

Health District
OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 7, 2022

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

MINUTES

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

Staff Present:

Carol Plock, Executive Director
Chris Sheafor, Support Services Director
James Stewart, Medical Director
Richard Cox, Communications Director
Dana Turner, Dental Services Director
Laura Mai, Finance Director

Staff Present:

MJ Jorgensen, MHSUA & Substance Use
Disorder Transformation, Manager
Michelle Clark, Beh'l Health Provider Supervisor
Xochitl Fragoso, Assistant Finance Director
Anita Benavidez, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Michael Liggett called the meeting to order at 7:52 a.m.

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

DISCUSSION & ACTIONS

Colorado Opioid Settlement Waiver

At the last regular Board meeting, the waiver was discussed and the Board requested a list of who the waiver releases. A comprehensive list was obtained and shared with the Board. Local government releases are necessary in order for Opioid Settlement funding to be distributed to the State of Colorado. With this information in hand, the Board moved forward with a motion.

**MOTION: To approve the Health District's Signature on the Settlement Participation form for the Janssen Settlement, and the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form for the Distributor Settlement (both related to the release of legal claims against national defendants in opioid litigation), and to authorize the Executive Director to sign both forms.
Moved/Seconded/Carried Unanimously**

Mental Health and Substance Use Alliance Letter on Behavioral Health Priorities

As we go into the 2022 Policy Session, The Mental Health and Substance Use Alliance of Larimer County has been examining the very recent state Behavioral Health Task Force recommendations and our local needs and priorities. Health District policy states that staff can work only on policy advocacy when

the stance has been approved by the Board. MHSUA is working on a letter that would, if approved during their meeting on February 9, be forwarded to state legislators (and possibly local policy makers). ARPA dollars may be available, time limited. Staff is asking the board to approve the proposed letter in intent and direction, with the recognition that some wording may change before it is sent to policy makers.

**MOTION: To approve the concept and priorities contained in the MHSUA draft letter to policymakers regarding pressing local behavioral health needs, allowing staff to work on policy advocacy in cooperation with other organizations.
Moved/Seconded/Carried Unanimously.**

BOARD COMMENT

A Board member noted that the Health District website pertaining to the upcoming election does not have documents available in Spanish yet; board members agreed it was important to complete that process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

MOTION: For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e) of the C.R.S., regarding the appointment of a new Executive Director. The Board will adjourn from the Executive Session.

Moved/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

The Board retired to Executive Session at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Anita Benavidez, Assistant to the Board of Directors

Michael D. Liggett, Esq., Board President

Molly Gutilla, MS DrPH, Board Vice President

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