Board of Health
AGENDA

A Board of Health meeting will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 12:00 noon in the THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM C, at the Health Department, 101 W. 9th Street.
(Lunch for Board Members will be served at 11:30 a.m.)

A. 12:00 - 12:05 pm – Call to Order and Approval / Changes to Agenda

B. 12:05 - 12:10 pm – Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes held July 24, 2019

C. 12:10 – 12:15 pm – Special Recognitions/Celebrations

D. 12:15 - 12:20 pm - Public Comment


F. 12:50-1:05pm - New Business
   ➢ Financial Management Resolution

G. 1:05- 1:15 pm – Unfinished Business
   ➢ Fund Balance Allocation
   ➢ House Bill 19-1230

H. 1:15 – 1:30 pm – Public Health Director’s Report – Presented by Katie Davis
   ➢ Reschedule November and December BOH Meeting Dates
   ➢ December 13, 2019 BOH Work Session

I. 1:30 – 1:45 pm - Division Reports

   Operations & Health Promotion Division
   ➢ Monthly Financial Report
   ➢ Contracts

   Community Health Services Division
   ➢ Cannabis Forum

   Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Division
   ➢ OWTS Update
The regular Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on July 24, 2019, in the Third Floor Conference Room C, at 12:00 noon.

**Board Members**

Present:  
Eileen Dennis, RN, MBA, Board President  
Michael J. Nerenberg, MD, Board Vice President  
Ed Brown, City Council Member  
Garrison Ortiz, County Commissioner

Attendance by Phone:  
Donald Moore, CEO, Pueblo Community Health Center

Legal Counsel:  
Marci Day, Assistant County Attorney

Staff Present:  
Randy Evetts, Public Health Director  
Lynn Procell, Community Health Services Division Director  
Jody Carrillo, Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Division Director  
Katie Davis, Operations and Health Promotion Division Director  
Georgia Alfonso, Fiscal Officer  
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant  
Shylo Dennison, Christina Hopewell, Sarah Joseph, Ayanna Marshall, Sarah Martinez, Crystal Pendleton, Beth Penrod, Scott Schulle, Alicia Solis, Ryan Turner, Zak VanOoyen, Dr. Christopher Urbina

Guests:  
Mitchell Downs, Osborne, Parsons & Rosacker, LLP, Auditor  
Brian Brewer, Lizzy Settipani, Jessica Kobylnski, Bob Benvenuto, Judy Solano, Executive Director Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association, Alexis Ellis, Pueblo Triple Aim

A. **Call to Order and Approve or Make Changes to the Agenda**

Board President, Eileen Dennis, called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the Agenda.

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Garrison Ortiz, to approve the Agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Garrison Ortiz, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the June 26, 2019, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. **Special Recognitions**

New WIC Program Manager Chelsea Hollowell was introduced to the Board. Congratulations Chelsea!

D. **Public Comment**

None

E. **Special Presentation**

2018 Annual Department Audit Report

Mitchell Downs presented the final finding of the 2018 Department Audit. There were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses disclosed during the findings of the audit. Going forward, some policies and procedures for internal controls are being developed.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown, to accept the 2018 audit as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
Southern Colorado Health Network’s Access Point Pueblo

Teresa Martinez and Brian Brewer from Southern Colorado Health Network’s Access Point Pueblo gave a program update to the Board which included the following:

- Services offered to clients
- Distribution of fentanyl test strip kits and tracking program results
- Self-reported usage changes
- Education and distribution of naloxone, syringes, and education material
- Yearly summary of total clients by month, as well as a breakdown of clients by gender, age, and ethnicity
- Clients use of methamphetamines vs. heroin
- Overdose trends
- Feedback from clients

Board members asked to be kept informed of the plans for a needle exchange mobile unit and what the concept would look like. A Board member asked if there would be a benefit to having same types of services clustered together and available 24/7; Brian answered he was not sure, due to transportation issues, days of operation, etc.

F. New Business

House Bill 19-1230 Consumption of Marijuana in Public Places

The Board was given a presentation regarding ‘smoke-free protections’ in Pueblo. The presentation was to inform the Board about House Bill 19-1230 and receive feedback. Pueblo was one of the first municipalities in Colorado to pass a ‘smoke-free’ act. The Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act passed in 2006. Information presented the health effects of secondhand smoke including the following:

- Tobacco secondhand smoke exposure
- Marijuana secondhand smoke exposure
- What is known about marijuana use; data is limited, as this a new substance currently being researched and studied
- House Bill 19-1230 – marijuana hospitality establishments will be effective January 2020 allowing for consumption of marijuana within a hospitality space or establishment – marijuana can be purchased and consumed on site or bring your own.
- This bill prohibits the following:
  - Consumption of alcohol on the premises if marijuana is being consumed
  - Smoking of tobacco or tobacco products on the premises if marijuana is being consumed
  - Admission of anyone under the age of 21 into the licensed premises of a retail marijuana hospitality

Board members asked if marijuana use has lasting effects. Research is on-going regarding this issue. Marijuana use can cause driving impairment depending on the levels of THC and the tolerance level of the users. Concerns are similar to alcohol consumption and people’s impairment while driving; research still needs to be done to fully understand the implications. Alcohol consumption solely affects the consumer; secondhand smoke affects everyone breathing the fumes in the air. Some evidence shows passive smoking in extreme exposure may lead to psychomotor impairment and increased heart rate in the hour following exposure.

Implications for PDPHE include potential staff and budget impacts for monitoring and inspections, as well as secondhand smoke exposure during inspections. The City and County will make an implementation decision about HB 19-1230 separately. The timeline for the County Commissioners to decide is unknown. Garrison Ortiz said Pueblo County staff members were briefed, but he personally still has unanswered questions and concerns. The State is working to clarify the finer details of this bill and to promulgate the rules to support the implementation. The County Commissioners are waiting to make a decision until the rule-making is complete. Ed Brown noted that City Council members have not yet made a decision, but he personally has concerns for the implications to law enforcement and first responders who might be called to these locations.

Board member Donald Moore recommended the following:

- Pass along any clarification/recommendations from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Give local policy makers and the public access to this presentation information, as both the City and County deliberate this topic
- Research additional costs to PDPHE that could be incurred if tasting rooms are allowed in Pueblo County and gain a better understanding of the potential health risks to inspectors, law
enforcement and vendors who might be exposed
  - Public health is responsible to educate both the public and law enforcement about secondhand smoke from marijuana
  - Public Health should provide objective education information when it comes to public health concerns
  - PDPHE should work with legal counsel regarding any issues that could arise and would impact the Department by the implementation of this bill (e.g. living quarters above places that allow marijuana smoking, etc.)

G. **Unfinished Business**
   
   **Approve Medical Officer Contract**
   
   There was an amendment to the medical officer contract presented to the Board in June, which reflected the increase and cost for liability insurance.

   **MOVED** by Donald Moore, seconded by Ed Brown, to accept the amendment to the medical officer contract.

   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

H. **Public Health Director’s Report**
   
   **Sign Conflict of Interest Policy**
   
   Board members were given a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure Form to sign. This form is to be signed annually in July.

   **Sign Code of Ethics and Conduct Policy**
   
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   **Updates**
   
   Randy has personally met with almost all of the entire Department staff members since he started April 1, 2019. Randy continues his public health orientation and learning.

I. **Division Reports**
   
   **Operations and Health Promotion Division**
   
   **Financial and Contract Cost Reports**
   
   Financial reports for the end of June 2019 were presented to the Board. Revenue exceeded expenditures by $166,134.39.

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

   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CONTRACTS:**

   **None**

**OTHER INFORMATION CONTRACTS OR FUNDINGING:**

   **IT Update to Large Conference Room**
   
   - **10/1/18 - 9/30/20**
   - **$294,368**
   
   Upgrade to the large conference room will cost approximately $185,000 and will be funded by the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP). The Department had budgeted approximately $175,000. Supplies will be ordered the beginning of August with installation in September. Planning needs to be done regarding what happens when CSEPP dollars for upgrades come to an end.

   **Financial Management Policy**
   
   The Board was given a copy of the first draft of the financial management policy. More discussion regarding this policy will take place at the August work session.
Community Health Services (CHS) Division

Hepatitis A Update
To date, the Department has vaccinated just under 500 people in response to the hepatitis A outbreak in El Paso County. To date, Colorado has had a total of 97 cases; Pueblo has had only two linked to Colorado Spring cases. More hepatitis A clinics took place at the jail, with another one scheduled at the Soup Kitchen. The Department is working with the jail’s medical provider to get them qualified as a VFC 317 provider to receive vaccine at no charge to administer to inmates. Jail personnel asked if the Department could vaccinate officers who work in the jail. There is no payment source for the Department to do this service, so an agreement was made for the jail to pay for the vaccine and the Department will donate its time to vaccinate jail personnel.

Forum Updates
The Department will host the following forums:
- Cannabis forum August 8, 2019 - local emergency room physicians and an addiction physiatrist will be the presenters
- Human trafficking forum August 12, 2019

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown to adjourn the Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next regular BOH work session is scheduled for Friday August 9, 2019, at the Health Department, Third Floor Conference Room C, at 9:00 a.m.

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Eileen Dennis, Board of Health President
Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director