

LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

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Department of Health and Environment Mission:

Our mission is to promote a healthy community and reduce unnecessary suffering caused by preventable disease, disability, or death.

This mission is accomplished by providing community health and environmental health services, communicable disease control, health education, vital records management, health data assessment, development of policies that advance the public's health, and advocacy for community-based services that provide needed health care.

LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – November 14, 2019

The Larimer County Board of Health (BOH) convened its regular meeting at 6:02 p.m. at the Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak, in the Carter Lake Conference Room.

Members Present:

Jennifer Lee
Dr. Bernard Birnbaum
Janna West Kowalski
Teri Olson

Executive Secretary: Tom Gonzales

County Staff: Andrea Clement-Johnson, Kelli Curl, Stacie Hougard, Jill Kilgore, Kelsey Lyon, Chris Manley, Shaun May, Kim Meyer-Lee, Mike Murphree, Dr. Chris Nevin-Woods, Katie O'Donnell, Isela Orozco, Sara Rhoten, Lea Schneider, Kori Wilford, Averil Strand, Lorenda Volker

Community Members: Mary Maldonado, Queen X, Karley Boltjes, Heather Heafer, Amany Elkhagy, Dawn Kirk, Lori Hvizda Ward, Barbara Kruse, Todd Piccone, Kristen Battige, Jess Arnold

Call to Order - Jennifer Lee, board president, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION: Teri Olson made a motion to approve the October 2019 minutes, with suggested edits, and Dr. Bernie Birnbaum seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Financial Report – Stacie Hougard, senior accountant with the county's finance department, provided a fund analysis through September 2019. Finances are appropriate for where they should be for this time of year. The way that intergovernmental revenue has been recorded is changing, and now when grants are received the grant money is being recorded when the expenses are occurring. This will allow for the revenues to match the expenses. In October's fund analysis, the additional money received for retirement payouts will show in the budget and will be split in the actuals for November and October.

Healthy Larimer Committee Introduction and Proclamation - Members of the Healthy Larimer Committee presented to the BOH about the work of the committee. BOH members and Healthy Larimer Committee members talked about what their relationship will look like in future work and expectations the BOH might have for the committee. The BOH said they would appreciate the committee being able to



evaluate the activities of the department to ensure that work was happening through a lens of health equity. Policies that the BOH might review should be brought to the Healthy Larimer Committee to provide additional input and feedback on how to operationalize policies. The BOH said they would like for committee members to apply to be on the BOH when there is a vacancy. The Healthy Larimer Committee encouraged the BOH to keep the committee long term and the BOH agreed.

ACTION: Ms. Lee read a proclamation thanking the Healthy Larimer Committee for their work.

Discussion: Ms. Lee said she was thankful to have this committee in our community.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Thompson School District Lead Testing Partnership - Jess Arnold and Kristen Battige presented on a partnership between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the City of Loveland Water Quality Department, and Colorado State University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to test lead levels in drinking water in the Thompson School District (TSD). The partnership showed how a shared mission across groups can make change and get people to come together to do the work. TSD decided to test for lead in drinking water in response to raised awareness on lead in water and national media attention.

Director's Updates -

- Jill Kilgore, the new Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) supervisor was introduced to the BOH.
- BOH members recapped the Legislative Breakfast hosted by the department and said there was a good turnout by state, city and town council representatives.
- Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) has prioritized legislation for the removal of the \$1,000 fee cap on On-site Wastewater Treatment System permits.
- The department hosted a kickoff meeting for the Equity Compass Collaborative, a technical assistance grant that is working to bring community partners together to devise ways to collect and share data across entities in an equitable way.
- The department is currently working with the Colorado School of Public Health and CSU Department of Environmental Health to become an academic public health department.

Medical Director Update - Dr. Christine Nevin-Woods provided an update on the department's expansion of the travel clinic.

Strategic Planning Update - The BOH reviewed the department's draft mission and vision statement. Board members asked questions and indicated they liked the proposed vision and direction. The next step is for staff to come up with value statements and identify strategic priorities using Public Health 3.0 and the accreditation framework. A draft plan will be done by the end of the year.

Board Member Updates – Ms. Lee provided an update that draft regulations from the Oil and Gas Task Force are available and will be reviewed by staff.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.