

Board of Health AGENDA

A Board of Health meeting will be held **Wednesday, August 24, 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 **July 27, 2022 (Action Required)**
- C. 12:05 – 12:10 p.m. – **Public Forum**
- D. 12:10 – 12:25 p.m. – **Special Presentation: 2021 Audit Report** – Osborne, Parsons & Rosacker, LLP – Mitch Downs and Dustin Mueller **(Action Required)**
- E. 12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. – **Budget and Finance** - Georgia Alfonso
 - Monthly Financial Report **(Action Item)**
 - Contracts **(Action Item)**
- F. 12:40 p.m. -12:55 p.m. – **BOH Updates/ Reports**
 - Public Health Director Report – Randy Evetts

ADJOURN

Prevent • Promote • Protect

101 West 9th Street • Pueblo, CO 81003 • (719) 583-4300 • pueblohealth.org



The regular Board of Health meeting was held by Zoom on June 22, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

Board Members

Present: 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
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services Director
Chad Wolgram, Environmental Health Director
Denise DeNardo, Human Resources Manager
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant

Medical Officer: Dr. Brad Roberts

Staff Members: Vicki Carlton, Brian Comfort, Denise DeNardo, Lindsey Dunbar, Justin Gage, Chelsea Hollowell, Sarah Joseph, Aaron Martinez,

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

Board Vice President, Michael Nerenberg, called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the Agenda as presented.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Eppie Griego, to approve the June 22, 2022, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. **Public Forum**

None

D. **Special Milestone Years of Service Recognitions**

Public Health Director Randy Evetts announced PDPHE staff member from January through June 2022, who are celebrating their milestone years of service with PDPHE:

- Lindsey Dunbar has been with PDPHE for 5 years. She is a Health Promotion Specialist within the Office of Policy and Strategic Implementation. She has worked under several programs including grants working to improve mental health, family friendly business policies, and is currently working on substance use and mental health data
- Chelsea Hollowell has been with PDPHE for 5 years. She is currently the WIC Program Manager within Community Health Services. Prior to her role as Program Manager, she was a WIC Registered Dietitian.
- Jim McGahan has been with PDPHE for 5 years. He is currently an Environmental Health Specialist Lead. Prior to his role as EHS Lead, Jim worked in the on-site wastewater treatment system program, marijuana, housing, solid waste and zoonotic disease.
- Justin Gage has been with PDPHE for 10 years. He is currently a Program Manager within Community Health Services. Prior to his role as Program Manager, he worked in Environmental Health as an Environmental Health Specialist.

- Ramona Chisman-Ewing has been with PDPHE for 25 years. She is currently the Executive Assistant to the Public Health Director. Prior to her role as Executive Assistant, she worked in Community Health Services as an Administrative Assistant for the Immunization Program, Family Planning, and Vital Records.

Director Evetts thanked everyone and stated the work PDPHE does could not be accomplished without the work and dedication these people have shown throughout the years to public health and the people they serve. *Congratulations everyone!*

E. **Budget and Finance**

Financial and Contract Cost Reports

Financial reports for the end of June 2022, were presented to the Board. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$126,203.56. Some program expenses will occur in the next few months to balance revenues to expenditures. Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso stated reserves are strong and capital investments are doing well.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to accept the June 2022 financial report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Congenital Syphilis Elimination Grant **8/1/2022 – 7/31/2023** **\$164,530.64**

This is a program between CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) and PDPHE to prevent new cases of congenital syphilis by screening, identifying and treating syphilis in persons of reproductive age. The project seeks to increase early detection of syphilis, access to treatment and referrals, linkage to prenatal care services, which will reduce the risk and burden of syphilis transmission between mother and child. This project is funded to address the increasing rates of congenital syphilis in Colorado (Amendment #1 2022*2447). No BOH action or legal review is required; the Amendment is a date and amount change only.

Opioid Education Data to Action **9/1/2022 – 8/31/2023** **\$91,934**

This a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE to continue providing support to reduce opioid misuse and overdose by using existing data to inform evidence-based health approaches (Amendment #3 2020*3583). No BOH action or legal review is required; the Amendment is a date and amount change only.

Waste Tire Inspections **7/1/2022-6/30/2023** **\$29,109**

This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE to continue providing waste tire inspection and enforcement activities to improve the management of waste tires. No additional FTE will be hired (Option Letter #3 2019-2977). No BOH action or legal review is required; this Option Letter is a date and amount change only.

Family Planning **7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023** **\$228,947**

This contract is between CDPHE and PDPHE to provide services to reduce unintended pregnancy by insuring access to quality reproductive health service. Additional funding was received to improve capacity to deliver telehealth family planning services (Amendment #1 2021*0286). No BOH action or legal review is required; the Amendment is a date and amount change only.

Public Accommodation Fee Analysis

Georgia informed the Board there are 72 public accommodations establishments in the City of Pueblo as of June 30, 2022. State statutes give PDPHE the authority to inspect public accommodations and the City Ordinance requires PDPHE to inspect public accommodations as part of the Facilities Business License. Safety and sanitation inspections are required to sign off on the 'City Business License Routing Sheet' on an annual basis. The inspection fee for a business license is currently \$125; a Change of Ownership fee is currently \$60. The following inspection and Change of Ownership fees were proposed:

1. Effective September 1, 2022, increase the inspection fee for public accommodation facilities in Pueblo to \$150 (includes inspection and one follow-up visit).
2. Effective September 1, 2022, charge an inspection fee of \$50/hr. for a complaint if a 'Notice of Violation' is issued.
3. The payment is received from the facility prior to signing off on the 'City Business License Routing Sheet.'
4. Change of Ownership fee effective September 1, 2022, change to \$75
5. 2016 was the last increase for Public Accommodations inspections

Michael Nerenberg asked if inspections are done in the County. Environmental Program Manager Vicki Carlton stated those inspections are mainly done if an establishment in the County has a food license or a swimming pool as part of the establishment; public accommodations inspections are not routinely done in the County. Environmental Health Director Chad Wolgram stated the Department receives very few complaints for public accommodations in the County. Eileen asked how often are second inspections done. Vicki stated approximately 5% of establishments require a second inspection. When complaints are made it is usually the same places over and over again. Eileen also asked if there have been any stakeholders meeting regarding public accommodations and Vicky replied, no stakeholder meeting have taken place. Dr. Nerenberg asked if inspections are being caught up after COVID, as the number of inspections seem greater than previous years. Chad stated most inspections are done at the first of the year, so the numbers are greater right now; a few inspections trickle in throughout the rest of the year. Georgia informed the Board, the last increase for public accommodations was done around 2016. Eppie Griego stated it is time to increase the fees, since it has been approximately 6 years since the last fee increase occurred. Eileen Dennis asked what indirect was charged in in 2016; Georgia stated approximately 28% was charged in 2016 and this rate fluctuates, depending on funding.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the increase in inspection for public accommodations and Change of Ownership fees as presented with an implementation date of September 1, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. **BOH Updates/Reports**
Public Health Director's Report
Updates
COVID:

- Currently Pueblo County is in 'orange' status, which is high; 11.4% positivity, most of the front range is 'yellow,' but Pueblo, Huerfano, and Custer Counties are experiencing a slight surge and are in 'orange.'
- BA.5 is the predominant subvariant at this time; other variants are decreasing.
- Locally, hospitalizations remain low.
- Only 6 percent of 6 month to 5-year-old children in Colorado are vaccinated; the U.S. averages about 3 percent.
- Novavax vaccine has been approved, but arrival is still unknown.
- Omicron boosters are expected to be recommended in the fall by the FDA.
- The state is considering reopening the mass vaccination site at the Mall in the fall.

Monkey Pox:

- Currently there are a total 53 confirmed cases in Colorado. To date, there are no cases in Pueblo County.
- One case has been confirmed in El Paso County; most cases are in the Denver metro area.
- The type of Monkey pox currently in the U.S. has a fatality rate of <1% - headaches, muscle aches, exhaustion, rash, and fever are some of the typical symptoms.
- Testing is available through commercial labs (Labcorp, Quest Diagnostic, etc.).
- There are two vaccines, but only one, Jynneos, is available in Colorado.
- PDPHE is in discussion with CDPHE to be a vaccine provider.
- The vaccine is a two-shot series, however, due to the shortage of vaccine, Colorado's current strategy is a one-shot vaccine until supply improves. There is no maximum time frame for receiving the second dose.

Bats:

- Five bats were tested for rabies last week and all were negative.
- Some bats in Pueblo County have tested positive for rabies, which resulted in euthanasia of unvaccinated pets or pets were put into quarantine.

Mosquitos:

- Mosquito surveillance continues in Pueblo County; currently, no West Nile Virus has been detected.

Reaccreditation

- Document review has started for the Department's reaccreditation.
- A virtual site visit will take place in the future (fall of 2022 or early 2023).

Environmental Health (EH) Updates

- Chad Wolgram is the new EH Director – Congratulations Chad!
- Scott Cowen is the new Program Manager for EH; he previously served as an epidemiologist for PDPHE and most recently worked in the Communicable Disease program during COVID for case investigation and contact tracing - Congratulations Scott!

HealthSpace

- Recently EH was able to conduct on-line billing through HealthSpace.
- Currently testing on-line applications through HealthSpace.
- Other health departments are now using HealthSpace as well.

Court Case Update

- An individual who was making threats toward PDPHE personnel went to court and was convicted of harassment; sentencing will take place in the future.
- PDPHE is named in a lawsuit by an individual who is frustrated and is claiming PDPHE did not to enforce the clean water act – a future briefing will be given if necessary – several other agencies are also named in the lawsuit (Sheriff, City and County Planning, etc.).

Director Evetts thanked the BOH for allowing PDPHE to close half day for an all-staff appreciation picnic and event.

Michael Nerenberg asked if the oral antiviral treatment for COVID is available in Pueblo County. Community Health Services Director Maria Telfer stated the oral antiviral is available in Pueblo County; test and treat locations are available on CDPHE's website. Dr. Nerenberg also asked if there was any other information available regarding Monkey Pox and the at-risk population. Dr. Roberts explained how Monkey is spread and stated the homeless population could be at risk because of sharing linens (mites) or prolonged skin to skin contact. Director Evetts stated there has been one confirmed case of a homeless man in El Paso County. Michael also asked if prophylaxis vaccination being recommended for people involved with high-risk populations. Randy stated vaccine is very limited, so at this time it is only in the metro areas that prophylaxis is being recommended. Two cases have been confirmed in children by the CDC in other states; this is a virus that can be spread to anyone.

BOH Satisfaction Survey Results

Director Evetts reviewed with the BOH the Satisfaction Survey results. Board members rated various questions relating to topics such as communication from PDPHE to the Board; the Board's relationship with Sr. management; are Board members comfortable asking clarification questions; does BOH membership reflect the community; do they understand their roles and responsibilities, is their time used efficiently in Board meetings, are featured presentations helpful to them as Board members, what do they find most rewarding about serving on the BOH, etc.

- One issue was neutral: Does the Board represent the community? Randy would like any ideas that would assist with this issue. A meeting with Mayor Gradisar and Commissioner Ortiz is being scheduled to discuss strategy for Board selection in the future to increase diversity and representation of the community. A potential Board member should have an interest and a heart for public health and want to see improvement in this community.
- Featured Presentations: Eileen Dennis stated it is important for the Board to know what programs are doing and what programs are still active or being eliminated. A short presentation would be very informative and remind the Board what PDPHE does for the community.
- Michael Nerenberg suggested it might be beneficial to increase the Board membership to a seven-member Board; he also likes the special featured presentations.

- Ed Brown likes in person meetings; there seems to be more input from the community.
- Eppie would like a 'cheat sheet' of all the programs PDPHE is involved in.
- Randy stated maybe alternating between in person and Zoom meetings could be a solution; Eileen stated maybe once a quarter the Board meeting could be in person. Michael Nerenberg doesn't want to downplay the current COVID situation, but he thinks meeting in person would be good.

The next regular BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, 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