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Mission:

Working to provide everyone in Larimer County the opportunity for a healthy life.

Vision:

Larimer County is a thriving, health-aware community where everyone has access to healthy choices and a healthy environment

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 21, 2023

The Larimer County Board of Health (BoH) convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m, in-person, at 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, CO, 80524, and virtually through the Zoom platform.

Board of Health Members: Dr Tony J. Van Goor, MD, President
Ms Heather Weir, MPH, RD
Mr Brian DelGrosso

Apologies: Commissioner John Kefalas
Ms Christy Bush, MHS, Vice President
Dr Bernard Birnbaum, MD

Executive Secretary: Mr Tom Gonzales, MPH, Public Health Director

Staff: Ms Andrea Clement-Johnson, MS, Deputy Public Health Director
Ms Erika Cathey, MPH, Communicable Disease and Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager
Mr Chris Manley, Environmental Health Director
Mr John Voss, Accounting and Business Operations Manager
Ms Kori Wilford, MPH, Communications and Technology Manager
Mr Frank Haug, Assistant County Attorney II
Ms Olivia Kraus, Senior Department Specialist

Call to Order - The President called the regular BoH meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment - No Public Comment was made.

Approval of August 17, 2023 Minutes



Action - Mr DelGrosso moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms Weir seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Health Department Presentations

Discussion points:

- The Academic Health Department partnership is between the Colorado School of Public Health and Environmental & Radiological Health Sciences at Colorado State University (CSU) and LCDHE.
- Surveys were conducted at 19 of the 54 Body Art establishments in Larimer County to assess current compliance with statewide regulations and establishment's views on an inspection program.
- There is a difference between mandated environmental health programs versus optional inspection programs at the local level. Each county is able to address these issues locally; in Larimer County, we respond to complaints but do not have a formal inspection program for all Body Art facilities.
- Situational risk factors and the correlation of ACEs and suicide rates in veterans.
- Health and well-being programs for veterans throughout the county.
- The Youth Engagement Program Evaluation Framework will potentially be used to evaluate youth engagement programs and activities at LCDHE and the community.
- The Board commended the quality of the interns' presentations.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation

Discussion points:

- There are multiple factors impacting or leading to suicide.
- The importance of increasing social support and providing resources to prevent loneliness.

Action - Ms Weir moved to approve the proclamation as written. Mr DelGrosso seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

There was a brief recess called for photographs.



Joint BoH and BoCC October Meeting Discussion

Discussion points:

- Endorsement and support from the BoCC for the upcoming 2024 -2029 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- The engagement of the community in creating the CHIP and exploring options to fund CHIP priorities.
- Updating the BoCC on our successful efforts to move the agency to Public Health 3.0, which includes increasing cross-sector collaborations, using data, convening partners to discuss health burdens, exploring solutions using a health equity framework and utilizing a Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach.
- The connections that the Commissioners have in the community and the support that these connections can provide.
- Focus on the difference between governmental public health and health care. The lack of funding for prevention (public health activities) versus health care (treatment).

UPDATES

Director's Update

The Director guided the Board to the Director's Update in the packet. He highlighted the following:

- Crucial Accountability Training for leadership, management and supervisory staff. All supervisory staff will be participating in additional leadership training in January of 2024.
- The progress on the Medical CounterMeasures (MCM) plan and Points of Distribution (PODs) by the Emergency Preparedness and Response Team.
- Air Quality - Updates on the proposed two new ozone regulatory monitoring sites at Timnath and Loveland. The new optical gas imaging camera has arrived and LCDHE staff is scheduled to have thermographer training later this year. The camera will be used for routine oil and gas inspections and to help create outreach materials.
- COVID-19 - The transmission and hospitalization rates of COVID-19 - the overall burden of severe disease remains low. The Communications and Technology Team is re-launching the "Stay Healthy this Fall and Winter" campaign.

Board Member Updates

Dr Van Goor attended the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) training held by LCDHE.

Dr Van Goor also met with Ms Janna West Kowalski to discuss the Public Health Director Evaluation and informed the Board that a packet will be sent soon for review.

Adjourn Meeting

Mr DelGrosso moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.