

# OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Boulder County Board of Health (BOH) Regular Meeting Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) Auditorium September 10, 2018

**BOH Members Present:** President Gregg Thomas; Vice President Olga Bermudez; and Board Members Bobbie Watson and Morgan McMillan. Absent: Board Member Jorge DeSantiago.

**Staff Members Present:** Public Health Director Jeff Zayach, Director of Administrative Services Aaron Pratt, Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika, Director of Health Divisions Heath Harmon, Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) & Built Environment Coordinator Rachel Arndt, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Associate Amelia Hulbert, and Business Operations Manager Tammy Golden.

### **Meeting Called to Order.**

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

None.

### **ITEM 2. Consent Agenda.**

#### **A. Approval of August 13, 2018, Board of Health Meeting Minutes.**

*Board Member McMillan made a motion, which was seconded by Vice President Bermudez, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. With all board members present voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion approved. Absent: Board Member DeSantiago.*

### **ITEM 3. Update on Comprehensive Plan Public Health Chapter.**

HEAL & Built Environment Coordinator Rachel Arndt and CDC Public Health Associate Amelia Hulbert presented this item. Ms. Arndt provided the background on the new Public Health (PH) Chapter of the Boulder County Comprehensive (Comp) Plan, which outlines Boulder County's vision and values for the health of all Boulder County residents. Since life expectancy rates range from 73.9-86.3 years, health disparities must be addressed in the Comp Plan to help ensure a healthy life for all county residents. Adding a PH Chapter is a best practice in health impact assessments being conducted around the nation.

Ms. Hulbert said the main objectives of the Public Health Chapter include:

- Providing an overview of how health is impacted by land use.
- Including overarching goal and policy statements (i.e. specific ways to accomplish them) that identify health priorities and provide an overarching vision that supports health in Boulder County.
- Helping to create local policies that will make it easier for county residents to live a healthy life.
- Ensuring that health and equity are considered when determining how the community is planned, designed, and built.

A team of staff members from Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) and Boulder County Land Use Department began collaborating in 2017 to create a PH Chapter to include in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. In addition to analyzing the existing Comp Plan, they collected feedback from the Boulder County Planning Commission, as well as the public (via open houses and online comments), reviewed best practices from throughout the nation, and consulted with subject matter experts within Boulder County. BCPH selects agency priorities every five years

through a community health assessment (CHA) process, and information from that process, as well as the agency's priorities, are reflected in the PH Chapter.

Some gaps that were identified during the collaborative process included:

- Climate change and greenhouse gas
- Radon and indoor housing air quality
- Prioritizing Boulder County lands for healthy and sustainable food production
- Access to parks and open space for mental health
- Sun, shade, and water access on County properties
- Transportation-vision zero, access to health care and services, and impacts on infrastructure
- Heat, fire, and smoke
- Hazards (e.g. mines) in unincorporated Boulder County
- Family-friendly policies
- Mobile home parks and affordable housing

Next steps in the process will be to:

- Finalize the draft Public Health Chapter, to which collected feedback has been incorporated.
- Submit the draft chapter to the Land Use Department.
- Revise and present the draft it to the Boulder County Planning Commission.
- Incorporate all final edits into a final draft.
- Have the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners adopt the final draft.

The Board thanked staff for the update and stated their appreciation of and support for the Public Health Chapter. Board Member McMillan said it will be important to reference and support affordable housing and health equity in the Comprehensive Plan. Vice President Bermudez asked staff to contact the Board if they can provide additional support when the Public Health Chapter is presented to the Planning Commission and County Commissioners. She also noted the importance of ensuring that mountain area residents are also taken into account.

**ITEM 4. Resolution 2018-05, Adoption of Data Governance Standards.**

Public Health Director Jeff Zayach presented this item and said Boulder County Housing and Human Services, Community Services, and Public Health provide a variety of services to residents requiring the collection of confidential client data, which must be done in compliance with numerous privacy requirements, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The ability to share client data between county departments would help to streamline processes and allow the departments to be more efficient and effectively coordinate the provision of health care, housing, benefits coordination, and community-based services for county residents. The need to potentially share client data with external partners (e.g. CORHIO, the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization, one of the country's largest and most successful health information exchange networks, is also a strong possibility in the future.

Staff from the three County departments, the County Attorney's Office, and Information Technology (IT) have been meeting (including with a privacy consultant) for several months to outline the process for implementing and overseeing this sharing of data. The group drafted complementary resolutions for adoption by the Board of Health and County Commissioners to adopt data governance standards and authorize BCPH and Boulder County to enter into a data-sharing intergovernmental agreement (IGA). The IGA is necessary because BCPH is a separate legal entity that is governed by the Board of Health (rather than the County Commissioners), in compliance with State Statute.

Resolution 2018-05 authorizes BCPH to enter into an IGA with Boulder County to adopt the "Boulder County Data Governance Charter," the living and continually evolving document that will be agreed upon and updated by a newly formed Boulder County Data Governance Charter Committee. The Charter will define and encompass management of the Boulder County Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW), which will house the shared data.

***Vice President Bermudez made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member McMillan, to approve Resolu-***

*tion 2018-05. With all board members present voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion approved. Absent: Board Member DeSantiago.*

**ITEM 5. Director's Report.**

**Mosquito Control:** President Thomas asked for an update on mosquito control. Director of Health Divisions Heath Harmon said the Mosquito Control District governs sections of unincorporated Boulder County, and the cities of Boulder and Longmont provide their own mosquito control services. He said the City of Boulder uses an integrated pest management plan that does not include adulticiding. He noted that the City of Longmont had reduced its adult spraying budget but did provide larviciding this past season.

**GENESIS:** Board Member McMillan asked if the increased pregnancies in Longmont were due to increased and more effective outreach or if other reasons were responsible for the increase. Mr. Harmon said he would ask the GENESIS Program to send an explanation to the Board.

**Tobacco Prevention:** Vice President Bermudez asked if there were opportunities for increased vaping prevention. Mr. Harmon said funding was the challenge, and Public Health Director Jeff Zayach said there's been increased discussion about a possible vaping tax. They said staff would notify the Board when opportunities arose for board members to offer input and support.

**Campylobacteriosis:** President Thomas asked about recent cases, and staff said some were due to consumption of undercooked chicken.

**Mobile Home Parks:** Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika gave an update on treatment issues that some mobile home park residents are received from mobile home park owners, including lack of respect for and destruction of their property and landscaping; providing information to residents at a very technical (i.e. scientific) level, which is confusing and intimidating for residents; etc. She said BCPH has been working with a community group that is working to support the residents by helping them to clearly outline and communicate their issues and concerns, encouraging policy changes to protect residents from mistreatment by mobile home park owners, etc. She said staff is working with the County Attorney's Office on an anti-discrimination ordinance that is similar to the anti-discrimination ordinance recently adopted by the Boulder City Council. Ms. Motika said she will continue to provide status updates with the Board on this issue.

**PHIP:** Ms. Motika said after much discussion and consideration, staff has decided they would be more effective by providing increased support to public health and human services directors that are tackling health improvement policy issues, including mental health, rather than doing so themselves. She said staff has also been working closer with the schools to address school-based prevention and intervention on a more comprehensive level.

**Metro Directors and Hospitals:** Mr. Zayach said the Metro Denver Area public health directors are meeting with the local hospitals to increase integration of public health work into the hospitals.

**SWIFT:** Admin Director Aaron Pratt gave an update on Boulder County's conversion to the new countywide financial system called System-Wide Integrated for Financial Tracking, or SWIFT. He said they "architect" phase has been completed, and SWIFT is now in the "configure and prototype" phase (aka "sprints"). He said a great deal of data has been entered into the system, and staff from around the County has been working with the system developer to map out and test the data. Mr. Pratt said BCPH has done a great deal of work to update and align its financial processes with that of the County, and SWIFT should meet the "go-live" date next spring.

**ITEM 7. Old and New Business/Announcements.**

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

None.

**B. Old and New Business.**

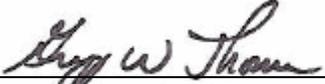
None.

**C. Announcements.**

None.

**ITEM 6. Adjournment.**

There being nothing further to discuss, President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

  
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Gregg Thomas, President

  
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Jeffrey J. Zavach, Public Health Director