

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Boulder County Board of Health (BOH) Regular Meeting Boulder County Public Health Auditorium September 14, 2015

BOH Members Present: President Gregg Thomas; Vice President Don Misch, M.D.; and Board Members Olga Bermudez, Sonya Jaquez-Lewis, and Jorge DeSantiago.

Staff Members Present: Public Health Director Jeff Zayach; Director of Administrative Services Stephanie Martz; Director of Health Divisions Heath Harmon; Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika, Accounting Manager Julia Ozenberger; Budget Coordinator Jeff Rank; and Administrative Division Manager Tammy Golden.

Meeting Called to Order.

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ITEM 1. Public Comments (on unscheduled agenda items).

None.

ITEM 2. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of July 13, 2015, Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

Board Member Jaquez-Lewis made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member Misch, to approve the July 13, 2015, Board of Health minutes, as presented. With all Board Members voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion approved.

B. Approval of June 2015 and July 2015 Financial Reports.

Board Member Misch made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member DeSantiago, to approve the June and July 2015 Financial Statements, as presented. With all Board Members voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion approved.

ITEM 3. Presentation of 2014 Audit Report.

Director of Administrative Services Stephanie Martz presented this item and introduced Paul Niedermueller and Sarah Siegle, the CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, auditors who conducted the 2014 audit.

Ms. Siegle outlined the process used to conduct the 2014 audit for Boulder County Public Health. She said BCPH has received a clean audit report, as no findings (i.e. accounting errors or misstatements) were identified. Ms. Siegle also noted that BCPH management has strengthened processes and addressed the findings noted in the 2013 audit report. She praised BCPH staff, saying they were extremely prepared and helpful in assisting the auditors, thus enabling them to complete the audit within the established timeframe.

There are no new accounting policies and requirements this year; however, Ms. Siegle said Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 will affect the 2015 audit report. The objective

of GASB 68 is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments regarding pensions. Boulder County (of which BCPH is a department) participates in the Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) pension plan, which will need to adhere to new reporting requirements. Mr. Niedermueller explained that beginning in 2016, GASB 68 will require all state and local government entities participating in public pension funds to list the pension fund as a liability. For transparency purposes, GASB 68 will clearly reflect and track the progress of entities making up their pension liability.

President Thomas asked how Colorado ranked in comparison with other states. Mr. Niedermueller said he didn't have that information readily available but would forward a *Wall Street Journal* article to the Board regarding this topic. He said Boulder County has always met its statutory requirements. It is also one of larger local governments included in PERA. It was unclear what the total liability will be, but he warned the Board that the liability may look dramatic on BCPH's financial statements in the future.

Mr. Niedermueller summarized the 2014 audit report, reiterating that BCPH received a clean audit opinion this year, and no adjustments were recommended or required. He congratulated staff on a job well done, and then answered questions of the Board. Board Member Misch asked about vacation/medical leave payout provisions. He was told that the last BCPH employee eligible to receive medical leave payout upon termination is retiring next month (i.e. was employed by Boulder County prior to 1987).

Director of Administrative Services Martz acknowledged Accounting Manager Julia Ozenberger for coordinating the audit, and Public Health Director Jeff Zayach thanked Budget Coordinator Jeff Rank and Director Martz for their assistance during the audit process.

President Thomas thanked the auditors and staff for the presentation.

ITEM 4. Resolution 2015-03, Approving Revised 2015 Operating Budget.

Director of Administrative Services Stephanie Martz introduced Budget Coordinator Jeff Rank, who presented Resolution 2015-03. Mr. Rank said the revised budget was basically a technicality. He explained that when the 2015 operating budget was approved by the Board in April 2015, it included several new revenue sources that were lumped together as "miscellaneous" since specific accounting codes had yet to be established by Boulder County Finance. The County has since established codes for these revenue sources, so staff was able to more clearly identify and break down the funding sources. Mr. Rank explained justifications for the 13 changes being proposed in the revised 2015 operating budget.

Mr. Rank said the original 2015 operating budget was approved on April 13, 2015 (Resolution 2015-01) for \$14,111,111. The revised budget (Resolution 2015-03) resulted in a net decrease of \$2,776, with a new operating budget of \$14,108,335.

Board Member Jaquez-Lewis made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member Misch, to approve Resolution 2015-03, adopting the revised 2015 operating budget. With all Board Members voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion approved.

ITEM 5. Director's Report.

Community of Hope: Board Member Misch said he was anxious for the success of Community of Hope, which is the interagency collaboration between Boulder County Public Health, Housing and Human Services, and Community Services. Public Health Director Zayach said this new collaboration began in April. He, Housing and Human Services Director Frank Alexander, and Community Services Director Robin Bohannan have worked extremely hard to initiate this new effort – the vision of which is to join the three

agencies' collective passion, skills, and knowledge to make stability, self-sufficiency, health, sense of well-being, and opportunity for healthy life a reality for everyone in Boulder County. The collaboration will be a great benefit to the community. Additional agencies (e.g. Mental Health Partners and Beacon Clinic) will be asked in the future to also participate in the collaboration.

Pre-exposure Prophylaxis: Board Member Misch expressed concern and asked about the call to provide more pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, which is a daily pill taken by people not yet infected with HIV who are at substantial risk of getting the disease in an effort to help prevent HIV infection. Director of Health Divisions Heath Harmon said that was a good question, which he would ask staff. He said the concern is about lack of funding since funding levels have continued to decrease because case counts continue to decline. Some people might be able to utilize private health insurance, although the push to provide PrEP will become problematic without a reasonable funding method or decreased costs.

CDC Associate: Board Member Misch asked about the incoming Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) associate who will be working at BCPH. Director Harmon said the CDC will fund administrative costs for the associate, who will be assisting BCPH for two years to provide data collection and analysis, thereby freeing up staff time to work on increased collaboration with community partners.

Meningococcal B Vaccine: At the last BOH meeting, staff was asked to find out if Meningococcal B would be covered by insurance. Director Harmon reported that the vaccine is categorized as Category B under the Affordable Care Act and that insurance companies are required to cover all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Category A and B recommendations without cost-sharing when delivered by in-network providers.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training: Board Member Bermudez said she attended this training, and it was great. The training is designed to teach adults who regularly interact with youth how to support adolescents (ages 12-18) experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or who are in crisis. Training topics include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

Substance Abuse / Marijuana: Board Member Bermudez said she has been asked by Boulder County Community Services to help work on marijuana prevention efforts in the Latino community.

Director Harmon gave the following updates:

- The Community Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Program received a grant from the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health to work on prevention and reduction of substance abuse among Boulder County youth, ages 11-18 years, during the next five years.
- CSAP learned it was chosen for a Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grant to be funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This is a five-year grant that will likely be expanded to ten years.
- Staff is assisting the Reducing Substance Abuse Coalition to draft a proposal for City of Boulder marijuana prevention funding (i.e. marijuana tax revenues for use in youth prevention efforts).

Board Member Jaquez-Lewis referenced a recent newspaper editorial written by Director Harmon that advocated for the City of Boulder to maintain the city's carefully crafted retail marijuana code and not defer to the state's regulations, as was suggested by a city councilmember. He said the state's requirements do not include many of the health provisions included in the city's ordinance. Director Harmon said BCPH staff worked closely with the City of Boulder to draft the city's recreational marijuana ordinance to allow reasonable adult access to marijuana while limiting availability to underage youth and

protecting the public's health and safety. Board Member Jaquez-Lewis asked Director Harmon to share his top three talking points with the Board to enable them to help support his position throughout the community.

MIP Tickets: Director Harmon said the current philosophy in Boulder County regarding minor-in-possession (MIP) ticketing for alcohol and marijuana has started to shift, and more MIP tickets are being issued. This change in philosophy will most likely result in youth becoming involved in appropriate programming at an earlier stage. He said the City of Lafayette was interested in this approach also.

Board Member DeSantiago said he is in close contact with Latino teens. He said police have been very proactive in explaining consequences to youth and have been issuing warnings before writing tickets. He said the police are working closer with school resource officers to help increase efforts of youth prevention and awareness.

West Nile Virus (WNV): Board Member Jaquez-Lewis asked if staff tracked WNV trends. Director Zayach said staff closely monitors data for all diseases, including WNV, to identify and track trends. Director Harmon said the three main areas monitored for WNV in Boulder County are Longmont, Boulder, and Coal Creek. He said counts tend to be higher in Longmont due to increased irrigated farmland, which is more susceptible to mosquito breeding. Director Zayach said he would be happy to share staff's regular zoonotic reports with the Board, or regular WNV updates can be included in the monthly director's report. Staff said this has been a typical summer, with WNV case numbers being slightly higher near the end of the season. With cooler temperatures this summer, the mosquito breeding cycle's been shorter.

Food Trucks: Board Member Jaquez-Lewis asked if food trucks are inspected for food safety, and Director Harmon said they are. He said no disease outbreaks have been linked to food trucks in Boulder County. He was asked if BCPH conducted food inspections in Boulder County or if municipalities also did so. He said BCPH conducted all food inspections, licensing, and plan reviews in Boulder County. According to federal voluntary standards, BCPH is short-staffed and should have more inspectors staffed. Increased restaurant fees would fund additional inspectors; however, those fees are set by the State and cannot be raised by local agencies. Staff reported some people are actively advocating for fee increases, however.

CHNA: Board Member Misch asked about the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Director Zayach said the Health Planning and Epidemiology (HPE) Team continues to support local and regional efforts by hospitals to assess community health needs to inform their Affordable Care Act (ACA) community benefit requirements. Most of the hospitals selected "mental health" and "access to care" as their top priorities. BCPH is partnering with local hospitals to include them on BCPH's dashboard to help jointly implement strategies. Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika said she is involved with the Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact effort to implement healthier beverage and food strategies and standards within the hospitals. She said Health Planning Manager Namino Glantz has been an outstanding liaison and leader to help local hospitals make sound decisions.

Strategic Initiatives (SI) Branch:

- **Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Policy Initiative:** Director Motika said staff was exploring a sugar-sweetened beverage policy initiative (including the difference between excise and sales taxes, best approaches, etc.). She said it will be important to have a community infrastructure in place; this is still under development, and staff will apprise the Board of its progress. She said a team of staff members is working on this effort and that the coalition continues to build in Boulder.

- **New Staff:** The Health Planning and Epidemiology Program is hiring two new staff members (a biostatistician and a health planning and evaluation specialist) to help support BCPH staff and community partners by providing additional resources and health data to assist in sound decision-making.
- **WIC Data:** Director Motika said her staff was interested in using WIC data, which is owned and managed by the State of Colorado, to access more specific data about WIC clients and their babies and identify what agencies WIC clients are involved with, such as TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Mental Health Partners, etc. The goal is to integrate services by involving the Community of Hope to help guide clients towards a path of self-sufficiency.
- **Strategic Initiatives (SI) Branch:** Director Motika said the SI Branch was deeply connected with all BCPH divisions and was working hard to expand relationships further, both internally and externally. Board Member Bermudez said the timing of these efforts was very good, and she appreciated the expanded use of data. She said the City of Longmont has started a collaborative effort to improve its ability to serve the homeless by tracking accessed services, encouraging development of proactive relationships with service providers, etc. Director Zayach said BCPH is very interested in working with the city on this effort. Director Motika agreed and said she was very interested in becoming more involved in the Longmont community.

ITEM 6. Old and New Business/Announcements.

A. Discussion on Tabled Consent Agenda Items (if any).

None.

B. Old and New Business.

None.

C. Announcements.

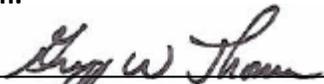
St. Vrain Community Hub Open House: Director Zayach invited the Board to attend the open house for the St. Vrain Community Hub, Boulder County's newly expanded building located at 515 Coffman Street, Longmont. "The Hub" was designed to be a one-stop center for community members to access a variety of integrated health, housing, and human services. Locating and integrating services will enable the County to support residents more efficiently and holistically. The goal is for clients to have a positive experience, so the look, feel, and layout of the building was purposefully designed to be very welcoming to help reduce feelings of anxiety and communicate that services are provided for anyone who needs assistance or was trying to get back on a path to stability.

The open house will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 15. BCPH staff members Zubeida Kruger and Heath Harmon have worked tirelessly with their County peers to ensure that the remodel project was a great success. The building is also the first "LEED Platinum New Construction" certified building in Longmont.

Regional Air Quality Control Board: President Thomas announced that he was recently appointed to serve as a member of the State Regional Air Quality Council Board. He said the new ozone standards will be announced in the next few weeks.

ITEM 7. Adjournment.

There being nothing further to discuss, President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Gregg Thomas, President



Jeffrey J. Zayach, Public Health Director