

Board of Health: Agenda

A Board of Health meeting will be held **Wednesday May 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM**
in the **THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM C** at **101 W. 9th St.**
Lunch for Board Members will be served at 11:30 AM.

- A. 12:00 PM – Call to Order and Approval / Changes to Agenda (**Action Required**)
- B. 12:01 PM – Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes held April 22, 2026 (**Action Required**)
- C. 12:03 PM – Public Forum
- D. 12:05 PM – Board of Health Discussion and Updates
- E. 12:10 PM – Years of Service Recognition
- F. 12:15 PM – Vape Project Presentation
- G. 12:25 PM – Recognition of Youth Advisor
- H. 12:35 PM – OWTS Regulation Presentation
- I. 12:50 PM – Budget and Finance
 - Monthly Financial Report – April 2026 (**Action Required**)
 - Contracts (**Action Required**)
- J. 12:55 PM – Director's Report
 - Legislative Updates
 - General Updates

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Pueblo Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2026

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

Legal Counsel:

Marci Day, Assistant County Attorney

Administrative Staff Present:

Randy Evetts, Public Health Director
Katie Davis, Deputy Director
Chad Wolgram, Environmental Health (EH) Director
Shylo Dennison, Community Engagement, Prevention, and Response (CEPR) Director
Maria Telfer, Community Health Services (CHS) Director
Jonathan Hontz, Administrative Assistant

Other Staff Members Present:

Trysten Garcia, Public Information Officer
Denise DeNardo, Human Resources Manager
Jessica Apodaca, Program Manager
Sarah Martinez, Health Promotion Specialist
Adler Mercado Martinez, Administrative Assistant
Kristy Toupal, Accounting Manager
Vicki Carlton, Program Manager
Annie Carlson, Health Promotion Specialist

Other Guests:

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Call to Order:

Donald Moore, Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Heather Hankins, seconded by Zsuzsa Glasscock, to approve the April 22, 2026

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 Heather Hankins, to approve the March 25, 2026 BOH meeting minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Forum

There were no requests for public comment.

Board of Health Discussion and Updates

- President Moore attended the Cannabis Institute forum this month and praised PDPHE Chief Medical Officer Dr. Roberts' presentation at that forum.
- President Moore recognized Director Evetts for 7 years of service to PDPHE.

Communities That Care (CTC) Safe Ride Program Presentation

Health Promotion Specialist Sarah Martinez and Program Manager Jessica Apodaca gave a presentation detailing the origins of, and the work done by, the CTC Safe Ride Program. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Abel Chavez asked if there were any traffic corridors where accidents occur more frequently. Sarah answered that PACOG provides the data on fatalities, with the Hwy 50 corridor seeing a high number of crashes. Jessica added that there are other groups studying infrastructure issues such as traffic signal timings to attempt to improve those conditions.

Jessica noted that SRDA will be responsible for carrying this program forward with some data support on usage and impact on teen fatalities. Sarah added that the coalition's vision is to serve the entire county, all week long, from 6 PM into the early morning hours. Eventually the program would also like to include transportation for youth to prosocial activities but there are significant costs involved to operate a full scale program of this nature.

Heather Hankins asked if SRDA is hiring drivers for this program. Sarah answered that SRDA is currently contracting with CDOT, who will pay for the ride program, and once the contracting process is complete, drivers will be hired.

Heather asked how teens will request service. Sarah answered that the SRDA number will be used initially, with an app also set to roll out.

Building and Safety Upgrades

Deputy Director Davis led a discussion of the findings from PDPHE's active shooter drill from

last year, which highlighted some building and safety improvements that should be made to better protect staff and the public. Director Evetts recommended the use of up to \$34,500 from the Capital, Equipment, and Technology reserves to address the safety upgrades as presented. A copy of the memo detailing how these reserve funds will be used is attached to these minutes.

President Moore asked if it is necessary to revise the budget for this amount of expense given the dollars are pulled from reserves. Director Evetts answered it would not be necessary unless the Board would like to have a budget revision for tracking purposes.

MOVED by Abel Chavez, seconded by Zsuzsa Glasscock, to approve the use of Committed – Capital, Equipment, and Technology funds up to \$34,500 for building and safety upgrades as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget and Finance

Monthly Financial Reports

BFO Director Georgia Alfonso presented financial reports for March 2026. The YTD statement of activities reflects a positive balance of \$205,593.01. The total variance to the budget is positive 138.04%, representing 7.35% less expenses and 1.13% greater revenues than projected. The balance sheet reflects an Unassigned Fund Balance of \$1,773,914.64, an increase of \$244,418.53 over March 2025. The variance in revenue was attributed to fees being collected at the beginning of the year for many of the EH programs. The expense savings were attributed primarily to position vacancies and time to hire for some vacant positions.

Abel Chavez asked about the resolution adopted in 2017 regarding the balance maintained in PDPHE's unassigned reserves, and whether it needs to be updated, due to the changing federal and state funding landscape. Director Evetts answered that PDPHE could update the policy at the Board's request. Georgia further explained the reasons for the resolution and current PDPHE policy regarding unassigned reserves. President Moore added that this topic would be an appropriate discussion for a future Board work session.

MOVED by Abel Chavez, seconded by Heather Hankins, to accept the March 2026 financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Contracts

HB 1451 MOU **7/1/26 – 6/30/27** **\$0.00**

This contract is for the County Department of Human Services/Social Services to enter into memorandums of understanding with specific agencies for the purpose of promoting a collaborative system of local-level interagency oversight groups and individualized services and support teams to coordinate and manage the provision of services to children and families who would benefit from integrated multi-agency services. Legal review has been completed. Board of Health Action is required.

MOVED by Heather Hankins, seconded by Zsuzsa Glasscock, to accept the HB 1451 MOU Contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director's Report and Legislative Updates

- Deputy Director Davis gave a summary of the current legislative session events affecting PDPHE:
 - The session has about 20 days left, with no more funding left to be appropriated.
 - Cottage Food Bill is likely to pass.
 - HB1404: transfers \$10M from the Tobacco Education Programs Fund to the Preschool Programs Cash Fund; the impacts to PDPHE are yet to be determined.
 - SB26-164 - THC beverages bill is being opposed by CALPHO; the bill's future is still uncertain but seems likely to pass.
 - President Moore asked the Board to adopt a resolution for Director Evetts to send a communication to State lawmakers, expressing the Board's concerns about SB26-164.

MOVED by Donald Moore, seconded by Abel Chavez, that the Board of Health directs Director Evetts to send an official communication to Pueblo's state elected officials and copy Pueblo's local elected officials, asking them to oppose SB26-164, and to educate them on the public health risks it presents.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Cannabis Regulation Modernization bill: updates cannabis regulations, particularly regarding high-potency products; CALPHO has some concerns about how it would impact food inspections and testing of products. The costs of administering the program are also in question.
- Director Evetts gave several updates:
 - Today is Administrative Professionals Day, and Director Evetts thanked the PDPHE administrative assistants for their work and support.
 - 16 cases of measles in CO this year, 15 of 16 were in unvaccinated people, primarily in the northern counties.
 - Director Evetts is attending the Directors' Summit in Denver in May.
 - Councillor Boston and Coroner Graheck were given PDPHE orientations in the past month.
 - The June 12th Board of Health work session will be held from 1-3 PM at PDPHE, and will focus on the PDPHE Strategic Plan, getting the Board's input on the future direction of PDPHE. President Moore asked for introductory materials for the work session to be distributed in advance to allow sufficient review time.

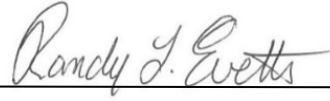
Donald Moore adjourned the Board of Health Meeting at 1:32 PM.

Next BOH Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM.

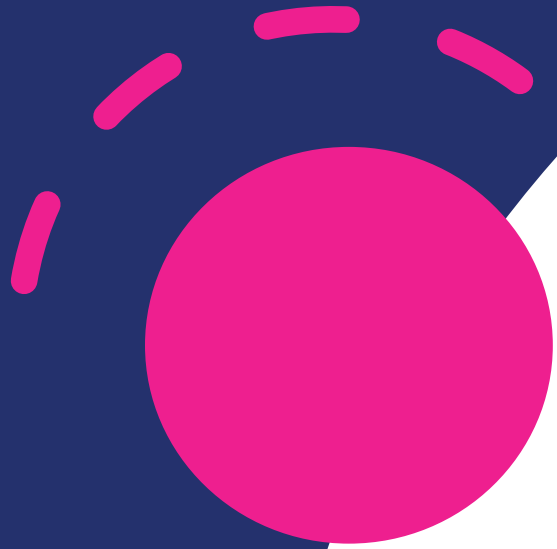


Donald Moore, Board of Health President



Randy Evetts, MPA, Public Health Director

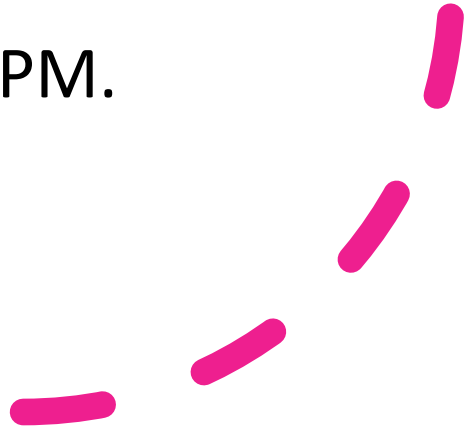
Submitted by Jonathan Hontz
Administrative Assistant



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A safe ride home for Pueblo youth.

The Problem

- Pueblo County is ranked 10th in statewide teen car crashes, with 3,428 car crashes.
 - Ranked 7th in car crashes resulting in a teen fatality
 - Pueblo had 22 teen fatalities due to car crashes between 2016-2021.
 - Most fatalities occurred on Saturday nights
 - Distractions and driving under the influence are top reasons for fatalities
 - City Transit stops service at 6:00 PM.
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The Tipping Point

- Fatal car crash in 2022 that impacted Central High School's community
- Group of concerned partners have regularly been meeting since 2022 to develop potential solutions:
 - Partners include Transit, PDPHE, PACOG, Boys and Girls Club, SRDA, youth advisors, juvenile justice system, D60
- Completed feasibility assessment on potential transit options for youth
- Conducted focus groups with youth and parents



Data Collection

- **Surveys**

- Surveyed 19 parents and 181 youth.
- Surveys asked youth and parents their perspectives on transportation options, including safety, interest in use, concerns, and preferred features of the service.

- **Focus Groups**

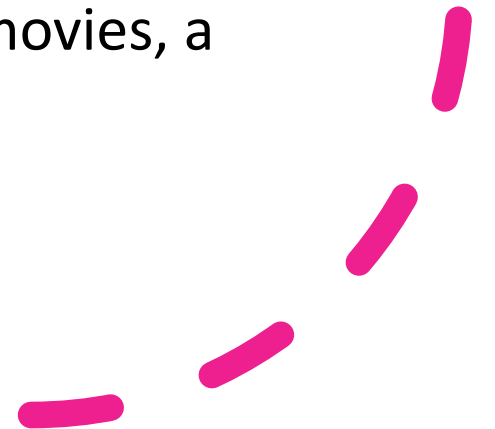
- 10 total focus groups with 65 youth & parents across Pueblo County.
- Focus groups were conducted to fill gaps in survey data and better inform next steps.

- **What We Heard**

- Strong demand for a safe, reliable, youth-focused transportation option.
- Safety is critical: tracking of shuttles, cameras, and vetted drivers.
- Affordability matters -- parents and students want this to be as free as possible.
- Barriers to using service for youth & families: cost, reliability (wait times), and driver professionalism.
- Interest in door-to-door service.

The Proposed Solution

- Provide safe, reliable, and flexible transportation for youth during late-night hours:
 - Microtransit (shared, on-demand rides) is more financially and operationally feasible than traditional door-to-door transportation
 - Similar systems are used in other communities across Colorado
- Goal: reduce teen car crash fatalities.
 - A safe ride home from work, the movies, a friend's house, or parties



The Program

- Age: 15 – 22-year-olds can use this service
- Service Hours: 8:00 PM – 2:00 AM, Thursday through Saturday
- Service Zone: Pueblo City limits
 - Future expansion to include Pueblo West and the County
- Free of charge for users
 - Funded through Clean Transit Enterprise funds through CDOT
- No questions asked
- Transportation **home**



The Program

- Administered by SRDA
 - Leverages their expertise in microtransit
- Operations: calls will be dispatched through SRDA, which will bundle rides for efficiency
 - Looking at getting an app for booking and tracking rides
- Vehicles & Staffing: Three shuttles with three drivers per night, plus one dispatcher
 - SRDA will hire, train, and manage the positions



The Ask

- Help with promotion to ensure that youth and parents know they have this option.
- Champion Arrive Alive 719 in your circles of influence.



MEMO

TO: Board of Health

FROM: Randy Evetts, MPA
Public Health Director

DATE: April 20, 2026

RE: Building and Safety Upgrades

Background: At the end of 2025, PDPHE conducted an Active Shooter Drill at the Health Department with Pueblo County Sheriff’s office and Emergency Operations Center. In the After Action Report (AAR), the following areas for improvement were noted:

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| 1. Improve communication clarity and SOPs | 4. Assess and enhance panic button placement and options |
| 2. Evaluate and enhance overhead paging coverage | 5. Reinforce staff empowerment in decision-making |
| 3. Review glass exposure and concealment options | 6. Strengthen supervisor training |
| | 7. Continue to educate and exercise |

Since that time, we have been working with vendors and the County as well to get bids to make these improvements. In addition, we would like to replace the external keypads as the current keypads were installed when the building was built and will need replacement soon.

PDPHE sought bids for the following improvements:

Item	Vendor Bid
1. Repair and expansion of overhead paging system	\$6,500
2. Installation of Freight elevator keypad to limit access to secured areas	\$4,200
3. Add six (6) additional panic buttons throughout the building	\$2,100
4. Internal window tinting to conceal open areas	\$1,700
5. Replace external door keypads	\$5,000
6. Replace damaged cameras and install new cameras to cover blind spots.	?

* The County is currently working with IT and the vendor to determine best placement and total cost for the camera installations. As of 4/20/2026, no bid has been received.

The items above were not included in the 2026 budget approved in December 2025. Because these are unbudgeted expenses, Board action is required.

REQUEST:

PDPHE requests the use of unassigned reserves up to **\$34,500** as follows:

Item	Funding Request
Items 1-5	\$20,000
Contingency items 1-5 (15%)	\$3,000
Item 6- Cameras	\$10,000
Contingency Item 6 (15%)	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$34,500

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Approve the use of unassigned reserves up to \$34,500 for building and safety upgrades and request a budget revision reflecting these additional expenses to be provided to the Board of Health at the May 2026 meeting.