

LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

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Jennifer Lee, MS

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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 – March 18, 2021

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

Members Present:

Jennifer Lee
Dr. Bernard Birnbaum
Brian DelGrosso
Janna West Kowalski

Executive Secretary: Tom Gonzales

County Staff: Andrea Clement-Johnson, Dr. Jared Olson, Phillip Daniel, Frank Haug, Kelsey Lyon, Chris Manley, Dr. Chris Urbina, Matt Bauer, Lorenda Volker, Lea Schneider, Kelli Curl, Kori Wilford, Laura Walker, Erika Cathey, Sergio Torres

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

Public Comment - There was no public comment given.

Approval of February 18, 2020 Minutes

Action - Brian DelGrosso motioned to approve. Jennifer Lee seconded the motion.
Motion was unanimously approved.

UPDATES

COVID-19 Update - Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, presented an overview of the past year's COVID-19 response.

Dr. Jared Olson, Population Epidemiologist, reviewed metrics and data trends.

Dr. Chris Urbina, Medical Officer Mentor, presented on the state of COVID-19 variants and vaccine efficacy.

Andrea Clement-Johnson, Deputy Public Health Director, provided an update on vaccine planning and distribution.



Kori Wilford, Communications Specialist, and Sergio Torres, Outreach Specialist, gave an update on communications and outreach.

Director's Update - Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, highlighted his attendance at the NACCHO Hill Week virtual conference. He also presented an update on the positions that were outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Erika Cathey, Communicable Disease Supervisor, gave an update on the Cryptosporidiosis outbreak at Colorado State University.

Board Member Updates - There were no Board member updates.

NEW BUSINESS

National Public Health Week Proclamation - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum introduced the joint proclamation between the Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners proclaiming April 5-11, 2021, National Public Health Week.

Action - Jennifer Lee made a motion that the proclamation be adopted. Janna West-Kowalski seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers -

Action - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum made a motion that the election of officers be postponed until the July, 2021 meeting after the Board of County Commissioners has made their decision on the upcoming appointment of the open position on the Board. Jennifer Lee seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Public Health Director Performance Evaluation-

Action - Janna West Kowalski made a motion to move into an executive session. Jennifer Lee seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Action - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Jennifer Lee seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Action - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum expressed the Board's happiness with the direction of the department, with the work being done on the Strategic Plan, and with the leadership of Public Health Director, Tom Gonzales. In light of the excellent work thus far as Larimer County's Public Health Director, Dr. Bernard Birnbaum made a motion to increase Tom Gonzales' salary commensurate with other county employees, 1.5% market and 2.5% merit for a total of 4%, retroactive back to his one year anniversary. Janna West Kowalski seconded the motion. Jennifer Lee and Brian DeGrosso also seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.