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Board of Health

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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

November 16, 2023

The Larimer County Board of Health (BoH) met at 5.00pm for a tour of the Longview Acute Care Facility, followed by dinner (No Business Discussed) at 5.30pm. Thereafter, the Board convened in-person for a regularly scheduled meeting at 6.00pm, in-person, at **2260 W Trilby Rd, Fort Collins, CO**, and virtually through the Zoom platform.

Board of Health Members: Dr Tony J. Van Goor, MD, President
Dr Bernard Birnbaum, MD
Ms Christy Bush, MHS, Vice President
Mr Brian DelGrosso
Ms Heather Weir, MPH, RD

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

Staff: Ms Laura Walker
Dr Paul Mayer, MD, Medical Officer
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
Ms Bron MacGregor, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
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 October 19, 2023 Minutes

Action - Dr Birnbaum moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr DelGrosso seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Environmental Health Fee Schedule Hearing

Discussion points:

- Increases in fees are fairly minor.
- Board recommended that fees be sufficient to cover actual costs.

Action - Ms Bush moved to approve the motion to hold an Environmental Health Fee Schedule Hearing. Dr Birnbaum seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Revisions to Larimer County OWTS Regulations Hearing

Action - Ms Bush moved to approve the motion to hold an Environmental Health Fee Schedule Hearing. Mr DelGrosso seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Communications and Outreach Overview

Discussion points:

- The Office of Communication and Technology has grown significantly since 2018, and now comprises a team of technology support specialists and communications specialists.
- The team uses diverse communications strategies to support the mission of LCDHE.
- Website, social media, traditional media, advertising, text and email communications, and community outreach are the platforms used for communications.
- Community outreach promotes LCDHE as a trusted resource, promotes LCDHE services and healthy behaviors, and builds partnerships.
- All outreach activities must be coordinated by the Office of Communications Manager.
- There are various ways to measure the reach of communications and outreach.
- Health Alerts are sent out by LCDHE and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to health professionals and community partners.



- The Communications team worked successfully with the Communicable Disease and Emergency Preparedness and Response team on recent Plague containment efforts and public communications.

UPDATES

Director's Update

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

- Environmental Health Specialist, Jackie Langmo, was named the Larimer County Employee of the Month and congratulated by the Board of Health.
- The Communication Safety drills that the department has been conducting with ReadyOp have been successful, with a 73% response rate.
- Back-To-School Vaccination Clinics at which 133 vaccines were administered at three special clinics.

Board Member Updates

The online survey for the Director's evaluation has a time limit, if exceeded the system times out and the information is lost. The essay type answers can be cut and pasted from a Word document into the survey to avoid this.

The adjustment to the budget by the County will increase revenue by \$215,000 and reduce the amount of fund balance being used from \$630,000 to \$415,000.

A Special Session has been called by the Governor. The County's budget will be final by mid December 2023.

The Director expressed his thanks to Dr Lesley Brooks for the tour of the new Longview Acute Care Facility.

Adjourn Meeting

The President moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.