

Pueblo Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023

The Pueblo Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on March 29, 2023.

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 Present:

Randy Evetts, Public Health Director
Katie Davis, Deputy Director
Georgia Alfonso, Budget, and Finance Director
Chad Wolgram, Environmental Health Director
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services Director
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Vicki Carlton Denise DeNardo Shylo Dennison Sarah Joseph Alicia Solis

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Michael Nerenberg, to approve the March 29, 2023, Board of Health meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Mike Nerenberg, to approve the February 22, 2023, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comments

None

Action Items

- Public Health Director Randy Evetts and Attorney Marci Day reviewed the proposed revisions to the BOH Bylaws with the Board. The significant changes were the dates on the document, the language for phone participation in meetings was updated to clarify the addition of Zoom, Teams, etc. or any electronic participation is now acceptable. The bylaws now also include language stating the BOH meeting agendas would also be posted on the Department website.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to accept the revisions to the BOH Bylaws as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion Item

- Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso and Environmental Health Director Chad Wolgram informed the Board about the review of the temporary fee analysis. For six months the expenses and revenues for the two largest temp events held in Pueblo for 2022 were reviewed. The recommendation is to not change the fees at this time, as costs are currently being covered. Board members concurred with the recommendation at this time. A reevaluation of temporary event fees will be done again in 2024.

Budget and Finance

Financial and Contract Cost Reports

The February 2023 Financial Report was presented to the Board. Revenues exceed expenses by \$103,734.12. The net surplus is due to the Environmental Health food licensing fees for January 2023. Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso stated the budget is where it should be this time of year.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to accept the February 2023, financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONTRACTS

Substance Use Response Ecosystem (SURE) - City of Pueblo 4/1/2023–12/31/2024 \$55,000

This is a contract between the City of Pueblo and PDPHE. The funding is from the Opioid Abatement Settlement Funding Project to continue the work of the SURE program’s coalition to reduce deaths, hospital utilizations, and the drain on community resources related to substance (mis)use in Pueblo County. This agreement has legal review approval. The agreement is pending City Council final approval.

MOVED by Michael Nerenberg, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the SURE contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ONLY CONTRACTS

Substance Use Response Ecosystem (SURE) - Pueblo County 4/1/2023 – 6/30/2023 \$13,650

This is a contract between Pueblo County and PDPHE. The funding is to continue the work of the SURE program’s coalition to reduce deaths, hospital utilizations, and the drain on community resources related to substance (mis)use in Pueblo County. This agreement has legal review approval. No BOH action required since under \$50,000.

Accelerated Apprenticeship Program 1/6/23 – 3/1/25 \$7,500

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. The funding is to assist with adopting an apprenticeship program. No BOH action or legal review is required. (POGGI,KAPP,202300002892)

Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities 3/7/23 – 5/31/23 \$15,888.61

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. The funding is to assist with reducing lead exposure in drinking water for schools and childcare facilities by taking samples and developing and implementing a site sampling plan for participating facilities. No BOH action or legal review is required. (PO,FEGA,202300006214)

Ukrainian TB Prevention Health Services 3/20/23 – 9/30/23 \$12,000

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. The funding is to prevent and control tuberculosis infection and active TB disease among Ukrainian nationals. The program will provide TB screening and treatment. No BOH action or legal review is required. (PO,FHCA,202300008202)

Public Health Director’s Report

- Health Educators are working with D60 middle and high schools to add health education classes for students who want to attend. Two classes involving parents were held to provide education about the curriculum and to answer questions parents had.
- Cardiac specialty clinics will be held at the Department starting next week. The clinics are conducted by staff from Children’s Hospital.
- A new WIC Program Manager has been hired and will start April 20, 2023. The current manager Kim Sugar retires April 28, 2023.
- Environmental Health staff members conducted 15 inspections after normal business hours (bars) , closed one facility, and one failed inspection; the following day the closed facility was able to reopen.
- A tire collection was held and over 16,000 tires were collected around the Fountain Creek area, in addition to other dumping sites. The state will come to collect the tires.
- EPA will begin the cleanup of Operable Unit 2, the old smelter site next week.
- The Department will be submitting several large grants to support reproductive health education, family planning, physical activity, and nutrition work. A PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) grant for well water testing, was also submitted.
- Working with Fremont County to assist them with data collection and processes for their CHA/CHIP.

- Received SURE (Substance Use Response Ecosystem) funding from the City and County.
- Additional accreditation documents have been submitted; a site visit will be scheduled in the near future.
- Audits coming up include CSEPP, Family Planning, Financial, and CIRSA (insurance).
- Next week is National Public Health week with several activities planned throughout the week.

Board member Donald Moore asked about enforcement for violations involving illegal dumping of tires. Environmental Health Director Chad Wolgram noted the state is responsible for enforcement, but contracts with PDPHE to identify and investigate problem sites. Chad also stated PDPHE has increased inspections of tire generators (tire stores, salvage yards, etc.) to assure their manifests are in order. Likewise, PDPHE staff members check the manifests of the tire haulers to ensure the tires are disposed of properly.

Board member Michael Nerenberg asked if the Department has done testing for meth presence at any other places than the Barkman Branch Library. No further testing for meth presence has been done at any business/agency. The Department is made aware of any issues that arise from the businesses or agencies or by law enforcement and ensures cleanup is done. Health risks are low for this type of contamination; high risks are for actual meth lab sites.

The City and County received SURE funding; the County put its funding in the regional group. The Department has received two awards of funding; one was \$50,000 and another was \$25,000 for Communities That Care grant. Two other sources of additional funding are being awarded in the future. The City will decide on its own where their SURE funding goes.

Board President Donald Moore adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Next BOH Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 12:00 noon



Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director