Board of Health
AGENDA

A Board of Health meeting will be held Wednesday, October 23, 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 September 25, 2019
C. 12:10 – 12:15 pm – Special Recognitions/Celebrations
D. 12:15 - 12:20 pm - Public Comment
E. 12:20 - 12:35 pm – Special Presentation – Communities That Care Update - Presenters: Sarah Martinez and Colter DeWitt
F. 12:35-12:40 pm - New Business
G. 12:40- 12:45 pm – Unfinished Business
H. 12:45 – 1:00 pm – Public Health Director’s Report
   ➢ General Updates
   ➢ Annual Holiday Luncheon – December 6, 2019
I. 1:00 – 1:30 pm - Division Reports

Operations & Health Promotion Division
➢ Monthly Financial Report
➢ Contracts
➢ Fee Analysis
➢ Vaping Update

Community Health Services Division
➢ Animal Control Update
➢ Hepatitis A Update

Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness
➢ On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) HealthSpace Software Update

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The regular Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on September 25, 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  
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  
Vicki Carlton, Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Program Manager  
Katie Davis, Operations and Health Promotion Division Director  
Georgia Alfonso, Fiscal Officer  
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant  
Lorraine Greenwood, Sarah Joseph, Aaron Martinez, Alicia Solis, Chad Wolgram  

**Guest:** Irene Kornelly, *Chair - Colorado Citizens Advisory Commission for Chemical Weapons Demilitarization*  

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 Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the Agenda.  

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B. Approval of Minutes  
A clarification question was asked about a statement in the meeting minutes from August which stated, ‘Legal counsel reminded Board members they can provide education, but not lobby for bills.’ The issue is with the financial component to lobbying. A position can be taken on a bill as a Board or sign a letter of support or opposition, but any steps beyond that need to be primarily for education/information purposes. There is a definite distinction between taking a position on a bill and lobbying for or against a bill using financial resources. Legal counsel views lobbying differently than taking a position on a bill; the Board expressing its position on a bill is different than lobbying if financial resources are used to sway support.  

**MOVED** by Donald Moore, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to approve the August 28, 2019, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.  

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  

C. Special Recognitions  
None  

D. Public Comment  
None  

E. Special Presentation – Chemical Demilitarization Update  
Irene Kornelly, Chair for the Colorado Citizens Advisory Commission for Chemical Weapons Demilitarization, updated the Board regarding activities at the Pueblo Chemical Depot. To date, 38 percent of weapons originally stored at the Depot have been destroyed. Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) is currently on hold for destruction of weapons, due to a dry gasket on one of the tanks. The tank is in the process of being restored to use. Pipes and hoses between the tanks and reactors are getting clogged, so the process of clearing these blockages is also underway; everything should be up and running the first part of October. Irene explained other environmental challenges being faced and new construction taking place such as pouring new concrete pads, etc. A multipathway health risk assessment is being done to determine how many weapons per day can be destroyed in the future. A new Deputy Program Manager will start in October. The Pueblo Chemical
Depot Cleanup also has a new commander Colonel Michael Cobb. The transfer of property to Pueblo Plex will not be done until the property is cleaned up and no additional munitions are found buried on site. December 2023 is the target date for completion of destruction of all weapons at the Depot.

F. **New Business**
   *Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Close Out Overview of Funding*
   The Board was informed CSEPP is projected to close out December 2023. After the close out, there will be an approximate six-month period to finalize the end of CSEPP. The Department has 1.25 FTE’s in the CSEPP program. The goal is to provide training to the CSEPP program staff members to either transition into another program or retire. Staff members are working with community partners to prepare them for the close out of the program, as the Department provides both physicals and fit testing for outside agencies. CSEPP has recently updated the technology in the conference rooms at PDPHE because they are used as the alternative Joint Information Center. Future updates to the technology in those rooms will be the responsibility of PDPHE. A plan of action will be developed to maintain updates to the conference rooms.

G. **Unfinished Business**
   *Rabid Animals*
   Pueblo County realizes there is a dire need to increase the USDA contract to hire a person to handle rabid animal issues; the cost to fill this full-time position is $89,000. The Department would work with USDA to finalize support of the City and County funding for this joint position. The Department would receive the funding from the City and County to subcontract with USDA to fulfill the contract deliverables.

H. **Public Health Director’s Report**
   *General Updates*
   - Randy Evetts stated, ‘he is very proud of the following staff members’ and acknowledged those who presented at the following conferences:
     ➢ Public Health in the Rockies:
       - Shylo Dennison
       - Jenny Case
       - Lexi Romero
       - Chelsea Hollowell
       - Nicole Cawse
       - Lindsey Dunbar
       - Alicia Solis
       - Anne Hill
     ➢ Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA) Conference
       - Monica Dupler (CEHA Board member)
       - Josh Gallegos.
   - Randy shadowed environmental health inspectors as they inspected over 200 vendors at the Colorado State Fair and 80 vendors at the Chile and Frijoles special event.

*Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Visit*
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Executive Director Jill Hunsaker-Ryan came to visit the Department and discussed the Governor’s ‘wildly important goals’ to reduce suicide, improving kindergarten immunization rates and how PDPHE’s Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) aligns with these goals. The group also discussed public health transformation, understanding the gaps, and compiling of data to make community improvements.

*CDPHE Mural Project*
CDPHE is funding this project through a private art foundation. A local muralist has been selected and will develop a mural to reflect the states community health improvement plan.

*Packard Site Visits*
There have been two site visits from the Packard Foundation to discuss the following grant requests:
- Request to support reproductive health work - ‘Go Ask Tara’
- Creating messaging across the community for adults to improve the support of local youth focus groups
I. **Division Reports**  

**Operations and Health Promotion Division**  

**Data-Driven Responses to Emerging Drug Threats Grant**  

The Department received a data driven response grant that will be called the Pueblo County Partnerships for Data. This is a two-year grant designed as a community initiative to collect and analyze data around substance use to inform response to projects or improvements in the community. The following groups are being formed and aligning with current existing groups: executive committee, data focused, and a stakeholder work group. How this grant can be sustained once the funding goes away will also have to be considered. October 17, 2019 is the initial kick-off meeting for this grant.

**Financial and Contract Cost Reports**  

Financial reports for the end of August 2019 were presented to the Board. Revenue exceeded expenditures by $172,941.21.

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

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**CONTRACTS:**  

**Pueblo County Partnerships for Data – IIR 9/1/19–8/31/2021 $100,000 for planning phase/$600,000.**  

The contract is between the Institute for Intergovernmental Research and PDPHE. The primary focuses of this contract are to prevent and reduce overdose deaths associated with opioids, including illicit fentanyl, and advancing a shared understanding of the patterns and characteristics of problem drug use in Pueblo County. PDPHE and stakeholder will adopt a shared goal of building partnerships that guide data analysis activities and response planning. The planning phase will have 1 FTE equivalent with .5 FTE support by a current Health Promotions Specialist and hiring a .5 FTE Epidemiologist. (Subaward funding 2019-PARTNER-033). BOH approval required. Legal review completed.

**MOVED** by Ed Brown, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to approve the above contract as presented.

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**INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER CONTRACTS OR FUNDING:**

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<th>Opioid Regional</th>
<th>10/1/19 – 06/30/20</th>
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This contract is between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and PDPHE. This contract is to increase efficiency and effectiveness of Colorado’s public health system through increasing local public health agency capacity to implement, monitor and evaluate strategic, cross-jurisdictional local public health agency partnerships. This program requires a .5 FTE supported by current Health Promotion Specialist. (Purchase Order). No BOH action or legal review is required for this Purchase Order.

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<th>Overdose Prevention</th>
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This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This contract is to address opioid and other substance use. This program requires a .5 FTE supported by current Health Promotion Specialist. (Contract Amendment #3 2019*0496). No BOH action or legal review is required; this Amendment is an increase in funding for additional activities.

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<th>Family Planning</th>
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This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE to provide services to reduce unintended pregnancy by insuring access to quality reproductive health services. This is an Amendment to a previous contract. No change in FTE. (2017*0053 Option Letter #4) No BOH action or legal review is required; this Option is only a date and amount change.

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<th>Tuberculous (TB)</th>
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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 has previously worked in. No change in FTE. There is an increase in funding by $5,000 to extended further outreach and education to the Pueblo community. (Option Letter #1, 2020*0133, 19 FHHA 109278) No BOH action or legal review is required; this Option is only a date and amount change.

**Vaping Illness**
The Board was informed the Department is monitoring information from CDC and CDPHE. Currently, there have been six cases in Colorado with no deaths. The Board will be kept updated. The Department’s plan is to move forward with a tobacco policy initiative. Pueblo County Commissioners are hearing about the lack of regulations and what needs to be done about this issue. The spectrum of the concentration of these products makes this a very controversial subject. Some roadblocks regarding this topic is the State doesn’t define vaping separately from tobacco products and the City may have more flexibility than the County regarding regulations as the County can only do what the State gives them authority to do until a bill is passed.

**Community Health Services Division**

**Opioid Funding Opportunities**
There are several opioid funding grant opportunities the State is offering to community or governmental agencies that want to apply: harm reduction education and outreach, grant writing assistance, and purchase of Naloxone products in bulk. The Department will apply for a ‘data to action’ (prevention, community awareness and public education) grant in January. The Department can be a resource for agencies wanting to apply for these grants and provide technical assistance.

**Hepatitis A Outbreak and Local Response Update**
In past 12 months there have been eight cases in Pueblo County; only four are related to the current outbreak among the homeless and IV drug users. 590 doses of Hep A have been given targeting the population of homeless and IV drug users. Cost analysis involving staff time, salary, and small equipment amounts to spending $51,593.00. The approximate prevention cost for a single case of Hepatitis A is $21,223.00. There have been 30 states affected by the Hepatitis A outbreak in the homeless and IV drug user population. To date, there have been 26,000 cases with 262 deaths throughout the United States.

**Animal Control Meeting with County Attorney**
Department staff members met with the County attorney early in September. A current challenge is there is no way to quarantine animals who have bitten someone. Animals can be quarantined at home for 10 days or at a kennel for a fee. If an animal is not quarantined for 10 days, regardless of vaccination history, the animal must be decapitated and sent for rabies testing. The problem is where to have large dogs decapitated, due to their size and the cost associated with this task. El Paso County offers the owner of a dog, that has bitten someone in the immediate family, to sign a letter of waiver stating they understand the quarantine rules, but they choose not to follow or pay for quarantine. The letter further states the owner realizes there is a small possibility the dog might have rabies. By signing the waiver, the owner releases Public Health from any liability for the dog. A waiver is to be drafted and will be brought back to the Board. The main goal is to not have to decapitate every dog that bites someone.

**Electronic Health Records**
Update on how the new electronic health records software is working will be given at the October 23, 2019, Board meeting.

**Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Division**

**HealthSpace Cloud-based Conversion - OWTS On-line System**
EHEP is converting to a cloud-based software called HealthSpace for the OWTS (On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems) program. The new software will enable clients to use online applications and payments. The initial software program through Regional Building never fully materialized. The shift will be made to HealthSpace, which the Department currently uses for other programs; the software will need to be enhanced to take payments, etc. This software is more user friendly for both Department staff members and clients and should be in place by the end of this year.

**Solid Waste Meeting Update with District Attorney**
Staff members met with the District Attorney regarding the solid waste caseload. The District Attorney
gave tips on how to build a solid case and what they need to successfully prosecute offenders. If a summons is all that is needed, this would be a big improvement. Another planning/education meeting will take place this week with the District Attorney's office.

**Department Laboratory Inspection**
The Department's lab passed its state inspection today.

The next regular BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at the Health Department, Third Floor Conference Room C, at 12:00 noon.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Eileen Dennis, Board of Health President

Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director