

Board of Health AGENDA

NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus): To adhere to COVID-19 social distancing precautions, The June 22, 2022, Board of Health Meeting will be held by Zoom. To allow access to this meeting, 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 22, 2022, 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, 2022 (Action Required)**
- C. 12:05 – 12:10 p.m. – **Public Forum**
- D. 12:10 – 12:25 p.m. – **Featured Presentation - 2023 PDPHE Budget – Georgia Alfonso (Action Required)**
- E. 12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. – **Budget and Finance- Georgia Alfonso**
 - Monthly Financial Report **(Action Item)**
 - Contracts **(Action Item)**
 - Temporary Events Fee Analysis – **(Action Item)**
- F. 12:40 p.m. -1:00 p.m. – **BOH Updates/ Reports**
 - Public Health Director Report – Randy Evetts
 - BOH Survey Reminder - Randy Evetts

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The regular Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on May 25, 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 Director
Denise DeNardo, Human Resources Manager
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services Director
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant

Staff Members: Justin Gage, Trysten Garcia, Sarah Joseph and Toni Ousley

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 Ed Brown, to approve the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the April 27, 2022, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

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C. **Public Forum**

None

D. **Summer Event for All Staff**

PDPHE's Management Team would like to hold a company-wide picnic for all staff on July 22, 2022, at the Pueblo Zoo. This purpose of the picnic is to celebrate PDPHE's staff members and their accomplishments during the past two years of the pandemic. The event would also be open to Board members. Randy requested the Board's approval to close the Department July 22, 2022, at noon so all staff may attend the picnic.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Eppie Griego, to approve closing the Department at noon for an all-staff picnic event July 22, 2022.

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E. **Juneteenth Holiday**

In 2021, Juneteenth was made a federal holiday. Recently both the State of Colorado and Pueblo County added Juneteenth as an official holiday. The City of Pueblo is also considering the addition of this holiday for 2023. A list of current PDPHE holidays was given to the Board to compare PDPHE's current holidays with city, county, state and federal holidays. Director Evetts proposed adding Juneteenth to the schedule of approved paid holidays for PDPHE employees starting this year.

Board member Donald Moore asked about the two personal holidays staff members are given each

year. It was explained staff members are given two personal holidays each year, which can be used at their discretion (birthdays, graduations, etc.), but personal holidays do not roll over into the next year if not taken.

MOVED by Eppie Griego, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to approve adding Juneteenth to the Department's schedule of paid holidays starting in June 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. **Other Action Items**

Financial and Contract Cost Reports

Financial reports for the end of March 2022, were presented to the Board. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$119,225.08 in March and \$61,756.94 in April. Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso presented the April finance report to the Board. Georgia stated it is important to look at the net expenditures on the statement presented. The largest difference between the years compared is the fees collected at the beginning of the year for Environmental Health programs.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown to accept the March and April financial reports as presented.

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CONTRACTS:

<u>Mobilizing and Preventing STIs (MAPS)</u>	<u>6/1/2022 – 12/31/2022</u>	<u>\$245,616</u>
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This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program will raise awareness of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) prevention with the goal of reducing the spread of STIs, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Viral Hepatitis (VH). This agreement has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

Board member Michael Nerenberg asked what is the identified population being reached through this contract. Program Manager Justin Gage stated the identified population is women of childbearing age and the Latinx population; some media outreach will also be in Spanish. A coalition of community partners will work through additional ideas for outreach. A lot of street media will be used as well, such as bus benches, billboards, etc. to encourage STI testing. Flyers will also be handed out at sites such as the needle exchange sites, homeless shelter, etc. President Moore asked if CDPHE provides the Department with data breakdowns by demographics, etc. to identify a specific population being diagnosed with STIs. The state does provide some data such as gender, age, and ethnicity. Director Evetts and Deputy Director Katie Davis stated specific data has been a challenge, but the Department is working to get through some privacy concerns and agreements between agencies to overcome this barrier. Communication with CDPHE is ongoing regarding data sharing.

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

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Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Funding

The SEP funding is provided through fines. PDPHE recently received \$378,000 of SEP funding due to a fine levied against Bechtel. PDPHE is working with the City of Pueblo to apply these funds to a permanent, year-round Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facility for Pueblo County residents. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$1.2 million. PDPHE's SEP contribution will provide for the initial permitting, design, and some construction costs. The City has verbally committed to the additional funding needed to complete this project, which is scheduled to start in 2023. Director Evetts stated there is no risk with the contract with CDPHE. If this project does not work out, PDPHE can renegotiate a different scope of work with CDPHE. Director Evetts did note however, that there is not a signed agreement in place with the City of Pueblo. Before dollars are released to the City, a contract should be put into place outlining the City's specific commitment to fund the project to completion and to staff and operate the facility after it is built. The agreement with CDPHE has not yet been reviewed by attorney Marci Day. Ms. Day noted she needs additional information to understand

the agreement. Ms. Day will also help PDPHE to draft an agreement with the City of Pueblo.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to accept the above contract as presented pending legal review.

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

Emergency Preparedness Program 7/1/22-6/30/23 \$349,798

This contract is between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and PDPHE. This program is to continue to support effective response to a range of public health threats. This contract is the renewal of a program PDPHE has previously worked in. No additional FTE will be hired. There is no significant change in funding. (Amendment #5 2023*0164). No BOH action or legal review is required; the amendment is only a date and amount change.

Immunization Core Services 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 \$145,816

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program provides core immunization services by increasing and maintaining immunization coverage in Colorado. This contract is an amendment of a program PDPHE has previously worked in. No addition FTE will be hired. There is no significant change in funding. (Amendment #6, 2022*3205). No BOH action or legal review is required; the amendment is only a date and amount change.

Audit Presentation

Board President Donald Moore asked about the Department's 2021 audit. Georgia replied she thinks it will be complete and ready to present to the Board at the July 27, 2022, meeting.

G. BOH Updates/Reports

Public Health Director's Report

COVID Updates

- All regions of the state except the southeast corner are seeing elevated incidence growth in COVID cases
- Cases and percent positivity are higher than they have been since mid-February, but rate of increase has slowed
- Hospitalizations across the state continue to increase; yesterday there were 163 hospitalizations - up 19 from last week
- Hospital admissions at 1.8 per 100,000 for Pueblo County
- BA.2.12.1 is the predominant variant across the country and in this region
- BA.2.12.1 about 55% of the cases in Colorado
- Colorado in middle of states in terms of cases and in bottom 1/5 for hospitalizations
- Pueblo County Case Rate 126 cases per 100,000 in past seven days
- Positivity rate is currently 5.3%
- CI/CT team processing about 35 new COVID cases per day
- Hospitalizations are low - St. Mary Corwin 1 (incidental), Parkview 3 (1 incidental, 2 COVID respiratory distress)
- Both hospitals are reporting a number of suspected COVID through ER
- Hospitals are full with other patients/staffing issues
- Wastewater testing shows upward trend, but not stable
- Total cases by race and ethnicity data were presented including a data summary of vaccination rates and booster rates across Pueblo County by eligible age groups

Current COVID Activities

- Continue CI/CT and outbreak monitoring
- Participate in weekly calls (LPHA directors, Community of Practice, Communications)
- PIO Sarah Joseph shares information weekly with the Risk Communication Network in Pueblo
- Continue to check-in with hospitals weekly/meet with them monthly
- Equity vaccine outreach weekly from PDPHE nurses
- State is working on four separate marketing campaigns to encourage vaccinations
- State contracts with Jensen and CHI to identify next steps - results should be known by the end of this month. A common theme - work on regional infrastructure to include EPR and healthcare coalitions

President Moore asked if pediatricians in Pueblo offer COVID vaccine. CHS Director Maria Telfer stated pediatricians who are already VFC providers are more likely to offer the vaccine due to the intricacies of storing the vaccine properly. A fair number of pediatricians offer the vaccine, but not all of them.

City-Wide Cleanups

- Over 900 cars presented at the city-wide clean-up event
- Several staff members volunteered at this successful event
- The challenge is to develop more long-term solutions

Family Planning Audit

- Audit was completed by the state; the Department passed with no deficiencies

Calendar Reminders

- June 16 - BOH work session to discuss 2023 preliminary budget and expected challenges for 2023
- June 22 - BOH meeting - Approve preliminary 2023 budgets for City and County
- June 23 - July 5 – Director Evetts will be out of the office; Deputy Director Katie Davis will cover
- July 22 - PDPHE all staff picnic/zoo event
- Accreditation site visit may be postponed until 2023

President Moore inquired about the current shortage of baby formula:

- Baby formula inquiries are coming into WIC, but most inquiries are for woman wanting to relocate
- Currently, WIC is having great success with signups after a drop due to COVID and tax refund time

Trash Task Force

- Cleanup of river bottom homeless camps is happening behind Northside King Soopers
- The Trash Taskforce targets areas where illegal dumping is happening like vacant land
- Code Enforcement is responsible for trash issues within city limits such as alley ways, etc.

Other Updates

- Director Evetts informed the Board former BOH member Dr. Richard Martinez passed away
 - Flowers will be sent on behalf of the Board and PDPHE staff members
- BOH survey will go out in June by email with results presented to the Board in July

Legislative Update

Deputy Director Katie Davis presented the latest legislative updates on proposed house bills and whether the bills passed, failed, or were postponed.

President Moore inquired if now, or at a future legislative session, a policy decision would be made about the current public health infrastructure that has built up over the last two years. Will it remain in place or decrease, due to lack of on-going funding? This will be part of the budget discussion at the June Board meeting.

Katie informed the Board the state is applying for a 5-year CDC workforce infrastructure grant through CDC. CDPHE has asked for local public health input about how to utilize these infrastructure funds in the future. CDPHE will take all of the local public health agency ideas gathered and submit an application to CDC this summer. The RFA (Request for Application) has still not been released.

Director Evetts agreed with President Moore regarding the need to maintain the infrastructure built during the pandemic. He noted he expects to go back to the City and the County in 2023 for an increase in funding from both entities as PDPHE has been flat funded by both for more than a decade.

The next regular BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting.

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Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director