

Board of Health AGENDA

A Board of Health meeting will be held **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**, 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 - 12:03 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 **April 27, 2022 (Action Required)**
- C. 12:05 – 12:10 p.m. – **Public Forum**
- D. 12:10 – 12:15 p.m. – Summer Event For All Staff – Half Day Closure Request **(Action Required)**
- E. 12:15-12:20 p.m. - Juneteenth Holiday **(Action Required)**
- F. 12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. – **Budget and Finance- Georgia Alfonso**
 - Monthly Financial Report **(Action Item)**
 - Contracts **(Action Item)**
- G. 12:30 p.m. -12:50 p.m. – **BOH Updates/ Reports**
 - Public Health Director Report – Randy Evetts
 - BOH Survey- Randy Evetts
 - Legislative Update- Katie Davis

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The regular Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on April 27, 2022, in the Third Floor Conference Room C, at 12:00 noon.

Board Members

Present: Donald Moore, Board President
Michael J. Nerenberg, Board Vice President
Ed Brown, Board Member
Eileen Dennis, Board Member
Eppie Griego, 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
Chad Wolgram, Interim Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Division Director
Denise DeNardo, Human Resources
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services Division Director
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant

Medical Officer: Dr. Brad Roberts

Staff Members: Vicki Carlton, Jenny Case, Brian Comfort, Denise DeNardo, Trysten Garcia, Becky Henry, Chelsea Hollowell, Aaron Martinez, Toni Ousley, Alicia Solis

Guests: Rick and Andrea Higgins, *Geared Up Auto*

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 as presented.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to approve the Agenda.

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B. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to approve the March 23, 2022, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

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C. **Public Forum**

None

D. **Special Recognitions/Celebrations**

Director Evetts welcomed Rick and Andrea Higgins, owners of Geared Up Auto. Rick and Andrea were chosen as the 2022 Public Health Champion for their commitment to reducing the negative impacts of poverty on health and safety for community residents. Over the past two years, during the height of the pandemic, Rick and Andrea stepped up to support PDPHE's Care Coordination clients, including families of children with special health care needs. They donated Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, complete with all the fixings, for families whom without their support, would not have celebrated the holidays. For Christmas, they also donated personal gifts for multiple families in need, including blankets for kids who requested blankets for warmth. Rick and Andrea have a long history of giving back to the Pueblo community. Annually for the past seven years, Rick and Andrea donated 2,000 back-to-school backpacks for families filled with basic school supplies. Whenever there were leftover supplies, they sponsored teachers in need of classroom supplies. In 2021, Geared Up Auto also donated automobiles to families needing reliable transportation and have set a goal of donating cars every year to families in need.

Board members also expressed their gratitude to Rick and Andrea for the positive energy they express to people needing assistance. Rick and Andrea have truly set an example in their efforts and generosity. Thank you for “paying it forward” and congratulations!

E. **Featured Presentation**

Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP) and Strategic Plan (SP) Updates:

Public Health Planners Jenny Case and Becky Henry presented to the BOH. Jenny pointed out the new public health data tab on the website called, ‘public health data link’ which is easier to navigate. Colorful and informative data visualizations are available for people and community partners to use. Jenny reviewed the work and goals of the 2022-2026 CHIP plan. Obesity and Behavioral Health are the major priorities of the plan. St. Mary Corwin and Parkview Hospital are participating in the CHIP rather than completing their own Community Health Improvement Plans separately. The team (PDPHE, St. Mary-Corwin and Parkview Hospital) is focusing on behavioral health first with a focus on three types of Adverse Child Experiences (ACEs): Abuse, Neglect, and Household Dysfunction. Jenny also reviewed the CHIP development timeline and the prevention strategies being considered. A community meeting will be held to review these strategies. Board President Donald Moore asked if the CHIP is aligning with both hospitals and PDPHE. Jenny noted both facilities are planning to utilize the CHA for their required needs assessment.

Becky Henry reviewed the Strategic Plan progress for the Board including activities and optimizing operations to improve health outcomes. The Board received a handout with the two major categories of the plan: Population Health and Organizational Excellence. Several different individuals are involved in the Strategic Plan with over 40 activities completed in 2021. Becky also highlighted some of the 2021 accomplishments such as QTIPS, detailed workforce data for retention, and public health improvement plans. Under Population Health, an objective is to improve the rates of STIs including syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia. Environmental sustainability and justice are also strategies being worked on to improve Pueblo County. Board member Michael Nerenberg asked about the use of media and its limited access to people who do not have access to any type of media. Becky replied other outlets are being considered such as mobile or nontraditional STI testing, etc. for a select population. Randy pointed out the HEP A outreach as an example of how PDPHE might approach STI outreach - going to the homeless camps in the river bottom, etc. There are a variety of strategies being considered to reach this population.

F. **Other Action Items**

Financial and Contract Cost Reports

March/April financials will be presented in May.

CONTRACTS:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2027 \$00

This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. The intent of this Master Task Order Contract is to set forth the general terms and conditions between the Parties and to define how the Parties will contract with each other in the future using the Task Order process as defined in this Master Task Order Contract. Legal review approved. (Master Task Order Contract #23 FAA 00043)

HB 1451 MOU 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022 \$00

This contract is for Pueblo County Department of Human Services/Social Services to enter into memorandums of understanding with specific agencies for the purpose of promoting a collaborative system of local-level interagency oversight groups and individualized services and support teams to coordinate and manage the provision of services to children and families who would benefit from integrated multi-agency services. Legal review approved.

ARPA City Agreement 5/1/2022 – 9/30/2022 \$91,371

This contract is between the City of Pueblo and PDPHE. This contract is to compensate eligible employees performing essential work with premium pay utilizing ARPA funding received by the City of Pueblo. Legal review was not obtained, as the County Attorney declared a conflict of interest and advised Department staff to consult alternate counsel. However, this step was not pursued since the contract was drafted by the funders (City/County) and presented minimal legal risk to the Department. The Board discussed the matter and was in agreement it could accept the contract without legal review.

ARPA County Agreement 5/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 \$91,371

This contract is between Pueblo County and PDPHE. This contract is to compensate eligible employees performing essential work with premium pay utilizing ARPA funding received by Pueblo County. Legal review was not obtained, as the County Attorney declared a conflict of interest and advised Department staff to consult alternate counsel. However, this step was not pursued since the contract was drafted by the funders (City/County) and presented minimal legal risk to the Department. The Board discussed the matter and was in agreement it could accept the contract without legal review.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to accept the above contracts as presented.

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INFORMATION ON OTHER CONTRACTS OR FUNDING. NO BOH ACTION REQUIRED:

Health Disparities 4/8/2022 – 6/30/2023 \$164,059

This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to implement health equity-focused activities to address health disparity needs affecting underrepresented residents in Hyde Park and Colorado City as an expansion/support of the Neighborhood Obesity Prevention Project. No BOH action or legal review required. (Purchase Order PO,FAAA,202200010872).

Tuberculous Contract 7/1/2022-6/30/2023 \$30,000

This Contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to educate and treat individuals with suspected/know TB. This contract is an amendment of a program that PDPHE has previously worked in. No additional FTE will be hired. (Amendment #4, 2022*3279, 19 FHHA 109278). No BOH action or legal review is required, the amendment is only a date and amount change.

Communities That Care 7/1/22 – 6/30/23 \$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 efforts towards sustainability of projects. This contract is the renewal of a program PDPHE has previously worked in. (Task Order 2022*0160 amendment #1). No BOH action or legal review required.

Chemical Demilitarization Pueblo Chemical Depot 4/6/2022-4/5/23 \$22,356.33

This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This project serves to facilitate discussions and provide information to the Pueblo County Commissioners and Health Department regarding the chemical demilitarization of the Pueblo Chemical Weapons Depot. Irene Kornelly is the liaison for the community. This contract is an Option Letter and does not require legal review or Board of Health approval. (2019*2115 Option Letter #4).

Fee Analysis for Marijuana Establishments

Marijuana Establishments:

Staff member recommendations suggest no fee increases are necessary at this time. Currently, costs are covered for inspections:

- 1) As of May 1, 2022, no fee adjustment will be requested for inspections of marijuana facilities in Pueblo.
- 2) As of May 1, 2022, no fee adjustment will be requested for preliminary investigations for marijuana facilities in Pueblo.
- 3) As of May 1, 2022, no fee adjustment will be requested for a complaint if a "Notice of Violation" is issued.
- 4) The payment is received from the facility during inspection and prior to signing off on the "City or County Marijuana License Routing Sheet."
- 5) A fee will be charged for each facility type of license issued (retail, MIPs, medical or cultivation).

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to adopt the no fee adjustment proposal as presented.

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G. **BOH Updates/Reports**

Public Health Director's Report

COVID-19 Updates

Randy provided the Board with a written report and the latest happenings at PDPHE. Randy is very proud of the Department and the work it does. Randy highlighted some of the following programs:

- COVID Updates – rates are being continuously monitored for any large changes; hospital rates are not currently increasing. Most of the U.S. is in low transmission right now.
- Environmental Health – Household Hazardous Waste event had a good turnout last weekend; a city-wide cleanup event will happen May 21, 2022.
- Temporary Events are happening in the community with more planned in the future.
- Challenges with the HUD grant and the reason to terminate the grant, due to the challenge of managing contractors and finding people to perform mitigation, etc.
- Congenital Syphilis Grant is underway, and testing is occurring for women of childbearing age who are incarcerated. Unfortunately, positivity rate is about 25%.
- Southern Colorado Youth Go Initiative kicks off April 30, 2022, to promote pro-social activities for kids. Board members are invited to attend the event at the El Pueblo Museum.
- PDPHE audit is underway, and documents are being reviewed. Auditors will be on-site in the next couple of weeks; it appears the audit completion and presentation will run on time.
- Vital Records received the Five Star Performance Award for the 13th time out of 15 years.
- Home COVID testing kits have been distributed to community partners (over 60,000) and are being given out at several community events.

Michael Nerenberg asked Randy if the Department is transitioning into the endemic phase. CDPHE is hiring consultants to plan for this phase. The focus will move to outbreaks, high-risk monitoring, etc.

Donald Moore asked what the challenges have been with temporary events. Randy stated it is mainly with event facilities, such as potable water due to remote locations, hygiene, safe food handling, etc. The process for obtaining a permit for a temporary event was explained to the Board and the challenges associated with it. Donald Moore asked if Health Department staffing capacity is at a level to manage the event if a permit is approved by the County. Vicki Carlton responded her department has a significant vacancy rate. Donald also asked what role the Health Department has in the permitting process and Vicki explained it is to approve the event promoter's water/waste plans, food handling plans, sanitary conditions; adequate department staffing is not a requirement for a permit. Vicki explained a promoter can get a permit regardless of Department staffing. The particular event use as an example falls on a holiday weekend, but staff members will be assigned to inspect at the event.

Legislation Update

- There is a bill to collect more data: HB22 -1157 and HB22-1064 Prohibit flavored Tobacco Regulate Synthetic Nicotine
- HB 22-1326 Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention, passed through the House and is now in the Senate.
- Donald Moore asked about SB22-120 Regulation of Kratom Processes, which is used for the 'withdrawal' phase of more serious opioids; benefits are still unknown. This bill was referred to Senate for full vote. Katie Davis informed the Board CALPHO changed its position to 'monitor' instead of opposition.

Katie stated currently, she does not see any bills that are worrisome on the list she presented to the Board at this time.

The next regular BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting.

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Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director