

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Boulder County Board of Health (BOH) Regular Meeting Boulder County Public Health Auditorium August 8, 2016

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

Staff Members Present: Public Health Director Jeff Zayach, Director of Health Divisions Heath Harmon, Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika, Environmental Health Division Manager Joe Malinowski, and Business Operations Manager Tammy Golden.

Special Guests: Boulder County Policy Analysts Mark Ruzzin and Megan Davis.

Meeting Called to Order.

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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

Anna Janiskewski, 9659 Covey Court, Northglenn, CO, a public health student who was attending the meeting for school purposes.

ITEM 2. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of July 11, 2016, Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

Board Member Misch made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member DeSantiago, to approve the July 11, 2016, Board of Health minutes, as presented. With all Board Members present voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion approved. Absent: Board Member Jaquez-Lewis.

ITEM 3. Presentation of 2016 Legislative Update.

Environmental Health Division Manager Joe Malinowski introduced Boulder County Policy Analysts Mark Ruzzin and Megan Davis.

BCPH serves on Boulder County's Health and Human Services Policy Committee, which also includes Boulder County Departments of Housing & Human Services and Community Services. This committee collaborates with the Boulder County Commissioners Policy Team, which works with all Boulder County departments to ensure that they remain current on and discuss upcoming legislative and policy priorities, concerns, opportunities, and challenges that could potentially affect Boulder County.

The Policy Team also works closely with the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO), which contracts with Miles Consulting to work with statewide public health agencies to lobby on behalf of public health. This collaboration is beneficial when Boulder County staff is asked to testify on legislative issues and participate in setting priorities at the state level.

Mr. Ruzzin talked about Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA), a new coalition that offers an opportunity for local governments to join forces and help to influence state and federal actions regarding climate-protection actions.

It was noted that Boulder County is no longer a member of Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI), because CCI's goals and priorities have become counter to Boulder County's goals and priorities. Boulder County does, however, collaborate with several other counties to partner on legislative matters.

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopts the County's legislative agenda every year, which establishes the core Boulder County legislative and budget priorities in need of support from the county's legislative delegation. The Boulder County 2016 State Legislative Agenda was developed during the summer and fall of 2015 through engagement with County departments, partners, legislators, and other stakeholders. It was the guidance tool used by the County's elected officials and staff to inform Boulder County positions on active state legislation. There are many categories that overlap several County departments (e.g. food assistance), so the legislative agenda is organized to mirror the social determinants of health.

The public health priorities for 2016, established in October 2015, included: hospital provider fee, retail food license fees, family planning (long-acting, reversible contraception – aka LARC), immunizations, minimum wage and paid leave, oil and gas, healthy eating and active living (HEAL), sustainability, social determinants of health, health equity, mental health, tobacco use, substance abuse, recreational marijuana, early interventions, and data sharing.

Staff reviewed the following results from the 2016 legislative session:

ACCESS TO CARE:

- Hospital Provider Fee (i.e. de-TABOR): This bill was not supported by Senate leadership and died in committee.
- LARC: Private funding for LARC was scheduled to end, so \$2.5 million was approved to expand family planning to include LARC.
- \$177,755 for Commission on Affordable Health Care.
- \$1.7 million increase for early childhood mental health consultants.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

- State Air Quality Division was cut by \$112,000 (originally proposed cut was \$8.5 million and 95 FTE).

SUBSTANCE USE:

- \$9.1 million annually for local public health community-based substance use prevention.
- \$238,000 to monitor marijuana health effects at the county level.
- \$2.4 million for "trusted adult" youth marijuana prevention.
- Department of Agriculture increased funding for additional inspection and pesticide testing of marijuana.

CHILD WELFARE & CARE:

- \$6 million increase for county child welfare workers.
- \$3.8 million increase for early intervention direct services and case management.
- \$1.7 million increase for early childhood mental health specialists.

- \$1.6 million and 73 FTE to continue Colorado Shine childcare quality rating program.
- \$673,000 and .8 FTE to improve caseload ratio to allow for unannounced inspections.

Public health bills of interest (* - indicates that Boulder County staff testified):

Mental Health and Substance Abuse:

- House Bill (HB) 16-1063 – Mental Health Professional Disclosure School Safety*
- Senate Bill (SB)16-147 – Suicide Prevention Through Zero Suicide Model
- SB16-202 – Increasing Access Effective Substance Use Services

Health Care Provision:

- HB16-1160 – Sunset Surgical Assistants Surgical Technicians
- SB16-158 – Physician Duties Delegated to Physician Assistant

Sexual Health:

- SB-146 – Modernize Statutes Sexually Transmitted Infections

Air Quality:

- HB-1141 – Radon Exposure in Buildings*

Food Safety:

- HB16-1401 – Retail Food Establishment Licensure and Inspection*
- SB16-058 – Colorado Farm-to-Consumer Sales

Immunizations:

- HB16-1425 – Immunization Records for Temporary Child Care

Funding:

- HB16-1408 – Cash Fund Allocations for Health-related Programs
- SB16-094 – District Public Health Agency Costs by County

Public health bills that didn't pass (* - indicates that Boulder County staff testified):

Animal-Borne (vector) Disease:

- HB16-1120 – Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs and Cats*

Substance Use:

- HB16-1137 – Nicotine Products Warning Label
- HB16-1150 – Counties Prohibit Underage Nicotine Possession
- HB16-1370 – Nicotine Product Retailers Registry*
- SB16-042 – Immunity for Persons Involved in Overdose Events*
- HB16-1266 – Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) Seize Destroy Marijuana Unauthorized Pesticide

Equity:

- HB16-1185 – Gender Identification on Birth Certificates*

Communicable Disease:

- SB16-033 – Public Health Notice Sick Leave

Immunizations:

- HB16-1110 – Parent’s Bill of Rights
- HB16-1164 – Transfer Immunization Exemption Duties to CDPHE

Boulder County was well-represented in the 2016 legislature, as 8 of 100 members were from Boulder County (5 representatives and 3 senators). However, three are outgoing, so the county will lose some key leadership roles.

Mr. Ruzzin said it is a pleasure working with BCPH staff. He noted that the Policy Team would soon begin meeting with the County departments to form Boulder County’s 2017 legislative priorities.

Board Member Bermudez volunteered her assistance on any collaboration on suicide ballot measures.

It was noted that the BOCC was planning to take a formal position in support of the City of Boulder’s sugar-sweetened beverage ballot measure.

Mr. Malinowski said he appreciated the assistance they received from BCPH’s health planners, who assisted with policy development.

President Thomas thanked staff for the update.

ITEM 4. Director’s Report.

West Africa Ebola Project: Vice President Misch recognized Director of Administrative Services Stephanie Martz, who applied for and was selected to participate in a project sponsored by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She will be assisting in Ebola response and control efforts by providing administrative and project management support in Guinea (West Africa). Ms. Martz will attend training in Atlanta, GA, before being deployed to West Africa; she will be away from BCPH from August 15 to October 13.

Community of Hope (COH): Vice President Misch asked about next steps for the COH. Director of Health Divisions Heath Harmon and Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika reported that COH’s mental health report was about ready for distribution. Next steps include determining what must be done to systematically address the other COH pillars, which includes identifying needed resources, deepening the collaboration of agencies, etc.

Ricin: Vice President Misch asked for an update on the recent ricin event in Boulder County. Director of Health Divisions Heath Harmon said it was a contained, singular incident with no threat of further contamination.

Reservoir Closure: Vice President Misch asked about the closure of the Boulder Reservoir due to E. Coli. He was told the contamination was probably the result of runoff into the reservoir from rivers and creeks, flushing E. coli from the soil into the water. Staff said E. Coli does dissipate rather quickly in these situations.

Mosquitos: President Thomas asked about mosquitoes and was told that there were fewer mosquitoes overall this year than in previous years.

ITEM 5. Old and New Business/Announcements.

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

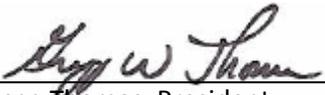
B. Old and New Business.

C. Announcements.

None.

ITEM 6. Adjournment.

There being nothing further to discuss, President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Gregg Thomas, President



Jeffrey J. Zayach, Public Health Director