

**MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

On April 16, at 8:00 a.m., Secretary Beverley Dahan called the meeting to order. Ms. Lindsey Andrew took roll call. The following additional Board members were present: Mr. Greg Deranleau and Ms. Linda Reiner. Ms. Amanda Cruser, counsel, was also present.

A quorum was established. For the record Ms. Maureen Sullivan and Ms. Bonnie McNulty were absent.

Acceptance of Agenda

Ms. Reiner made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Deranleau seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Ms. Reiner made the motion to approve the minutes of the March Board of Health meeting. Mr. Deranleau seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Employee of the Month Presentation

Ms. Dahan presented the April Employee of the Month certificate to Ms. Jean Gore, with Jefferson County Public Health's Community Health Services Division.

Financial Report

The financial report for March has not yet closed. Mr. Jody Erwin will present the March and April financial reports at April's Board of Health meeting.

Contracts and Agreements

Mr. Erwin presented the contracts and agreements to the Board. Ms. Reiner made the motion to approve the contracts and agreements as presented. Mr. Deranleau seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Approval of Warrants

Mr. Deranleau made the motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Ms. Reiner seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Old Business

Mr. Jim Rada updated the Board regarding the Retail Food Establishment licensing process. Currently, Environmental Health is working with the seasonal or mobile units for licensing. Mr. Rada will be working with Environmental Health supervisors to develop a plan regarding mobile/seasonal establishments, as they are harder to track due to their transitory locations, etc.

Mr. Rada updated the Board also regarding the different areas within Environmental Health and the many milestones and undertakings they have seen throughout their department thus far, such as; implementing the use of the new web-based AMANDA 6 Database, maintaining steady progress on the FDA National Voluntary Retail Food Program Standards Grant and committing to Standard number 2, renewing Child Care Health Inspection System (CHINS) Grant through June 2015, among many other accomplishments for the division and to JCPH. The use of credit card transactions is being accepted for the first time with in EHS. Currently EHS is taking credit cards for purchasing radon kits, water sample transports and burn permits and we are currently developing the process of taking payment for OWTS use permits and OWTS permits. Ultimately, the goal is to have the ability to pay all fees by credit card including our retail food licensing fees.

New Business

N/A

Executive Director's Comments

Dr. Johnson updated the Board with regards to the Jefferson County health profile. The draft should be ready by May 10th. JCPH staff has worked extremely hard regarding this process. We have hired a media consultant which we believe will help highlight and give a good overview of the health care strengths and needs within Jefferson County. Overall Jefferson County is a healthy county but there are needs that can be focused on and brought to light. Once the draft comes available copies will be given to each Board member for review.

Dr. Johnson also spoke about an issue within the community in regards to Rocky Flats and a book that was recently released called Full Body Burden written by a woman who grew up near Rocky Flats. The book has been very well read by many citizens within Arvada and around Rocky Flats. The author's conclusion is she feels there is a higher burden of health care for those who grew up in the shadow of Rocky Flats particularly around cancer and other chronic diseases. Calls are coming in from different community groups stating their concerns, including a request from the City of Superior wanting to have better information in regard to what impact Rocky Flats may have had on the community. The Department of Energy and other departments at the Federal level have done a lot of the work and studies as well as the Colorado State Health Department with regards to Rocky Flats and looking at the health risks for those living around the area. Those departments are currently reviewing their data collected, particularly around cancer registers. So far their reviews have led to no identified clusters of cancer in the area. Dr. Johnson is continuing to ask for more data so that we can either reassure the individuals who live in that area that there is no increased risk, or identify what risks there are. There are also plans for building the Jefferson County Parkway along the eastern edge of Rocky Flats and there are great concerns that this may stir up and disburse dust containing radioactive elements. Dr. Johnson has reviewed the specific reports relating to Rocky Flats that JCPH has, and has not found evidence that there are increased health risks from living in the area, although there are clearly records of contamination within the soil. Dr. Johnson will keep the Board up-to-date regarding this issue as we get more data from CDPHE.

The move to the Parfet Building is progressively moving forward. The move will hopefully take place by November or December. There is interest again in the building in Golden. The land in Lakewood has already been sold to Colorado Christian University. IT and Administration within JCPH have been working very hard to get things finalized in order for construction to begin. The Board will be able to view the new building once construction is finished, or special tours of the building at this time can be coordinated with Jody Erwin.

The budget process has begun for 2014. The anticipation is that revenues will be up this coming year; however, the county assessor's office is very conservative and believes it will not be as high as most would like it to be. The revenues that the county receives are based on past assessments, so are lagging behind the economic recovery. The elected officials voiced to the county commissioners that their highest priority at this time is for county employees' salaries since there have been no salary increases since 2009.

Director's Comments

Ms. Elise Lubell, the director of Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management updated the Board with regards to Jefferson County Public Schools and their participation in the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey. The Rocky Mountain Center will give funds to those districts who participate in the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey. The vendor (University of Colorado) will be administering the survey and all the permission slips for the parents to sign are being drafted now. The data will be very helpful to the health department in compiling data for youth between the ages of 14-18 years. The survey will be able to provide Jefferson County Public Health with better data regarding substance abuse, driving, suicide, etc. This will be able to determine the immediate health concerns within Jefferson County for that age group.

Ms. Norma Tubman – updated the Board in regards to the VFC vaccines changes that were implemented at the end of 2012. The vaccines would no longer be available for those individuals with private insurance. Data has been compiled since the beginning of 2013 and there has not been a significant impact regarding the number of clients that are coming to the clinic for this vaccine.

President's Comments

N/A

Staff Comments

N/A

Public Comments

N/A

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.