

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, CSU Extension Room 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521 Hybrid: In person: Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, CSU Extension Room, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado; [Zoom](#)

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Board of Health Minutes

Attendance:

Board of Health Members:

Heather Weir, MPH, RD, President
Ethnie Treick, Vice President
Christy Bush, MHS
Dr. Bernard Birnbaum, MD
Brian DelGrosso

Excused Absences:

Executive Secretary:

Liaison:

Staff:

Tom Gonzales, MPH, Public Health Director
Commissioner John Kefalas
Andrea Clement-Johnson, MS, Deputy Public Health Director
Kori Solt, MPH, Communications and Technology Manager
Bob McDonald, Environmental Health Services Director
John Voss, Accounting and Business Operations Manager
Matt Bauer, Communicable Disease & EPR Program Manager
Dr. Jared Olson, PhD, Senior Population Epidemiologist
Dr. Paul Mayer, MD, Medical Officer
Kimberly Baker, MLIS, Health in All Policies Coordinator
Heather Gilmore, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Call to Order:

The President called the regular BoH meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment was made.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Approval of March 26, 2026 Minutes

Action – Dr. Bernard Birnbaum moved to approve the minutes as written. Christy Bush seconded the motion.
Motion was unanimously approved.

Financials:

2. Financial Report

John Voss, Accounting and Business Operations Manager, provided a financial report update. He noted a surplus compared to the three-year average, driven by perinatal opioid support from the County, environmental health fee changes, and property tax increases. He also reported that there have been five budget revisions since the start of the year that have improved the projected deficit. A proposed amended budget of \$340,000 expenditure, was presented to support workspace improvements. These include 20 dedicated workstations, enhanced acoustic privacy, adjustable-height desks, and closer team proximity to strengthen collaboration. A question was raised asking for a reminder on the total amount of the Fund Balance Policy, which was \$5.098 million at the end of 2025.

Action – Brian DelGrosso moved to approve the \$340,000 proposed expenditure included in the amended budget to update the 2nd floor workspace improvements. Dr. Bernard Birnbaum seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

3. National Infant Immunization Week Proclamation

Andrea Clement-Johnson, Deputy Public Health Director, and Dr. Jared Olson, PhD, Senior Population Epidemiologist, presented on National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). They emphasized the importance of timely vaccinations in safeguarding infants and young children against preventable diseases. Planned outreach efforts include targeted social media campaigns, printed immunization materials such as rack cards and clinic posters, and a “Healthier Together” podcast episode featuring Nurse-Family Partnership, whose mission is to support first-time mothers and their children through age two. Dr. Olson also shared encouraging county data showing recent improvements in childhood MMR vaccination rates.

Action – Dr. Bernard Birnbaum moved to approve the proclamation as written recognizing April 20-27, 2026 as National Infant Immunization Week. Ethnie Treick seconded the motion. **Motion was unanimously approved.**

Brief recess for photo. The meeting was called back to order by the President at 6:28 PM.

4. Regional Opioid Abatement Council Annual Report

The Director shared an update regarding the Regional Opioid Abatement Council (ROAC) referencing the 2025 Annual Report and highlighting its role in distributing funds to support opioid abatement efforts. He noted that the ROAC has funded 15 organizations in Larimer County, supporting initiatives across prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, planning and coordination. Dr. Jared Olson, PhD, Senior Population Epidemiologist, presented data showing declines in both drug overdose deaths and opioid-related emergency department visits locally and statewide.

Updates:

5. Director’s Update

Tom Gonzales, the Public Health Director, guided the BoH through the Director's Report in the meeting packet, emphasizing the following key activities:

- Introduction of Kimberly Baker, Health in All Policies Coordinator, to highlight the April 2026 Policy Report. She provided an overview on the state budget process noting that an initial \$3.3 million reduction was scaled back to \$1.5 million. She also explained that the long bill may include a \$10 million transfer from tobacco prevention and other grant programs funded through Proposition EE monies to Universal Pre-K, and that the state’s tobacco education and prevention program is prioritizing local public health agencies when making cuts.
- The Director shared photos and highlights from National Public Health Week, including a Monday morning walk, a team lunch with a keynote speaker, community volunteer activities, themed days, and a visit from Arnold the therapy dog.
- The Director reported that the leadership team met with the City of Fort Collins executive leadership team to discuss ways to elevate collaboration.

6. Board Member Updates

The President noted that she will be participating in upcoming Board of Health interviews beginning April 30, alongside the Director and Commissioner Kefalas.

7. Commissioner Liaison Update

Commissioner Kefalas shared updates from recent meetings and events, including a UC Health community benefits meeting and the 25th anniversary of the adult drug court. He also highlighted a community health access survey focused on select zip codes in the Red Feather Lakes area and encouraged support in promoting the survey to help achieve a strong response rate.

8. Adjourn

The President moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.