

**Minutes**  
**Consortium of Cities**  
**August 3, 2016**  
**Boulder County Courthouse**  
**1325 Pearl Street, Boulder CO**

Representatives and Alternates Present: Deb Gardner, Boulder County; Mary Young, City of Boulder; Polly Christensen, City of Longmont; Chris Leh, Louisville; Dallas Masters, Nederland; Connie Sullivan, Lyons; and Rita Dozal, Superior

Staff Present: Mark Ruzzin and Michelle Krezek, Boulder County; Summer Laws, Andrea Poniers, Rachel Arndt, Heather Matthews, Boulder County Public Health.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Feb 3, April 6 and June 1, 2016 minutes – Moved and approved
3. Presentation: Partnerships in Health: Public health opportunities, priorities and resources in Boulder County – Boulder County Public Health Staff (PowerPoint attached)

Boulder County Public Health – Public Health Services for all of Boulder County

- Provide opportunity for a healthy life to Boulder County residents
- Develop evidence-based and data-driven programs
- Encourage personal responsibility for health
- Deliver a large array of programs and services including environmental health, communicable disease prevention, and promotion of healthy living

Strategic Priorities

- Health Equity
  - Determinants of Health
    - Housing Affordability and Availability
    - Community Attributes
  - Substance Abuse – Social Norms in the Community impact substance abuse
- Mental Health – Access to affordable mental health care, including integration with primary care, prevention and early detection
  - Early childhood – important in prevention of mental health issues later in life
  - Family friendly policies in the community help increase health in early childhood
    - Pregnancy and parenting leave
    - Lactation support
    - Work/family balance
- Health Eating Active Living (HEAL)
  - Increasing access to fruits and vegetables
  - Increasing physical activity

- Decrease consumption of sugary beverages
- Increase breastfeeding
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4. Update on Discussion of the Consortium of Cities Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Study Next Steps

The Consortium started looking at PSH as a way to deal with chronic homelessness. Report presented at the June Consortium meeting.

Identified First priority – work is underway to determine if Restrictions in building codes are impacting the ability to construct PSH – Joni Marsh from Longmont is pulling together a county wide group of planning staff to examine comp plans and zoning codes to see how those regulations relate to the construction of PSH, and to participate in a scoping meeting to look at priorities from the study, and determine the scope of work to address these issues.

Other recommendations for action will be presented at the October Consortium meeting.

Question: Should each community's Planning Commissions be included in these discussions; these groups may be able to offer insights into this issue?

- It may be appropriate to involve Planning Commissions/Planning Boards in the discussion of possible changes to codes necessary to remove barriers to PSH development.

Issues in Superior – homeless young adults and aging in place – looking at creating an urban TOD in association with the BRT on US 36. Superior has received a DRCOG grant which will allow for a workshop/Technical Advisory Panel to explore options; this will be held sometime in October. The information on this session will be shared with Consortium members when the details are finalized so others may participate.

Affordable Housing Update – Regional Affordable Partnership has been formed with membership of BCHA, Longmont Housing Authority, and Boulder Housing Partners as well as Boulder County, Longmont and Boulder. This group will be developing a draft affordable housing plan for Boulder County, which should be completed by the end of this year. The goal is to bring the draft plan to the December Consortium meeting, before the plan is presented to Town Boards and City Councils in the first quarter of 2017. There is also a plan to have an Affordable Housing summit in the spring of 2017. This work may lead to a county-wide ballot question for revenue to implement strategies identified to address the need for affordable housing.

Nederland is looking for some assistance in updating their zoning codes to include more progressive density; getting some assistance from planners in the county would be

helpful. Also getting ready to start looking at some possible affordable housing on the old Town Shop site; would it be possible for BCHA help with some development ideas?

Lyons is working on tiny home policies to allow tiny homes, including homes on wheels, as part of their ADU policy, this work will include looking at rental policies and design standards to maintain neighborhood character and ensure these homes don't simply become short term vacation rentals.

5. Agenda topics for October and December meetings

- October – update on PSH, presentation from County Transportation on the Mobility for All program, and more information on Tiny House development
- December – Regional Affordable Housing Partnership Draft Plan presentation