
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services Division Director  
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant

**Staff Members:** Vicki Carlton, Jody Carrillo, Sarah Joseph, Kim Sugar, Zak Van Ooyen, Chad Wolgram

**Guest:**

A. **Call to Order and Approve or Make Changes to the Agenda**  
Board President, Donald Moore, called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the Agenda.

**MOVED** by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the Agenda.

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B. **Approval of Minutes**

**MOVED** by Ed Brown, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to approve the April 28, May 12 and 17, 2021, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

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C. **Public Forum**  
None

D. **Action Items**  
**Financial and Contract Cost Reports**  
Financial reports for the end of April 2021 were presented to the Board. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$286,287.93. Georgia consulted with auditors and some funds received in 2020 went into deferred income, as expenses were not received in 2020. This means those funds were moved from deferred income to revenue to be used in 2021. No funds were used from restricted funds.

**MOVED** by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to accept the monthly financial report as presented.

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**CONTRACTS:**

**The Colorado Health Foundation** **5/15/2021 – 5/14/2023** **\$321,631**

This contract is between the Colorado Health Foundation and PDPHE. The program is to create opportunities where neighborhood culture and voice are considered in neighborhood improvement efforts. Board Of Health action is required, as this contract is new and was not in the approved 2021 budget. This contract is pending Legal review.

**MOVED** by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown, to accept the above contract pending legal review and signature by Public Health Director Randy Evetts as presented.

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**Information regarding other contracts or funding; no BOH action required:**

**Tuberculous Contract 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 \$30,000**

This Contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to educate and treat individuals with suspected/known TB. This contract is an amendment of a program PDPHE previously worked in. No additional FTE will be hired. (Amendment #3, 2021\*3672, 19 FHHA 109278). No BOH action or legal review is required; the amendment is only a date and amount change.

**Air Pollution Monitoring 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$21,615.71**

This a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue monitoring air pollution activities. This contract is the renewal of a program PDPHE has previously worked in. No additional FTE will be hired. The funding is comparable to prior years funding. (Task Order 2018\*100494 Amendment #3). No BOH action or legal review is required; the amendment is only a date and amount change.

**Communities That Care 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$244,383**

This Contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to identify evidence-based or evidence-informed youth substance abuse strategies and implement sustainability. This contract is the renewal of a program PDPHE has previously worked in. An additional .5FTE is budgeted increasing the funding received. (Task Order 2022\*0160). No BOH action is required. Legal review approved.

**Pueblo Tobacco Education Prevention Program 7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022 \$215,120**

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This project serves to build/enhance comprehensive tobacco control programming efforts and explore opportunities to significantly impact the tobacco usage rates of low socioeconomic status (low-SES) community members; increase access to/uptake of evidence-based tobacco treatment services; provide education to facilitate/promote adoption of smoke-free policies to eliminate secondhand smoke/vapor. (Amendment #1 2019\*0022). No BOH action or legal review is required; the amendment is only a date and amount change.

**Local Planning and Support Funding 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$254,827**

This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to provide support for Public Health Core services as required by the State Board of Health. This contract is an amendment of a program PDPHE has previously worked in. No additional FTE will be hired. (Amendment #5, 2019\*0496, 18 FAAA 97491). No BOH action or legal review is required; the amendment is only a date and amount change.

**Child Fatality Prevention 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$11,500**

This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to support the local Child Fatality Prevention review team. PDPHE has previously worked in this program. The funding has previously been included in the Local Planning and Support Funding contract. CDPHE has separated the funding this contract period. No additional FTE will be hired. There is no significant change in funding. (Task Order 2022\*0288) No BOH action or legal review is required; this contract is only a date and amount change.

**IMM #3 COVID Vaccine 3/24/21 – 6/30/24 \$457,239**

This Purchase Order is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to plan and provide direct services for COVID-19 vaccine. (PO,FHJA,202100010305). No BOH action or legal review is required, as this is a Purchase Order.

**Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Expansion 5/10/21 – 7/31/23 \$3,352,731**

This Purchase Order is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to perform critical containment activities, such as disease surveillance, case investigation, contact tracing, and testing. The program

also supports local response to COVID-19 outbreaks, infection prevention efforts at health care and other settings, and promotes health equity aspects of the response. (PO,FHJA,202100010529). No BOH action or legal review is required, as this is a Purchase Order.

Public Health Director Randy Evetts stated Covid-19 work has revealed a lot of health disparities in the community. The Department is working on this issue and looking into hiring someone to help guide the work the Department does with an 'equity lens.' The Board acknowledged the amount of funding received for the ELC Expansion, as well as the other Purchase Orders, Amendments, or Option Letter Amendment, and would like to know the scope of work associated with these dollars, and if it will affect the Department's work in the future. Georgia stated a budget revision might have to be done, as it was in 2020 for Board approval; Board President Donald Moore concurred with this plan of action.

Michael Nerenberg asked what the Department's role is regarding Child Fatality Review. Randy explained the Department's role is to act as a facilitator for the group which involves, hospitals, D.A., law enforcement and other community agencies. These agencies meet to review child fatalities after they have happened in Pueblo County. Michael also asked if the Department was involved in the review of the latest child fatality cases that have been in the news. Randy replied he doesn't know, but can find out. The child fatality group reviews the cases after a fatality, to suggest improvements, education, and prevention. Cases can involve abuse, as well as accidents. Garrison Ortiz asked how many Department personnel participate on the case reviews. Director Maria Telfer stated the Department has a nurse who is on the review committee. Garrison also stated there are many systematic changes ahead for the Department of Human Services and would like PDPHE at the table for the reforms and discussion in the future.

#### **Medical Officer Contract**

Public Health Director Randy Evetts referred to the draft Medical officer contract he sent to the Board for their review. Dr. Urbina's contract ends June 30, 2021. Randy informed the Board this is the same contract and rate, but the hours will be expanded to 40 hours per month. There are no other changes and the contract was reviewed by Legal. Garrison Ortiz acknowledged Dr. Urbina and how much support he gives to the Department such as live social media sessions, etc. now and during the last year. Attorney Marci Day will check to see if the contract needs to be attached as public record for the BOH minutes or not.

**MOVED** by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Garrison Ortiz, to approve the three-year extension of the Medical Officer's contract.

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#### **E. Special Presentation**

##### **Clinical Service Update: Immunizations**

Program Manager Zak VanOoyen updated the Board on the latest changes to the Department's Immunization (IZ) Program and is comprised of three independent programs:

- Core Immunizations
- Purchased Vaccine Program (Adult Health)
- International Travel Clinic (ITC)

The VFC (Vaccine for Children) is a federally funded program, which provides vaccine at no cost for children with the inability to pay. Zak also reviewed the data numbers of vaccine given over the last three years, as well as additional work the IZ program performs with community partners. Section 317 is also a federally funded program and provides vaccine at no cost for adults with the inability to pay. Vaccine purchased by PDPHE serves adults with Medicaid, Cigna, United Healthcare and Anthem BC/BS for adults and children with CHP+, as well as PDPHE staff members. Revenue generated by 'paid vaccine' is then used to purchase additional vaccine for the IZ program.

The Board complimented the IZ program for their work helping to get community members vaccinated. Garrison Ortiz asked about the challenge to get children vaccinated and Zak said it is indeed difficult to educate some people and parents about the need for vaccinations. Zak stated the goal for the IZ program, in the Strategic Plan, is to increase the MMR rates in Pueblo County. Additionally, the Department is working with IZ providers in Pueblo County to get them registered to use the Colorado

Immunization Information System (CIIS); pediatricians do, but many general practitioners do not participate in the CIIS data entry. Donald Moore also asked about the CIIS system and if it was successful as far as utilization during COVID-19. Zak stated there is a tracking system in CIIS that can be utilized to track when a second dose is due, but there was a glitch in the system and notifications had to be done in a much more difficult manner. CDPHE is working to fix the glitches, but solutions will take time.

## **Public Health Director's Report**

### **General Updates**

Public Health Director Randy Evetts informed the Board of the following Department updates:

- COVID-19 Public Health Order:
  - Minimal feedback since the Public Health Order was rescinded
  - Case rates are decreasing
  - Positivity rates are 2.0 percent
  - Hospitalizations across the state are also decreasing
  - Currently, Pueblo has 27 cases at Parkview and St. Mary-Corwin has 2
  - A majority of people hospitalized are above 50 years of age and some are not vaccinated
  - 75 percent of the cases across the state are the U.K. variant
  - Transmission rate is also low; Colorado has the fourth highest incidence rate in the country

Michael Nerenberg asked if hospitalized patients were vaccinated or not. Randy let him know some are unvaccinated or just partially vaccinated. Garrison Ortiz asked if any of the local cases are variants; Randy responded that is currently unknown. It is still unknown what will happen in the fall and how long the COVID-19 vaccine will remain effective.

### **Legislative Update:**

- Deputy Director informed the Board of House Bills that pertain to public health. Katie reviewed a few specific bills, their status, and if the bill passed or its status.
- Michael Nerenberg commented on HB21-1317 regarding high potency of MJ products; Garrison Ortiz has been asked about this bill on a local level and if a county can put a cap on the potency or is this a state responsibility and if this has ever been discussed; Katie stated she has never heard it discussed. Garrison stated he is interested in what is being studied, the findings, and the data results.

### **Public Health Director Report:**

- There was a major kill off of active bacteria at the Pueblo West wastewater treatment plant due to human error when chemicals were added to the tank. As a result, partially treated wastewater effluent was being discharged into the drainage at the Pueblo West Treatment plant and eventually into the Arkansas River. Warning signs were posted along the various entry points to those waterways. The plant had to be reseeded and is back up and functioning properly. Under the Clean Water Protection Act, fines could be imposed from both the state and the EPA as a result of the discharge.
- Randy referred to HB21-1107, which proposed protection for public health department workers and was passed and signed by the governor. Occasionally, threats are received by individuals who are upset about public health regulations/enforcement. One such threat was received last week via a threatening phone call. Randy explained the situation and as a follow-up, law enforcement was contacted. The outcome was law enforcement did contact the individual and he was arrested. All staff members were made aware of the situation and what the individual looked like for safety purposes. This an important bill that came about as a result of this type of incident and others around the state.
- Public Health Orders: planning is underway about what to do when FEMA leaves Pueblo. More outreach will probably take place, as far as COVID-19 vaccinations are concerned.

Donald Moore asked about the remaining state Public Health Order the governor has in place, when it expires, and what responsibilities the Department will have going forward. Randy replied the governor's order ends June 2, 2021, and currently what affect that will have on the Department is unknown. Randy did state outdoor events do not need to submit for approval by the Department regarding COVID-19 regulations unless the event is over 500 attendees.

Donald acknowledged the progress made using HealthSpace software and commended the staff members involved for a successful implementation.

F. **Unfinished Business**

None

G. **New Business**

A tentative Board work session is scheduled for June 2, 2021, to discuss HIPAA Hybrid Designation and Model Aquatic Health Code. Legal is working on both of these issues, so if things do not fall into place these topics will be moved to June or July work session. The Department's audit is also taking longer than usual to finalize.

Garrison asked if the Department has any involvement with local MS4 (stormwater) permitting, as there are major changes in the future for this permitting. Chad stated the City and County are their own MS4 permitting authority; however, the Department does oversee illicit discharge.

The next BOH Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom.

The next regular BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 12:00 noon by Zoom.

**MOVED** by Garrison Ortiz, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting.

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Donald Moore, Board of Health President



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Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director