

Board of Health AGENDA

A Board of Health meeting will be held **Wednesday, November 23, 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 **October 26, 2022 (Action Required)**
- C. 12:05 – 12:10 p.m. – **Public Forum**
 - 12:10 – 12:25 p.m.– **Special Presentation:** Adoption of Community Health Improvement Plan Shylo Dennison **(Action Item)**
- D. 12:10 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. – **Action Items**
 - Approval of Holidays for 2023 – Denise DeNardo
 - FAMLI- Denise DeNardo/ Marci Day
 - Approval of Retail Food Civil Penalty Process – Chad Wolgram
 - Pool Fee Analysis – Chad Wolgram
- E. **Budget and Finance** - Georgia Alfonso
 - Monthly Financial Report **(Action Item)**
 - Contracts **(Action Item)**
- F. 12:45 p.m. -1:00 p.m. – **BOH Updates/ Reports**
 - Public Health Director’s Report – Randy Evetts

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The regular Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on October 26, 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: Cynthia Mitchell, Assistant County Attorney

Administrative Staff

Members Present: Randy Evetts, Public Health Director
Katie Davis, Deputy Director
Georgia Alfonso, Budget and Finance Director
Chad Wolgram, Environmental Health Director
Denise DeNardo, Human Resources Manager
Adler Mercado Martinez, Administrative Assistant

Excused Absence: Marci Day, Assistant County Attorney
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services Director

Staff Members: Vicki Carlton, Justin Gage, Sarah Joseph

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.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Eppie Griego, to approve the September 28, 2022, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. **Public Forum**

None

D. **Special Presentation**

Chemical Demilitarization Update

Irene Kornelly, Chair for the Colorado Citizens Advisory Commission for the Chemical Weapons Demilitarization, updated the Board regarding activities at the Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD). In ten months, all of the weapons stored at the PCD will be destroyed. Currently, all of the 105 and 155 millimeter projectiles were destroyed, including 228 rejects. The static detonation chamber is currently operating and is processing at about a 75 percent rate; approximately 90 munitions per day. To date, approximately 15,000 rounds have been destroyed. The trial burn testing and an assessment is awaiting approval from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to increase the number of weapons destroyed per day to approximately 180. Final approval from CDPHE is expected in mid-October 2023. Workers at PCD have developed an improved cavity access machines that will help destroy additional mortar rounds. To date, ninety percent of the agent and 90 percent of the munitions has been destroyed. Before completely closing this project out, there will be a considerable amount of clean up, decontamination, equipment removal, etc. will take place at PCD. There has been communication and events taking place between CSU-Pueblo, the Colorado Department of Labor, and job fairs, etc. to prepare workers for the end of this project and to assist those wanting to remain in Pueblo in the future. Board President Donald Moore inquired if the Pueblo Plex Development is still going, and Irene replied

yes, it is. Pueblo Plex is also involved in the closure of the PCD and the workforce redevelopment program.

E. **Action Items**

Child Care Fee Analysis

Environmental Health Division Director Chad Wolgram informed the Board under state regulations all commercial childcare in commercial facilities, schools, and after school programs must be inspected. These facilities are inspected to ensure they meet minimum sanitation and safety standards. There are currently 63 facilities within the city and county of Pueblo. A fee analysis was conducted and showed the current fees charged for the inspections do not cover the cost of the program. The fees have not been updated since 2017, so it is time for a review. Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso conducted a fee analysis of this program and found a 40 percent increase would be needed to cover all costs. This would be a large increase in fees all at once, so the following increases were proposed:

- Effective December 1, 2022, increase the inspection fee for child care facilities to the following:
 - \$225 up to 50 children capacity
 - \$280 51 to 100 children capacity
 - \$340 101 to 150 children capacity
 - \$450 over 150 children capacity and camps
- Effective December 1, 2022, leave the plan review application fee at \$100
- Effective December 1, 2022, charge an inspection fee of \$80/hr. for follow-up and special inspection/non-routine

The above new proposed fee amounts are in line with other counties, even though the proposed fee increases will not cover the cost of the inspections.

Board member Michael Nerenberg asked if the fee for camps also included mileage; Georgia Alfonso said the cost is included in the fee analysis. Board member Eileen Dennis asked what triggers an inspection for small home daycares with two or three children. Chad replied, this analysis does not include home childcare services. These fees are for commercial facilities where inspections are required by the Department of Human Services to obtain a childcare facility license.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to approve the proposed increases effective December 1, 2022, as presented above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closure Request for Department Holiday Luncheon

Public Health Director Randy Evetts requested the Board's permission to close the Department on Friday, December 16, 2022, from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m., so all staff members can attend the Department's annual holiday luncheon. Board members were also invited to attend.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eppie Griego, to approve closure of the Department December 16, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the annual holiday luncheon.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. **Budget and Finance**

Financial and Contract Cost Reports

The September 2022 Financial Report was presented to the Board. Expenditures exceeded revenues by (\$4,369.64). Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso stated the budget is in line with the projected funds for this time of year. The use of some reserves was due to receiving funding in 2021 and expenses occurring in 2022. No changes are foreseen that will alter the budget at this time. Board President asked about the deferred balance; Georgia informed the Board the deferred balance is included in the unassigned funds, which will decrease the Department's cash balance by approximately by \$300,000.00.

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to accept the September 2022 financial report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Contracts

No contracts presented this month.

Department Budget Updates

Public Health Director Randy Evetts informed the Board senior management staff will be meeting Thursday, October 27, 2022, to review all program budgets. All program managers have worked on their budgets to ensure the budget for 2023 is as accurate as possible. The final 2023 budget approval will be brought to the Board in December once the funding allocation for 2023 is known from the City and County.

G. **BOH Updates/Reports**

Public Health Director's Report Updates

COVID:

- COVID continues to have an impact on the community
- Pueblo currently in elevated incident growth
- Transmission level is in the yellow
- Incidents have increased 180 per 100,000 in the last seven days
- Positivity rate is up to 9.1% of positive cases
- Less testing is happening across the state; a higher percentage of people tested are positive
- Hospitalizations have increased; 10 people were hospitalized in the last week
- Wastewater indications have varied week by week; monitoring is being done across the state
- State level positivity increased to 8.3% hospitalizations increased slightly to 183 in the last week
- Colorado's 7-day incidence rate falls in the middle of the 50 states
- BA5 has been the dominant variant for a few months, which is down from 95% to 62% of the cases
- Three new variants are emerging, each accounting for about 6-9% of the current cases
- Across the country vaccine booster uptake is low; Colorado is better than most, but still low
- Nomi Health will continue the vaccination site until December; approximately 30 to 40 vaccinations are being given per day

RSV

- Dramatic surges in RSV the last few weeks
- Children's Hospital, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children and Denver Health are all full in the peds units
- State considering reopening hospital transfer center to assist with moving teen patients that have RSV to adult ICU settings
- RSV, COVID, and flu are all a big concern for hospitals

FLU

- Two hospitalizations in Pueblo in the last weeks

Monkey Pox:

- Declining across the country, including Colorado
- Colorado has had 334 cases since May; case count: August-157, September-81, October-22; cases are declining

Ebola

- Current outbreak in Uganda declared on September 20, 2022
- Cases are increasing and the disease is in eight districts: currently 109 cases and 30 deaths
- United States has put into place travel monitoring to track people coming and going from Uganda
- Refugee movement from Uganda has been stopped
- Colorado has five receiving hospitals: Parkview, St. Mary's in Grand Junction, Denver Health, University, and Children's Hospital
- Colorado has three treatment facilities: Denver, University and Children's Hospital
- Transport protocols are also being updated

EPA

- Work being done in the neighborhoods is coming to an end
- Last efforts are taking place to get people to participate before the program is completed

Accreditation

- Started review
- Virtual site visit is expected at the beginning of next year

Syphilis

- Positivity rate is 28% for those tested in the jail, with 65/70% completion of treatment

November Work Session

There is a November Work Session scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2022, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. to discuss the 2023 budget.

The next regular BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director