

LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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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.

LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – December 16, 2021

The Larimer County Board of Health (BoH) convened their regular meeting at 6:00pm through the Zoom virtual platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present: Dr. Bernard Birnbaum
Jennifer Lee
Dr. Tony J. Van Goor
Janna West Kowalski
Brian DelGrosso

Executive Secretary: Tom Gonzales

County Staff: Andrea Clement-Johnson, John Voss, Phillip Daniel, Kelsey Lyon, Chris Manley, Kori Wilford, Laura Walker, Commissioner John Kefalas, Dr. Paul Mayer, Frank Haug, Dylan Lindsey, Matt Bauer

Call to Order - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum, Board President, called the regular Board of Health meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment - Camie Larson, Fort Collins; Nicky Galbraith, Fort Collins; Keri Park, Fort Collins; Jeff Aufderheide, Wellington; Karen Artell, Fort Collins; Heather Lahdenpera, Fort Collins; Katie Cassis, Fort Collins; Saba Storin, Fort Collins; Nancy Eason, Fort Collins; Tiffin Vaughn, Fort Collins; Brittany Friar, Berthoud; Michelle Yarberry, Bellevue; Nicole Smith, Fort Collins; Tasha Carr, location not given; Erin Ramler, Fort Collins; Vicky McClain, location not given; Lee Thielen, location not given; all made public comment.

Approval of November 18, 2021 Minutes

Action - Dr. Tony J. Van Goor motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Bernard Birnbaum seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Health 2022 Meeting Schedule Approval

Action - Janna West Kowalski motioned to approve. Brian DelGrosso seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.



UPDATES

COVID-19 Status Update - Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, presented updates on the Delta variant, Larimer County COVID-19 hospital decompression strategies, and Larimer County vaccination updates and milestones.

Dr. Paul Mayer, Medical Officer, presented an update on the age-adjusted risk of being hospitalized with COVID-19 for unvaccinated and fully vaccinated individuals. He also presented an update on the Omicron variant, monoclonal antibodies, oral antivirals, Molnupiravir and Paxlovid, and early testing and access to treatment.

Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, further presented updates on the Larimer County suppression efforts and hospital admissions by county.

Dr. Paul Mayer, Medical Officer, presented recommendations on how to have a healthy holiday celebration.

Director's Update-

Kelsey Lyon, Office of Public Health Planning and Partnership Manager, and Dylan Lindsey, Youth Engagement Specialist, presented on the Youth Community Conversations.

Chris Manley, Environmental Health Director, presented on the EH Fee Schedule and proposed no changes to the 2022 fee schedule.

Andrea Clement-Johnson, Deputy Public Health Director, presented on the Title X Family Planning Advisory Committee.

A discussion was held regarding communicable disease and influenza-like illnesses.

Matt Bauer, Regional Epidemiologist, presented slides on influenza-like illness hospital visits by age group, influenza associated hospitalization rates in Colorado, positivity data from sentinel laboratories, the percentage of clinical visits for influenza-like illnesses statewide at Kaiser Permanente, and the percentage of emergency room visits for influenza-like illnesses in the Metro Denver area.

Board Member Updates - Dr. Tony J. Van Goor mentioned that he attended a virtual webinar from the American College of Physicians regarding the use of monoclonal antibodies. Jennifer Lee complimented the department on the youth engagement presentation earlier in the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.