

Board of Health AGENDA

NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus): To allow access to this phone-in meeting, and future Board of Health meetings, call 719-583-4513 for more information.

The Board of Health meeting will be conducted **by phone, Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 12:00 noon.**

- A. 12:00 - 12:03 pm – Call to Order and Approval / Changes to Agenda
- B. 12:03 - 12:05 pm – Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes held **February 26, 2020**
- C. 12:05 – 12:10 pm – **Special Recognitions**
- D. 12:10 – 12:30 pm – **COVID 19 Update**



The regular Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on February 26, 2020, 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
Donald Moore, CEO, Pueblo Community Health Center
Ed Brown, City Council Member
Garrison Ortiz, County Commissioner

Legal Counsel: Marci Day, Assistant County Attorney

Staff Present: Randy Evetts, Public Health Director
Georgia Alfonso, Budget and Finance Director
Jody Carrillo, Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Division Director
Katie Davis, Operations and Health Promotion Division Director
Dr. Christopher Urbina, Medical Officer
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant

Vicki Carlton, Chelsea Hollowell, Sarah Joseph, Ayanna Marshall, Aaron Martinez, Scott Schulle, Alicia Solis, Zak VanOoyen, Chad Wolgram,

Guests: Daniel Minich, *Intern*

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

Board President, Eileen Dennis, called the meeting to order and asked for review and approval of the Agenda. Public Health Director Randy Evetts asked for action items to be moved up on the Agenda, due to time constraints for some Board members.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Donald Moore, to approve the change to the order of the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Garrison Ortiz, to approve the January 22, 2020, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. **Special Recognitions/Celebrations**

None

D. **Public Comment**

None

E. **Election of Officers**

MOVED by Garrison Ortiz, seconded by Ed Brown, to elect Donald Moore as Board of Health President and Dr. Michael Nerenberg as Vice President effective today, February 26, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. **Unfinished Business**

Marijuana Hospitality Resolution

City Council is working to make a decision regarding marijuana hospitality establishments. City Council has asked the Department to take a position on public health impacts of marijuana hospitality establishments. A proposed resolution regarding Declaring the Public Health Impacts of Marijuana

Hospitality Establishments in Pueblo County was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the proposed resolution, deliberated its content and potential revisions. The Board discussed the importance of providing accurate information supported by research. The resolution includes references which the content was based on. It was proposed the references be added as a second page to the resolution. Legal counsel noted she reviewed the resolution and recommended adding a 'WHEREAS' statement to indicate the statements in the resolution are supported by attached references. Item #6 listed in the resolution will be amended to remove 'Pueblo County' at the end of the statement and read as follows: 'WHEREAS permitting marijuana smoking and vaping indoors is contrary to the intent of the Pueblo Smoke-Free Air Act.' Garrison Ortiz stated for the record the document could be 'wordsmithed' to come to a consensus for everyone, but time constraints do not allow for this.

MOVED by Garrison Ortiz seconded by Eileen Dennis, to approve Resolution No. 20-01 amending item #6 as noted above and inserting a 'WHEREAS' clause into the resolution designating the references referred to above as part of the resolution

MOTION CARRIED

Noted: Michael Nerenberg abstained from voting

OWTS Permit Fees

Before the new OWTS fees take place, the Board asked the Department to inform stakeholders about the changes to permit fees and capture their feedback. The Department held an OWTS stakeholder meeting on January 9, 2020. Additionally, information was provided on the website and a letter was sent to the stakeholders requesting any additional feedback. No additional feedback was received. An additional letter will be sent to stakeholders to inform them of the changes. The Director noted the Board had approved the increase in fees at a previous meeting, but wanted the stakeholder outreach prior to implementation. The Director requested the Board approve implementation of the new fees effective April 1, 2020.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the implementation of the new OWTS fees with an implementation date of April 1, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. **Special Presentation**

Medical Officer Update

Medical Officer Dr. Chris Urbina updated the Board regarding communicable disease and other concerns in the community.

- Dr. Urbina clarified that Marijuana THC effects are dose related and have a different effect on people based on the dose they use. He reassured the Board Resolution 20-01 was well supported by scientific evidence and known risks to public health.
- Worked with WIC program to 'cold call' providers regarding importance of breastfeeding; the visits were highly effective and led to some 'lunch and learn' information meetings.
- Conducted outreach efforts by going out into the community to discuss Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) with focus on syphilis with providers, so they will test for, recognize, and treat patients effectively for STIs.
- Still working on active Hepatitis A cases and outreach; vaccinated over 700 people.
- Working with WIC program to discuss heart treatment program involving exercise out in the community; program will encourage people to use parks for exercise such as Tai Chi, etc.
- Influenza – there have been over 137 hospitalized cases in Pueblo; still important to get vaccinated for influenza; working with schools to get the message out for both children and adults to "stay home if you are sick," and wash your hands.
- Board members were given a COVID-19 Fact Sheet – this disease is thought to spread by respiratory droplets from someone infected with the virus for a prolonged period of time; again, if people are sick, they need to stay home and remember to wash their hands. It is important to remember the risk to most Coloradans from COVID-19 is low. If an individual does not have a high-risk exposure, it is very unlikely they have novel COVID-19. If people are ill and concerned, they should contact their health care provider. The Public Health Director has quarantine/isolation statutory authority to order infected individuals into quarantine/isolation, or

if there were to be a significant outbreak, to close down schools, etc.

H. **New Business**

International Travel Clinic (ITC) Fee Analysis

PDPHE's International Travel Clinic provides consultations for individuals travelling abroad. Consultations consist of medical history review of the traveler, provision of needed vaccinations and/or prescriptions, and destination specific prevention and safety education. PDPHE continues to provide this service because it is the only Yellow Fever provider within reasonable travelling distance for people living in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico and allows for clients to get all of their travel needs met at one location. Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso worked with clinic staff to analyze the current fee structure. The fees were compared to the El Paso County Health Department's fees. The Department does not keep Japanese Encephalitis or Cholera vaccinations on hand and therefore they are special-order items, which creates additional costs. The proposed fee increase reflects the special-order fee. The following fee changes were proposed for implementation on May 1, 2020.

		Current	Proposed
Administration Fee:	Regular Services Admin Fee	\$21.00	\$21.00
	Special Order Admin Fee	Admin. fee assessed for each vaccine provided	\$45.00*
Vaccination Fee:	Typhoid Oral	59.00	\$59.00
	Typhoid Injection	104.00	\$104.00
	*Japanese Encephalitis	314.00	\$314.00
	*Cholera	219.00	**
	*Yellow Fever	150.00	**
Consultation Fee:	¼ hour	25.00	
	½ hour	50.00	\$50.00
	1 hour	100.00	\$75.00
(Most consultations are an hour, but the Department has only been charging for a ½ hr.)			

**None has been purchased nor has any been in stock for over two years. 10% will be added to the cost when vaccine is available, and need arises.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis to approve recommended increase to ITC fees as presented above effective May 1, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. **Public Health Director's Report**

General Updates

Public Health Director Randy Evetts updated the Board about the following topics:

- The new Community Health Services Director has been hired. Maria Telfer will start March 9, 2020. She will be introduced to the Board of Health at the March meeting.
- Randy asked for a Board member representative to sit on the Public Health Champion selection committee:
 - Michael Nerenberg volunteered to represent the Board
- BOH calendar Update:
 - Next month the Board will receive a Community Health Improvement Plan update
 - The Public Health Champion will also be acknowledged at the Board meeting
- Legislation update: a handout was given to the Board showing bills CALPHO (Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials) is actively supporting. One bill, HB20-1319 prohibits the sale of flavored nicotine products. Board member Michael Nerenberg stated his concern regarding 'banning' any product, as he is concerned this will drive the sales 'underground' and people will purchase them from unregulated sources. Medical Officer Dr. Urbina stated any bill to reduce the use of tobacco products to minors, in his opinion, is a good thing.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown to request Randy Evetts inform CALPHO of his concerns regarding HB 20-1319 to ensure the goal of the bill is being

accomplished.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Division Reports

Operations and Health Promotion Division

Financial and Contract Cost Reports

Financial reports for the end of January 2020 were presented to the Board. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$109,953.04. There were no other current concerns with budget revenues or expenditures

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONTRACTS:

None

INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER CONTRACTS OR FUNDING:

Immunization Core Services 3/1/2020 – 6/30/2020 *\$12,419*

This a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to provide core immunization services by increasing and maintaining immunization coverage in Colorado. This contract is an Option Letter to increase funding to the program PDPHE is currently working in. No addition FTE will be hired. No Board of Health action or legal review is required; the Option Letter is only a date and amount change.

(2020*104 Option letter #2, 19 FHHA 108900)

Immunization Core Services 3/1/2020 – 6/30/2020 *\$5,000*

This a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to provide core immunization services by increasing and maintaining immunization coverage in Colorado. This contract is an amendment to support response to the Hepatitis A outbreak. No Board of Health action or legal review is required; the amendment is only a date and amount change.

(Amendment #3, 2020*104, 19 FHHA 108900)

Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness and Community Health Services Division

- Food Safety Program
 - January 1, 2020 there was a change in statute that became effective for food inspections. The civil penalty process has been changed and a 'point system' is now in place. If a food establishment gets enough points to warrant a reinspection at least three times in one year, then a mandatory 'closure order' will be issued and a \$1,000 civil penalty may be assessed. Business owners have been notified about this change through social media, food safety classes, and inspectors also educating vendors during their routine inspections.
- Swimming Pool Stakeholder Meeting
 - The first stakeholder meeting for swimming pool operators was held on February 19, 2020, with 30 people attending. The meeting focused on the Model Aquatic Code (MAC). Stakeholders were asked to share their concerns. Most were supportive of implementing the MAC.
 - A second meeting will be held end of April or first of May to answer additional questions regarding the MAC.
- Trash Task Force
 - Vehicle and trailer were purchased to assist with cleanups.
 - Two illegal dumpsite clean ups have been conducted hauling away 24 cubic yards of trash. One cleanup was behind Kohl's and another dumpsite was on the eastside off Oakshire Ln.
 - Twelve surveillance cameras were purchased and received; installation will begin shortly. A Memorandum of Understanding with Black Hills Energy is being finalized by legal, so they can move forward with the installation of cameras. Department staff members will also receive training about using the cameras and will be able to download pictures via an

- application on their cell phones.
- o Trash Task Force Hotline 719-583-4323 and email trashtaskforce@pueblocounty.us are operational
- o More than 60 sites have been identified.
- o Legal is working with Cooperative Care to schedule the first cleanup using homeless individuals. Several challenges including liability needs to be discussed further before using this work pool.

The next regular BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 25, 2020, 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



Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director