

**MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH**

JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

On February 17, 2009 at 8:09 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 Cruser, Counsel, was also present. A quorum was established.

Acceptance of Agenda

Ms. Bonny McNulty made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. John Jehn seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Mr. John Jehn made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting. Ms. Bonnie McNulty seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Employee of the Month Presentation

Ms. Cathy Corcoran presented the February Employee of the Month certificate to Mr. Lawrence Rendon with the Environmental Health Services Division.

Financial Report

Ms. Beverley Dahan made the motion to approve the financial report for 2009 as presented by Ms. Beth Lipscomb. Ms. Bonnie McNulty seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Contracts and Agreements

Ms. Bonnie McNulty made the motion to approve the contracts and agreements as presented by Ms. Lipscomb. Mr. John Jehn seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Warrants

Ms. Bonnie McNulty made the motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Mr. John Jehn seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. David Hooker presented two items to the Board. The first topic addressed the Virginia Graeme-Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) sent letters to all public pool and spa owners/operators in Jefferson County that are inspected by JCDHE's Consumer Protection Program. The letter informed the owners/operators of the requirements set forth in this federal law. For example, if the filtration is changed, JCDHE is involved, requiring a plan review. Or, if a dome is installed over the drain and the filtration system remains the same, JCDHE is not involved. Dr. Jim Dale informed the Board that the Consumer Product Safety Commission is responsible for enforcement.

The second item Mr. Hooker presented was the retraining of Certified Pool Inspectors. JCDHE will teach a two-day course to inspectors from several local county health departments at a cost of \$85 per enrollee. This will increase revenue and save participants money, as the cost will be significantly lower than if they enrolled in an off-site National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF) course.

Ms. Beverley Dahan made the motion to add a fee of \$85 to the current 2009 fee schedule. Ms. Bonnie McNulty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Comments

There was discussion about JCDHE being difficult to locate on the Internet. Health and Environment is listed on the Jefferson County "Departments" web page under the heading "Other." Ms. Beth Lipscomb said that Mr. Jim Moore, County Administrator is aware of this and indicated that he would address this concern. JCDHE Directors and the Board of Health have a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) April 21, 2009. Ms. Cathy Corcoran suggested the situation be brought up at that time, if it has not already been resolved.

Ms. Beverley Dahan stated that Health & Environment is hard for the public to find on the computer and that it is imperative for the citizens to be able to access the services offered.

Ms. Beth Lipscomb informed the Board of Health that JCDHE will have a BCC agenda item soon, due to the fact that SB 194 requires the Board to be reappointed. Once appointed, the Board of Health must reaffirm their bylaws and reappoint the Executive Director. This process has a deadline of June 30, 2009. Ms. Lipscomb will be working with Ms. Karen Gardella, Clerk to the Board of Health and the BCC, to complete the requirements to meet the deadline.

Ms. Cathy Corcoran inquired about the peanut recall and the *Salmonella* cases in Colorado. Ms. Christine Billings, Regional Epidemiologist for JCDHE answered questions from the Board. Ms. Billings discussed the difference between the symptoms of *Salmonella* and norovirus. She also stated that *Salmonella* cases are severely underreported.

Dr. Jim Dale added that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment sends a list of recalls, and that it is interfaced with the Colorado Restaurant Association and the Grocery Association.

Ms. Beverley Dahan asked Ms. Lipscomb about the impact of receiving fewer Medicaid dollars and if JCDHE is experiencing difficulty due to funding shortages. Ms. Lipscomb said that JCDHE has had some grant dollars reduced and that the hepatitis C program has been eliminated for the balance of this year.

JCDHE has created a new work unit in the Administrative Services Division. This work unit combines the Epidemiologists and the Emergency Response (ER) staff into a single team. Mr. Jody Erwin and Mr. Jesse Weaver from ER, Dr. Miller and Ms. Christine Billings, Epidemiologists are now together in a single work group supervised by Mr. Erwin. The designation of rules and responsibilities are being worked out to include Environmental Health Services and Community Health Services personnel to staff liaison roles.

President's Comments

None

Staff Comments

Dr. Jim Dale attended an EPA sponsored radon course in Washington D.C. Environmental Health Services Division has a grant-based radon program. Mr. John Moody is coordinator of this program and radon monitoring kits are available for purchase from JCDHE. Jefferson County is classified as one of the high radon areas in the nation. There are an estimated 21,000 deaths a year in the United States that are related to radon initiated lung cancer. The International Residential Building Code has requirements for appropriate construction of new homes. Dr. Dale will survey the municipalities within Jefferson County's jurisdiction to review the codes contractors are required to implement. After Dr. Dale completes the survey, he will work with the Board of Health, the municipalities and the Jefferson County Building Department to ensure that new construction utilizes methods that help to eliminate radon.

Public Comments

Mr. Craig Sanders introduced Mr. Stuart Eynon. Mr. Eynon asked the Board to grant leniency by waiving the septic permit fee of \$880, as there was confusion with the Planning and Zoning Department causing the original septic permit to expire.

Ms. Beverley Dahan made the motion to waive the permit fee of \$880, but have Mr. Eynon pay a renewal fee of \$250. Ms. Bonnie McNulty seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Sanders introduced Mr. Brad Hayes with Brad's Pit BBQ. Mr. Hayes did not renew his Retail Food Establishment License of \$154 prompting a Civil Penalty Letter assessing an additional \$250 for failure to pay the renewal. Mr. Hayes cited his job loss as a hardship, making it prohibitive to pay the Civil Penalty of \$250.

Ms. Bonnie McNulty made the motion to waive the Civil Penalty fee of \$250 due to this being a seasonal business, but require that he pay the license fee of \$154. Ms. Beverley Dahan seconded the motion. **Motion passed**

9:06 a.m. Ms. Cathy Corcoran called for a recess

9:12 a.m. Meeting reconvened and cases were called to order

Ms. Cathy Corcoran entertained a motion to table Case #09-100489 OW until additional information is received. Ms. Bonnie McNulty made the motion to table this case until the March 17, 2009 Board of Health meeting. Ms. Beverley Dahan seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Variance Case

Case #09-100425 OW: Mr. Craig Sanders gave details on this case. The property owner installed a new septic system within the last year. The system is designed for a three bedroom home. Currently, the home has two bedrooms and the owner would like to add the third bedroom. Mr. Sanders asked the Board to approve the full utilization of the system for three bedrooms. Mr. Gregory G. Henika spoke in favor of this case, stating that he has attempted to purchase adjoining lots since 1984, but has been unsuccessful. No one spoke in opposition to this case.

Ms. Beverley Dahan made the motion to approve this case. Ms. Bonnie McNulty seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.