

LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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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 April 20, 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. This meeting was translated into Spanish.

Board Members Present: Ms Christy Bush, MHS, Vice President
Ms Janna West Kowalski, MS
Mr Brian DelGrosso

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

Staff: Ms Andrea Clement-Johnson, MS, Deputy Public Health Director
Dr Paul Mayer, MD, Medical Officer
Ms Erika Cathey, MPH, Communicable Disease and Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager
Mr Chris Manley, Environmental Health Director
Ms Kelsey Lyon, MPH, Public Health Planning and Partnership Manager
Mr John Voss, Accounting and Business Operations Manager
Ms Kori Wilford, MPH, Communications and Technology Manager
Ms Bron MacGregor, Executive Assistant to the Public Health Director (Recorder)
Ms Talia Hirsch, Strategic Planning & Health Equity Initiatives Program Supervisor
Ms Kristin Schaeffer, MPH, Clinical Services Program Manager
Ms Hailey Byington, Senior Public Health Nurse
Ms Olivia Kraus, Senior Department Specialist

Apologies: Dr Tony J. Van Goor, MD, President

Dr Bernard Birnbaum, MD
Commissioner John Kefalas

Call to Order - The Vice President called the regular BoH meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment - No Public Comment was made.

Approval of March 16, 2023 Minutes

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

Motion was unanimously approved.

Financial Report

The Accounting and Business Operations Manager presented the quarterly financial report.
Discussion Points:

- The 2023 budget deficit is different from what we reviewed in August of last year. The County decreased our property tax allocation by \$62,000.
- CDC Infrastructure funding anticipated to be awarded for 5 years which will reduce the budgeted deficit for the next 5 years.
- Budget amendments increased both revenue and expenditures, but the bottom line has not changed.
- ELC 2.0 (COVID-19 contract tracing, testing, outbreaks) grant expires July 1, 2023.
- ELC 2.1 grant begins August 1, 2023, and will be focused on updated planning and education.
- Vaccine and Medicaid cost impacts.
- The three prior year averages all include COVID so are not comparable to normal operations.
- Revenue has increased almost \$200,000 in the 1st quarter due to licenses and permits.
- The general fund supplements the one-time costs for Air Quality initiatives.
- Expenses are ahead of schedule due to five grant programs ending in the middle of the calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS

Immunization Program Activities and Outreach

The Senior Public Health Nurse presented an update on the work of the Immunization program.
Discussion Points:



- Community vaccine rates for children are down from 2021 but are up from 2020.
- The Travel Clinic has seen a significant increase in clients as the pandemic restrictions have lifted.
- A program cost analysis is conducted annually.
- Immunization Quality Improvement Program (IQIP) 2022 - 2023 vaccination results have been steadily increasing.
- Efforts to educate and combat vaccine hesitancy.
- Improvements have been made since early Public Health 1.0 work and the movement toward Public Health 3.0.
- The Governor's goal to have 92% of kindergarten-aged children protected from Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) through vaccination.
- Vaccine availability at all three LCDHE locations and logistical efforts to mitigate waste.

National Infant Immunization Week Proclamation

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

Motion was unanimously approved.

Joint National Air Quality Awareness Week Proclamation

The Environmental Health Director gave an update on the actions, impacts and expansion of the Air Quality program.

Discussion Points:

- Daily awareness themes during Air Quality Week.
- The Regional Air Quality Council's Mowdown program is being supported by LCDHE this summer. One new area to be developed is rebates or discounts for commercial landscaping companies to swap gas powered equipment for electric.
- The IR camera is expected to arrive by the middle of May, and LCDHE will be one of few counties to utilize an IR camera to investigate complaints.
- The significant spike of nationwide wildfires which influence local ozone, and the impact of other issues such as transportation and industry.
- An additional regulatory monitor site is being finalized in Loveland, working in partnership with the City of Loveland on a location.
- A new study in collaboration with the City of Fort Collins, CSU, and funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will investigate potential sources of air pollution.
- The financial and health implications on underserved communities.

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

Motion was unanimously approved.

The Board took a brief recess to take a photograph.

Strategic Plan Objectives Report

The Strategic Planning & Health Equity Initiatives Program Supervisor presented an update on the Strategic Plan.

Discussion points:

- The Safety Committee was put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic and has been reactivated.
- Training resources and conference/event costs which can be covered by the Staff Professional Development Fund.
- Lunch and Learn opportunities in which staff share their training and newly acquired skills with colleagues.
- Free training opportunities offered by Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center.
- An abridged Public Health Competency Assessment that aligns with our Strategic Plan and values was used.
- Partnership with A-Train Marketing Group to plan a public health roadshow to communicate about the role and function of public health.
- Sustainable practices and the implementation of Trauma Informed Care into LCDHE policies.
- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) cost, requirements, and timeline.

Director's Update

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

- Staff from the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT) provided Foodborne Illness training for epidemiologists, environmental health staff, and communications staff from across Colorado.
- Emergency Preparedness and Response team's attendance at the Ohio Train derailment presentation.
- The ongoing Tuberculosis (TB) Quality Improvement (QI) work.

Board Member Updates

There were no updates from Board members.

Adjourn Meeting

The Vice President moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.