

Pueblo Board of Health Meeting Minutes May 24, 2023

The Pueblo Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) on May 24, 2023.

Board Members Present:

Donald Moore, Board President
Ed Brown, Vice President
Eileen Dennis, Board Member
Zsuzsa Glasscock, Board Member
Michael J. Nerenberg, Board Member (Attendance by Zoom)

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
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services Director
Chad Wolgram, Environmental Health Director
Ramona Chisman-Ewing, Executive Assistant

Other Staff Members Present:

Denise DeNardo Shylo Dennison Justin Gage Sarah Joseph

Guests:

Sheena Archuleta Shelby Austin Jose Perez -*Pueblo Chieftain*

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to approve the May 24, 2023, Board of Health meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Ed Brown, seconded by Eileen Dennis, to approve the March 29, 2023, BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

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Public Forum

None

Special Recognition

- Public Health Director Randy Evetts welcomed and introduced Zsuzsa Glasscock, DNP, APRN who was appointed to finish out Commissioner Eppie Griego's term on the Board (term ending June 30, 2026).
- Public Health Director Randy Evetts introduced and congratulated PDPHE's 2023 Public Health Champion Sheena Archuleta. Sheena is the co-founder of Addict2Athlete and co-owner of Stay Invincible Colorado. Sheena was nominated and chosen for her advocacy for people struggling with addiction through the Addict2Athlete organization, which helps people not just abstain from addiction, but flourish as healthy individuals through education and exercise.

Latest PDPHE History Board

- Communication Specialist Trysten Garcia presented the latest PDPHE history board to the BOH. This board summarizes events that took place from 2007 - 2016 in PDPHE's history and will be mounted alongside the other history boards for everyone to read.

Reaccreditation Site Visit Update

Shylo Dennison updated the Board about the latest information regarding the reaccreditation process. The timeline and steps for the initial accreditation and reaccreditation were also presented. A virtual site visit will take place June 22, 2023. The site visit team will prepare a report for the Public Health Accreditation Board; a copy of the report will also be sent to PDPHE to review with the BOH; this is a five-year cycle to stay accredited.

Budget and Finance

Monthly Financial Reports

The April 2023 Balance Sheet and Financial Reports were presented to the Board by Budget and Finance Director Georgia Alfonso. Expenditures exceeded revenues by (\$8,856.60); Georgia stated the budget is on track as anticipated this time of the year.

MOVED by Eileen Dennis, seconded by Ed Brown, to accept the April 2023, financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

July Financials

Georgia Alfonso informed Board she will not be present for the July Board meeting. No financials will be presented in July, but she will present all updated financials at the August 2023 meeting.

PDPHE Audit and Budget

Both the audit and proposed 2024 budget will be presented at the June 28, 2023 Board meeting.

CONTRACTS

INFORMATION ONLY CONTRACTS

Tuberculous Contract 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 \$20,000

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 PDPHE has previously worked in. No additional FTE will be hired. (Task Order 2024*0007). No BOH action or legal review is required, the amendment is only a date and amount change.

Communities That Care 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 \$244,395

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. (Amendment #2 2022*0160). No BOH action or legal review required.

Immunization Core Services 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 \$153,828

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to provide 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 additional FTE will be hired. There is no significant change in funding. (Task Order 2024*0050). No Board of Health action is required. Legal review is pending.

Pueblo Tobacco Education Prevention Program 7/01/2023 – 6/30/2024 \$236,669

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This project serves to build/enhance comprehensive tobacco control programming efforts and explore opportunities to significantly impact the tobacco usage rates of low socioeconomic status (low-SES) community members; increase access to/uptake of evidence-based tobacco treatment services; provide education to facilitate/promote adoption of smoke-free policies to eliminate secondhand smoke/vapor. (Task Order 2024*0218). No BOH action or legal review is required, the amendment is only a date and amount change.

Per Capita Food, Child Care and Schools 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 \$35,000

This is a contract between CDPHE and PDPHE. This program is to continue to provide uniform statewide administration, implementation, and enforcement of standards and rules established by CDPHE for retail food establishments, childcare facilities, and schools. There is no significant change in funding and is only intended to be supplementary funding to perform these services. (Task Order 2024*0448). No Board of Health action is required. Legal review is pending.

Southeast Colorado Opioid Response Settlement (SECOR) 5/23/2023–5/22/2024 \$50,000

This is a contract between SECOR and PDPHE. The funding is from the Regional Opioid Abatement Settlement Funding Project to understand more about millennials who use substances (e.g. patterns of use and root causes

for use) so that media messages can be developed and deployed to prevent future use, lives lost, emergency services usage, etc.

Southeast Colorado Opioid Response Settlement (SECOR) 5/23/2023–5/22/2024 \$25,000

This is a contract between SECOR, PDPHE and the United Way of Pueblo County (the fiscal agent of SOCOYOGO). The funding is from the Regional Opioid Abatement Settlement Funding Project to work with Pueblo County United Way, the fiscal agent for SOCOYOGO, to work with the website developer and to hire an hourly individual to continue promoting and recruiting new users to the platform, track and evaluate use of the platform, recruit new community partners, and troubleshoot issues with the platform. This individual will be hired by United Way.

Board member Michael Nerenberg asked what the funds from SECOR will be used for. Shylo Dennison stated the Substance Use Dashboard identified two different areas the grant funding will be used for: to focus on the millennial population and what is driving overuse and substance abuse in this specific population, and work on educational messaging to assist with this issue.

Public Health Director's Report

- Restaurant inspection process – Several restaurants recently failed multiple food inspections. Food safety classes were held for these establishments to help them come into compliance. According to the recent policy approved by the BOH, restaurants that fail multiple inspections in a year may be fined. If the patterns continue after the fine, the BOH may be required to hold a hearing to decide the next steps for the restaurant. The Board will be kept informed of businesses that have issues with food safety inspections
- Board of Water Works updates – PDPHE was informed the Board of Water works identified E.coli in a water sample; resampling will take place today to ensure water safety or, if necessary, a boil order could be issued. If the resampling is positive, the Board will be notified. PDPHE has already established an incident command to respond if necessary.
- PDPHE will provide an orientation in late June or early July for Zsuzsa and the other new Board member who will be appointed by the City in July.
- Director Evetts provided updates to the Board regarding the recent Colorado Association of Local Public Health Official Director's work session he attended last week.
- Tri-County Health Department is being dissolved into three separate local public health departments, and the San Juan Basin health department is dissolving into two separate health departments as well. .
- CDPHE recently conducted a family planning audit at PDPHE. The audit went very well. All criteria were met and there were no deficiencies.

President Donald Moore inquired about the NACCHO syphilis grant PDPHE did not receive and was informed other funding sources have been identified through the state including dollars approved recently through the legislature.

Board President Donald Moore adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Next BOH Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 12:00 noon



Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director