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Director Tom Gonzales, MPH

Board of Health

Tony J. Van Goor, MD, President
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Bernard Birnbaum, MD
Brian Delgrosso
Heather Weir, MPH, RD

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

March 21, 2024

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

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

Apologies : Dr Bernard Birnbaum, MD

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

Staff: Ms Laura Walker
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
Mr Frank Haug, County Attorney
Mr John Voss, Accounting and Business Operations Manager
Ms Kori Wilford, MPH, Communications and Technology Manager
Ms Linda Diede, Nursing Supervisor
Ms Bron MacGregor, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Mr Zach Ducharme, Youth Engagement Program Coordinator
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 February 15, 2024 Minutes

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

Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Health Week Proclamation

Discussion points:

- There was a brief presentation on the order of events and activities planned for Public Health Week.
- Daily themes were selected from the framework provided by the American Public Health Association (APHA).
- This year a speaker will be presenting on addiction and recovery at the staff meeting.
- Brief explanation of how environmental justice is tied to inequity and under-resourced communities.

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

Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was briefly adjourned for pictures.

Proclamation for the Retirement of Linda Diede

Discussion points:

- Time was dedicated to honoring Ms Diede for her achievements as a staff member, leader, nursing professional, and teammate and in recognizing the enormous impact she has had on the families she has served throughout the years.
- The Board and staff thanked Ms Diede for her commitment, compassion, and invaluable contributions made to the department over the past 25 years.



- Ms Diede thanked the Deputy Public Health Director, Public Health Director, and staff members for the support shown to her over the years.

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

Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was briefly adjourned for pictures.

Election of Board of Health Officers

Discussion points:

- The Board President expressed his appreciation to the Board members and staff for their support during his tenure.

Action - Dr Van Goor nominated Ms Bush for appointment as President of the Board of Health. Mr DelGrosso seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Action - Ms Bush nominated Mr DelGrosso for appointment as Vice President of the Board of Health. Dr Van Goor seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

UPDATES

Director's Update

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

- Staff working on Health in All Policies initiatives conducted a peer review and prepared a letter addressed to the Poudre School District Board (PSD) to demonstrate the outcomes of improved literacy, mental health, and health-awareness when education in health is available in schools. As a result, PSD made the decision to retain the mandatory requirement for health credits in their curriculum.
- A presentation was given by the Youth Engagement Program Coordinator to outline the purpose, programs, policies, and structures of the program that addresses community youth issues and supports.
- Youth from the local community were involved in the development of the Longview Behavioral Health facility.

- The Board reviewed the legislative updates included in the packet of materials.

Board Member Updates

- Dr Van Goor attended training for the Medical Reserve Corps volunteer program.
- Ms Bush and Mr DelGrosso thanked Dr Van Goor for his work as Board of Health President.

Adjourn Meeting

The President moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.