

Board of Health: Agenda

A Board of Health meeting will be held **Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 12:00 PM**, in the **THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM C** at the Health Department, **101 W. 9th St.**
Lunch for Board Members will be served at 11:30 AM.

- A. 12:00 – 12:01 PM – Call to Order and Approval / Changes to Agenda (**Action Required**)
- B. 12:01 – 12:02 PM – Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes held July 23, 2025 (**Action Required**)
- C. 12:03 – 12:05 PM – Public Forum
- D. 12:05 – 12:10 PM – Board of Health Discussion and Updates
- E. 12:10 – 12:15 PM – Years of Service Recognition
- F. 12:15 – 12:25 PM – Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS) Data Presentation
- G. 12:25 – 12:40 PM – Program Presentations: Pools & Body Art Programs
- H. 12:40 – 1:00 PM – Budget and Finance
 - Monthly Financial Report – July 2025 (**Action Required**)
 - Contracts (**Action Required**)
 - Fee Analyses: Pools & Body Art – (**Action Required**)
- I. 1:00 – 1:10 PM – BOH Updates and Reports
 - Director's Report

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Pueblo Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2025

The Pueblo Board of Health meeting was held at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) building at 101 W 9th St.

Board Members Present:

Donald Moore, Board President
Zsuzsa Glasscock, Board Vice President
Abel M. Chavez, Board Member
Heather Hankins, Board Member
Zolanye McCulley-Bachicha, Board Member

Legal Counsel:

Marci Day, Assistant County Attorney

Administrative Staff Present:

Randy Evetts, Public Health Director
Katie Davis, Deputy Director
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services (CHS) Director
Chad Wolgram, Environmental Health (EH) Director
Shylo Dennison, Community Engagement, Prevention, and Response (CEPR) Director
Denise DeNardo, Human Resources Manager
Georgia Alfonso, Budget and Finance Office (BFO) Director
Jonathan Hontz, Administrative Assistant

Other Staff Members Present:

Trysten Garcia, Public Information Officer
Alicia Solis, Program Manager
Courtney Kincannon, Program Manager

Other Guests:

None present.

Call to Order:

Donald Moore, Board President called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Abel Chavez, seconded by Zolanye McCulley-Bachicha, to approve the July 23, 2025 Board of Health meeting agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

Donald Moore asked the Board for revisions to the minutes. There were none.

MOVED by Zsuzsa Glasscock, seconded by Zolanye McCulley-Bachicha, to approve the June 25, 2025 BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Welcome to New Board Member

Randy Evetts introduced and welcomed Heather Hankins, who is beginning her term as Board of Health member. Her term runs through July 2030.

Public Forum

There were no requests for public comment.

Board of Health Discussion and Updates

- Abel Chavez, Wade Broadhead, Dennis Flores, and Randy Evetts and other PDPHE staff had a meeting about a perceived higher incidence rate of cancer on the lower east side of Pueblo, to discuss potential environmental impacts on the health of the residents. The evidence for the cancer rates is currently anecdotal.
- Donald Moore expressed appreciation for the recognition given to Eileen Dennis upon her departure.
- Donald stated that the reconciliation bill was passed in the U.S. Congress, causing many impacts to the Medicaid program, though the full effects remain unclear. The implementation date for these changes is the end of 2026. He stated that he believes the changes will make Medicaid more difficult to obtain, discouraging many people from seeking coverage. He expects the number of Medicaid enrollees to decline as a result.
- Donald informed the Board the Trump Administration has published a new rule that would not allow certain immigrants to receive services funded by federal grants. Citizenship-checking requirements for federal benefits could have a significant chilling effect on enrollees for programs like WIC and Title X, if the State of Colorado enacts such policies. Twenty states have filed a lawsuit to prevent the rule from taking effect. Collectively, the changes to Medicaid and the new rule will result in less funding for the local delivery system.

Budget and Finance

Monthly Financial Reports

BFO director Georgia Alfonso presented financial reports for June 2025. On the YTD income statement, PDPHE ended with a surplus of \$227,529.55. The variance to the budget is \$24,789.90, representing 0.63% less expenses than projected. The balance sheet reflects an Unassigned Fund Balance of \$1,495,669.20, an increase of \$141,107.64 over June 2024. This increase is temporary and is attributed to the billing for licenses at the beginning of the year.

(FTEs), explaining that when grant-funded programs end without further funding, employees may be cut. Management is requesting to use Unassigned Cash Funds to balance the budget.

Georgia Alfonso presented the draft version of the PDPHE 2026 budget in further detail. The total expenditures proposed for 2026 are \$8,780,522.00, which represents a decrease of \$609,904.00 (6.95%) from the 2025 budget. Another review of this budget is expected in November, with final approval occurring in December. A copy of the proposed budget is attached to these minutes.

Abel Chavez asked if there were any opportunities that PDPHE could consider to increase efficiency in overall operations, for example by coordinating with other health departments in the state to provide services. Georgia answered that discussions about coordinating with departments outside the County requires discussion at the State level, rather than at the local level.

Donald asked about impending increases to health insurance costs. Georgia stated that the agency will absorb some of the cost increases, but that staff will also likely be required to pick up some of the cost.

Donald also thanked Randy and PDPHE for taking the time to break down the impact of budget reductions in terms of what those dollar amounts equate to in terms of services that will be affected, number of inspections performed, emergency response times, communicable disease response times, and so forth.

Donald asked for information about the financial impact of providing services outside of Pueblo County at a future meeting so PDPHE can explain the rationale for the programs in the event there need to be service reductions to the Pueblo community.

MOVED by Abel Chavez, seconded by Zolanye McCulley-Bachicha, to approve the draft PDPHE 2026 budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Health Director's Report

- Randy gave several updates and reminders:
 - Confirmation was received today that the 2nd West Nile Virus case has been identified in Pueblo.
 - An out-of-state (TX) traveler in Gunnison was measles-positive.
 - BOCC presentation about the Communicable Disease program was well-received.
 - A Family Planning Program press release was created in the wake of the departure of OB-GYN providers, reminding people that some services are available at PDPHE.
 - Maria Telfer stated that NAACHO has recognized the PDPHE syphilis program for its field-delivered therapy.
 - Childcare access survey has been released into the community to assess the impact of the lack of childcare resources.
 - PDPHE is working to build an active-shooter drill for employees in collaboration with the Emergency Services Bureau.

- Two reductions-in-force occurred this week as a result of the unpredictable funding landscape and structural changes made to position PDPHE to be able to submit more grant applications.
- World Breastfeeding Celebration will be 8/2 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Pueblo Mall.

Heather Hankins asked if Pueblo has had any measles deaths. Alicia Solis answered that there have been no deaths, and four hospitalizations in the state.

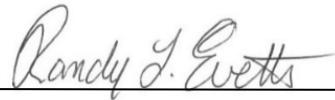
Donald Moore adjourned the Board of Health Meeting at 1:34 PM.

Next BOH Meeting

Wednesday August 27, 2025, at 12:00 PM.



Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director

Submitted by Jonathan Hontz
Administrative Assistant

Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment
2026 Budget Proposal compared to
As of July 23, 2025

	2026 Proposed Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	Increase/ Decrease	% of Increase/ Decrease
REVENUES				
Pueblo County Funding	\$1,015,000.00	\$963,300.00	\$51,700.00	5.09% (1)
Pueblo County Trash Task Force & Community Clean up Funding	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
City of Pueblo Funding	\$654,370.00	\$769,847.00	-\$115,477.00	-17.65% (2)
City of Pueblo Land Fill User Fee Funding	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Colo Dept of Public Health & Environment	\$4,026,960.00	\$4,392,096.00	-\$365,136.00	-9.07% (3)
Federal Funding	\$164,135.00	\$543,440.00	-\$379,305.00	-231.09% (3)
Other Grants	\$282,828.00	\$271,077.00	\$11,751.00	4.15%
Fees Collected	\$1,921,330.00	\$1,739,004.00	\$182,326.00	9.49%
Interest Income	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$8,329,623.00	\$8,943,764.00	-\$614,141.00	-7.37%
Use of Restricted Funds	\$0.00	\$94,061.00	-\$94,061.00	0.00%
Use of Unassigned Funds	\$450,899.00	\$352,601.00	\$98,298.00	21.80%
Use of Capital, Equipment and Technology Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$8,780,522.00	\$9,390,426.00	-\$609,904.00	-6.95%
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel Services	\$6,865,915.00	\$7,165,830.00	-\$299,915.00	-4.37%
Employee Benefits	\$746,422.00	\$809,143.00	-\$62,721.00	-8.40%
Operating Costs	\$452,185.00	\$452,522.00	-\$337.00	-0.07%
Travel	\$126,358.00	\$146,658.00	-\$20,300.00	-16.07%
Public Education Expense	\$51,628.00	\$59,610.00	-\$7,982.00	-15.46%
Supplies	\$238,878.00	\$252,133.00	-\$13,255.00	-5.55%
Other Expense	\$299,136.00	\$504,530.00	-\$205,394.00	-68.66%
Capital Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,780,522.00	\$9,390,426.00	-\$609,904.00	-6.95% (4)
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

(1) There is an additional \$21,700 funding received in 2025 from the county that was not budgeted. Total to receive in 2025 is \$1,000,000. An additional 3%, 30,000, is being requested for 2026.

(2) The decrease in city funding is due to a 15% reduction requested by the mayor.

(3) The decrease in grant funding from CDPHE and federal funding is due to the completion of grant contracts.

(4) The decrease in expenses is due to the completion of grant funding, but is offset with an increase in personnel expenses due to the projected wage increase.