

LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Bernard Birnbaum, MD, President

Brian DelGrosso, Vice President

Jennifer Lee, MS

Janna West Kowalski, MS

Teri Olson, RN, MSN

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.

LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – October 8, 2020

The Larimer County Board of Health (BoH) convened their regular meeting at 6:03 pm through Zoom virtual platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present:

Jennifer Lee

Dr. Bernard Birnbaum

Brian DelGrosso

Janna West Kowalski

Teri Olson

Executive Secretary: Tom Gonzales

County Staff: Andrea Clement-Johnson, Kori Wilford, Phillip Daniel, Katie O'Donnell, Kelli Curl, Dr. Christopher Urbina, John Voss, Jason Eisenbach, Jared Olson, Matt Bauer, Chris Manley, Jaymee Myller, Lorenda Volker, Lesli Ellis

County Commissioners: Tom Donnelly, Steve Johnson, John Kefalas

Call to Order - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment - Dr. Tony J. Van Goor, a Loveland resident, made a public comment.

Approval of September 10, 2020 Minutes - Teri Olson recommended an amendment to the September 10, 2020 minutes.

Action - Janna West Kowalski moved to approve with the amendment. Jennifer Lee seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint BoH and BoCC October Meeting - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum announced the new Board of Health President and Vice President. Tom Gonzales provided an overview of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and Mission/Vision Statements. BoCC and Board of Health members had a conversation regarding priorities moving forward. BoCC members all shared support for the Invest in our People priority.



UPDATES

COVID-19 Update - Jason Eisenbach, Interim Manager, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, provided updates on the COVID-19 data dashboard and the status of testing at Colorado State University (CSU).

Matt Bauer, Regional Epidemiologist, provided an update on the COVID-19 Outbreak Task Force and outbreak suppression efforts.

Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided an update on clinical laboratory alternative testing.

Dr. Jared Olson, Population Epidemiologist, provided an update on wastewater surveillance for COVID-19.

Katie O'Donnell, Office of Communications and Technology Manager, gave an update on communications relating to the updated school guidance.

Tom Gonzales presented an update on the Protect Our Neighbors application.

Director's Update - Tom Gonzales presented the Director's Report.

1. Chris Manley, Interim Environmental Health Director, provided an update on the fire department's collaboration on mobile food units and Climate Smart Larimer County.
2. Andrea Clement-Johnson, Deputy Public Health Director, and Jaymee Myller, Senior Public Health Nurse, presented an update on our immunizations program.
3. Seth Forwood, Senior Director of the Fort Collins Rescue Mission, and Jason Eisenbach gave an update on the efforts to provide COVID-19 safe congregate sheltering for persons experiencing homelessness.

Board Member Updates -

1. Janna West-Kowalski asked the Board to come to an agreement on how Board members respond to community emails. It was agreed that staff will respond and CC or BCC the Board member.
2. Teri Olson announced her retirement from the Board of Health at the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.