

**MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH**

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

On May 19, 2009 at 7:45 a.m., President Cathy Corcoran called the meeting to order. Ms. Karen Gardella took roll call. Present were Ms. Beverley Dahan, Ms. Bonnie McNulty, Mr. John Jehn and Ms. Cathy Corcoran. Ms. Amanda Crusier, Counsel, was also present. A quorum was established.

Acceptance of Agenda

Ms. Bonny McNulty made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Beverley Dahan seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Ms. Bonnie McNulty made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting. Mr. John Jehn seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Employee of the Month Presentation

Ms. Cathy Corcoran presented the May Employee of the Month certificate to Ms. Joanne Brady with the Community Health Services Division.

At the request of Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Gayle Miller updated the Board of Health on the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus situation.

Financial Report

Ms. Beverley Dahan made the motion to approve the 2009 financial report as presented by Ms. Beth Lipscomb.

Mr. John Jehn seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Contracts and Agreements

Ms. Beverley Dahan made the motion to approve the contracts and agreements as presented by Ms. Lipscomb.

Ms. Bonnie McNulty seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Resolution No. BOH 09-3

Ms. Beth Lipscomb submitted Resolution No. BOH 09-3: "Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) has received an increase in the Women, Infants and Children Program funding of \$229,247.00," to the Board for approval. Ms. Bonnie McNulty made the motion to accept Resolution BOH 09-3; seconded by Mr. John Jehn. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution BOH 09-3 was approved by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0.

Approval of Warrants

Ms. Bonnie McNulty made the motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Ms. Beverley Dahan seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Dr. Johnson introduced Dr. Matthew Lugliani, a Preventive Medicine Resident. Dr. Lugliani will be working with Jefferson County Public Health through June.

Old Business

Ms. Mindi Ramig presented the Board of Health with information regarding services the public can access from personal computers. One of these services is called "jMap" and can be accessed through www.jeffco.us. Once on the home page, the user should click the link "Online Interactive Services" located on the right side of the page. This information is extremely helpful and most people are not aware of the accessibility to the many resources Jefferson County has to offer.

New Business

None

Executive Director's Comments

Dr. Johnson spoke of the Retail Food Establishment License fee increase (Senate Bill 09-223). This will hopefully

boost Jefferson County Public Health revenues by \$120,000 to \$150,000 a year.

The state budget has been a tremendous task this year. Dr. Johnson voiced his gratitude for the support of the Executive Director of the state health department, the Chief Medical Officer for Colorado and the two state health department lobbyists. These people have played an enormous part in safeguarding local public health funds. A newspaper article stated that the projections for May were promising, but June remains to be seen. If there is a drop in the anticipated income to the state, there may be a special session called to deal with additional cuts. Money was decreased from the tobacco settlement monies (Amendment 35), which directly impacts the Nurse Home Visitation Program. Other programs affected by this decrease are \$8 million from the State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (STEPP) funds and approximately \$12 million from the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease (CCPD) funds. JCPH receives money from both of these programs, but we have heard that the cuts to our programs will only be about 3.5% for the coming fiscal year.

The implementation of Senate Bill 08-194 to revitalize public health is continuing. At the State Board of Health Meeting on May 20th, the minimum qualifications for a public health director will be discussed. Dr. Johnson will testify at this meeting. The next step in the sequence is the State Board of Health will compile a list of basic services that must be provided in every county. After the list is completed, a funding formula to determine how funding will be divided among the local public health departments around the state will need to be formulated by the State Board of Health

Dr. Johnson discussed the negotiations with Gilpin County in regard to providing services to them. JCPH put together a proposal for providing community health services under the supervision of a new community health nurse and providing environmental health services with our current environmental health staff. He handed out the proposal JCPH sent to Gilpin County. Dr. Johnson asked for the Board of Health's approval to use JCPH's expertise and staffing before scheduling to meet with the Gilpin County Commissioners. JCPH would be able to provide Gilpin with continuing education, oversight and the mentoring that we think is essential. Should the Board of Health approve the proposal from JCPH to Gilpin, JCPH will meet with the Gilpin County Commissioners. The intent is to pilot this project for approximately one year, during which time the SB 08-194 process will be continuing. If this endeavor is successful, it is possible that JCPH may suggest that we meet with Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and Gilpin County Board of Commissioners to discuss moving into a more formal arrangement, such as a district health department.

Cathy Corcoran asked the Board members to review the proposal and contact Dr. Johnson with any comments.

President's Comments

None

Staff Comments

Ms. Beth Lipscomb updated the Board of Health on the second event of JCPH's 50th anniversary. There were more than 40 volunteers who took part in the May 1st "Lena Gulch Clean-Up," including Commissioner Faye Griffin. The next event will be a "WICNIC" on June 19th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the park across the street from the Lakewood site. The theme is "Summer Safety."

Ms. Lipscomb reported that the Arvada property located close to I-70 and Wadsworth is no longer an option. However, the heating and air conditioning have been replaced in the current Arvada building and it seems to be very much improved.

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Mr. John Jehn made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bonnie McNulty. **Motion passed.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.