

Health District
OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2022

Health District Office Building
120 Bristlecone Drive, Fort Collins
Remote Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael D. Liggett, Esq., Board President
Molly Gutilla, MS DrPH, Board Vice President
Joseph Prows, MD MPH, Board Treasurer
Celeste Kling, J.D., Liaison to UCH-North/PVH
Johanna Ulloa Giron, Psy.M., MSW, Board Secretary

Staff Present:

Robert Williams, Executive Director
Chris Sheafor, Support Services Director
Dana Turner, Dental Services Director
James Stewart, Medical Director
Karen Spink, Assistant Director
Laura Mai, Finance Director
Mike Rутtenberg, MH Connections Director

Staff Present:

Richard Cox, Communications Director
Lisa Ward, Policy Coordinator
Jessica Shannon, Resource Development Coord.
Xochitl Fragoso, Assistant Finance Director
Anita Benavidez, Executive Assistant

Public Present:

Lorraine Haywood, former Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Michael Liggett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as Presented
Moved/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Financial Review – Lorraine Haywood

Per legal requirement, as of January 1, 2022, changes needed to be made in the way leases are reflected in the Financials in order to establish consistent reporting. Per GASB 87 all leases must be reported as a capital lease or financial lease. It was noted that the preliminary December 2021 Balance Sheet reflect Total Assets & Liabilities at \$24M and the January financials show \$83M. Any lease with a term over one year, would have to be included in the Financials in a different way. Both lease payments received (UCHealth and tenant leases in the Mulberry office) and leases we pay (LHC office space) are included. The hospital lease had a bigger impact. Under GASB 87 the entire amount for the term of the lease is shown on the Balance Sheet as an asset and should be broken into principal and interest. A new lease payment schedule has been created as Laura and Lorraine have been going through records to make certain everything is accurately reflected. The calculations are based on net present values for each tenant, separately, with increases built into each year. Asset values will be on a decreasing term. The data has been scrubbed thoroughly over the past year.

The big lease is as of May 1, so when budgeting, the first four months were calculated at the lower rate and the next eight months at the higher rate. Four months of the old lease value had to be recognized to transition to the new way it has to be booked each month. You cannot spend more than the amount appropriated during the budget process so if those dollars needed to be spent, a new budget process would need to take place including another public hearing. Sum was based on a calculation for net present value broken out to principal and interest payments. A Board member asked how the net present value was calculated. It was based on a borrowing rate. However, since the Health District doesn't carry any debt, Finance spoke to the Bank about a hypothetical loan. In collaboration with the consultant, this range was used in calculating the tenant lease rate at three percent and the hospital rate lower. These rates are accurate to what the Health District needs to do. A Board member inquired whether there was any auditor comment on this in the past and there was not. The formula for the tenant rates have an increase built into each year going forward. There will be an entry in financials every month but come May you will see the lease rate come down.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Update on priority legislation – Lisa Ward

Session ends on May 11, 2022 and is moving at rocket speed.

HB22-1064: Flavored Tobacco Ban – Amend

The Governor has publically indicated that he will not support a state-wide ban on flavored tobacco. The bill will likely die on the calendar and come back next year.

HB22-1122: Pharmacy Benefit Manager Prohibited Practices – Support is passing without issue.

HB22-1281: Behavioral Health Care Continuum Gap Grant Program-Amend is moving forward with an amendment added to reduce the appropriations for existing grant programs in the bill and adding a new grant program to support direct services for a substance use disorder treatment provider or a recovery provider including temporary salary increases, recruitment and retention bonuses, and other tactics that support staff.

HB22-1283: Youth & Family Behavioral Health Care – Support is passing without issue.

HB22-1289: Health Benefits for Colorado Children & Pregnant Persons (AKA Cover all Coloradans) – Support is passing without issue. It has been confirmed that dental benefits are included.

HB22-1363: Accountability to Taxpayers Special Districts

The Special District Association raised concerns around service plans and other issues. Although the Bill is intended for Metropolitan Districts, the language was so broad it applied to ALL Special Districts. Proposed amendments, if adopted, will address those concerns.

HB22-1326: Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention

This bill has had several amendments before passing the House today. One of those amendments makes possession of one to four grams of fentanyl, AND the person had reasonable cause to believe that the material, compound, mixture, or preparation contained any quantity of fentanyl, a Level 4 Drug Felony. Under one gram is a Level 1 misdemeanor. Possession of Narcan or other opiate antagonist or Fentanyl detection test strips does not prove the individual knew, or had reason to believe, the substance contained any quantity of fentanyl. Continued changes are anticipated.

HB22-1287: Protections for Mobile Home Park Residents

Questions were asked about this bill and Ms. Ward noted that the intent of the bill was amended out as sponsors walk the bill back as far as landlords having access to property rights. She will provide more information to the Board.

Internal Policy 98-2: Service Area/Eligibility Policy

This amendment is a result of changes in immigration law in 2021. All policies and program procedures will be revisited to identify any barriers that may exist. Staff is already working on in-take forms and processes. The changes take effect on July 1, 2022.

MOTION: To adopt proposed amendment to Internal Policy 98-2: Service Area/ Eligibility Policy

**Motion by Celeste Kling/ Second by Johanna Ulloa Giron/ Carried 4 – 0
(Director Prows was absent for the vote)**

OTHER UPDATES & REPORTS

Liaison to PVHS/UCH North Report – Celeste Kling

Scheduling the joint meeting of these two boards is on hold until new Health District Board Members are seated. Everything is moving on the PVH construction, and they are seeing costs for traveling medical staff. The Lown Institute evaluates hospitals across the nation relative to hospitals contributing their fair share to the community. UCHealth ranked 8th in the country. System-wide they are focused on retention, training, and education assistance. They are currently conducting their own triennial health survey focusing on behavioral health, access to care, and chronic diseases. Associates in Family Medicine was bought out by Walgreens’ Village Medical. They will stop using EPIC, virtually eliminating “My Health”.

Ms. Haywood recalled one other change to financials she needed to share. The Summary Statement of Revenues/Expenditures has typically been printed, whited out, and brackets added. In consideration of ADA document requirements, Finance will no longer be making those manual changes. She clarified that a negative number on the revenue side means more and it is the opposite on the expense side. When the budget is put into the accounting system, and we know when things are going to be expensed, they will be reflected in the budget accordingly.

Executive Director Updates – Robert Williams

Fourteen days in and things are going well. There is on operational change to report: The Health District met with Larimer County Public Health regarding the IGA established to create the Isolation, Recovery, and Quarantine (IRQ) facility. Originally, it was scheduled to the end of June. Given the limited utilization and Larimer County budget, a collaborative decision was made to close the IRQ during the month of May. No new guests will be added and staff will start a transfer and referral process for existing guests. There will be no more guests effective May 11. Larimer County will handle public communication.

Results of the 2022 Board election will be shared on social media and Board members will be notified.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd opportunity)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and April 14, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented

***Motion by Celeste Kling/Second by Molly Gutilla/Carried 4-0
(Director Prows was absent for the vote)***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 24, 4:00 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- June 28, 4:00 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

- July 26, 4:00 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Board members expressed their sincere thanks for President Mike Liggett’s calm, competent, and capable leadership particularly through a tough time with COVID and the hiring process for a new Executive Director.

ADJOURN

MOTION: To adjourn the Meeting

Motion by Joseph Prows /Second by Johanna Ulloa Giron /Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Anita Benavidez, Assistant to the Board of Directors

Michael D. Liggett, Esq., Board President

Molly Gutilla, MS DrPH, Board Vice President

Celeste Kling, J.D., Liaison to UCH-North and PVHS Board

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