

Health District
OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 11, 2023

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

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Molly Gutilla, MS DrPH, Board President
Julie Kunce Field, JD, Board Vice President
Joseph Prows, MD MPH, Board Treasurer
Celeste Holder Kling, JD, Liaison to UCH-North/PVH
Ann Yanagi, MD, Board Secretary

Staff Present:

Lee Thielen, Interim Executive Director
Lorraine Haywood, Deputy Director
Chris Sheafor, Support Services Director
Dana Turner, Health Services Director
Laura Mai, Finance Director
Paul Mayer, Medical Director
Chris Roth, IT/Network Manager
Angela Castillo, Evaluator & Data Analyst

Staff Present:

Misty Manchester, HR Manager
Alyson Williams, PPRE Director
Anita Benavidez, Executive Assistant

Public Present:

George Hayes, PVHS
Michael Allen, Summit Stone
Dan Cummings, EFL Associates
Erin Hottenstein
Lisa Ward, Frontline Public Affairs

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Molly Gutilla called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented

***Motion by Celeste Holder Kling / Second by Julie Kunce Field / Carried
Unanimously***

The Board welcomed Misty Manchester, the new Human Resources Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Legislative Policy

State Legislative Proposals

There are 27 days left in this year's session and the pace is increasing. Some legislation has already been passed on for the Governor's signature.

The Budget goes to a Conference Committee tomorrow to decide which items remain funded. It is anticipated that the following shall remain: Family Planning at CDPHE (\$1M); mobile clinic efforts at CDPHE including services for underinsured patients (\$3.6M); the 3% Community Provider Rate Increase; the Medicaid Adult Dental Cap (\$4.6M); and Primary Care Grants (\$14M).

Update on Priority Bills

HB23-1003: School Mental Health Assessment (Actively Monitor) The fiscal note has been reduced by amendment. There are other amendments pending around parental rights. Scheduled hearing date is April 14.

HB23-1009: Analyze Statewide Publicly Financed Health Care (No position) Passed Appropriations and has moved to the Senate floor, with a Fiscal Note of \$54,445 GF for one year.

HB23-1023: Special District Construction Contracts Passed Legislature on March 9 and has been sent to the Governor.

HB23-1070: Mental Health Professionals Practice Requirements Died in Committee on February 28.

HB23-1071: Licensed Psychologist Prescriptive Authority. Passed Legislature and was signed into law by the Governor.

HB23-1130: Drug Coverage for Serious Mental Illness. Passed House and is on its way to the Senate.

HB23-1209: Analyze Statewide Publicly Financed Health-Care Passed first House Committee and is going to Appropriations. There is some question about whether it will get funded.

HB23-1215: Limits on Hospital Facility Fees (No position) Passed first House Committee with significant amendments and is in Appropriations. It has only passed one vote to date.

HB23-1236: Implementation Updates to Behavioral Health Administration Just passed House and moving to Senate with 14 amendments, mostly around implementation dates and administration logistics. An amendment was added last night to include a third-party audit of BHASOs. Enforcement dates have been pushed back by three months.

Regional Mapping for State Intermediaries: BHASO and Regional Accountable Entities (RAE) The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) was officially established in 2022 under HB22-1278. It requires the BHA to establish regionally based Behavioral Administrative Service Organizations by July 1, 2024. The BHASOs will consolidate the existing Administrative Service Organizations, Managed Service Organizations, and community mental health center funding, intending to meet the goal of expanding regional access to mental health care, substance use care, crisis services, care coordination, and other safety net services. They currently suggest three regions, with RAEs aligning within those. Staff recommends that the Board support a proposal to keep Larimer County and Weld County in the same region. The East region most aligns with local utilization of services. Staff have included a proposed letter in the Board packet.

MOTION: To support keeping Larimer and Weld Counties together in the East region and authorizes staff to submit their letter to the appropriate organization.
Motion by Julie Kunce Field / Second by Ann Yanagi / Carried Unanimously

HB23-1243: Hospital Community Benefit (No position) Passed to Senate today with significant amendments.

HB23-1259: Open Meetings Law Executive Session Violations Has had one hearing, passing House Committee and moving to House Floor.

SB23-002: Medicaid Reimbursement for Community Health Services The bill passed Senate and is now moving to the House with a reduced fiscal note (\$11M and \$13M in out years). It has been amended, narrowing the definition of a community health worker. Front-line liaison for physical, behavioral, and

dental services, as well as education on social determinants of health. HCPF must apply for Federal Authorization no later than July 1, 2024. Implementation is not likely until 2025, at the earliest.

SB23-004: *Employment of School Mental Health Professionals* Passed the House Committee with an amendment that ensures licensed mental health professionals who are not licensed by the Department of Education shall not replace those who are already existing in the schools and defines who can supervise the school-based therapists.

SB23-091: *Access to Behavioral Health Services* Killed in Committee February 28.

SB23-170: *Extreme Risk Protection Order Petitions (Red Flag Law)* Passed Legislation and awaiting the Governor's signature.

SB23-174: *Access to Certain Behavioral Health Services (replaces SB23-091)*. The bill allows RAEs to provide care for children under the age of 21, without requiring a diagnosis, through the managed care system and School Health Services Program. Through the latter program, Colorado school districts already provide the services listed in the bill. If HCPF uses its authority to expand the list of services and claims increase, school districts will have additional costs. Claims submitted by school districts to HCPF will be eligible to receive federal funding for a portion of the costs. The bill passed the Senate and has been introduced into the House. It was noted that this is a step in the right direction.

MOTION: To support SB23-174: Access to Certain Behavioral Health Services.
Motion by Celeste Holder Kling / Second by Ann Yanagi / Carried Unanimously

SB23-179: *Dental Plans Medical Loss Ratio (No position)*. The bill is making progress and has no Fiscal Note at this time.

SB23-260: *Individual Access to Publicly Funded Vaccines*. The bill prohibits providers from requiring individuals to pay or provide information to receive a publicly funded vaccine. It is intended to mirror the Executive Public Health Order from COVID vaccines. A patient cannot be denied access to public vaccine if the patient does not provide government ID, SSN, or insurance card and cannot afford out of pocket administration fee. Providers MAY ask for these things and can bill insurance but cannot balance bill the patient.

MOTION: To support SB23-260: Individual Access to Publicly Funded Vaccines
Motion by Celeste Holder Kling / Second by Ann Yanagi / Carried Unanimously

Gun Legislation: Three of the six bills have passed and are awaiting the Governor's signature: (1) Raising the age to buy a gun to 21; (2) the red flag law; and (3) the three-day waiting period. A recently introduced bill prohibits the sale or use of assault weapons in Colorado. The bill defines the term assault weapon and prohibits a person from manufacturing, importing, purchasing, selling, offering to sell, or transferring ownership of an assault weapon. The bill further prohibits a person from possessing a rapid-fire trigger activator.

Rumored/still expected ban on "ghost guns". The bill would make it illegal to construct or own a firearm without a manufacturer's serial number on it but would allow a certain period of time for people who currently have these types of weapons to get into compliance. It covers firearms that are crafted at home using a 3D printer or constructed from a do-it-yourself mail-order kit.

PRESENTATIONS

2023 Board of Directors Election Update, Chris Sheafor The election is in full swing with 2,683 ballots on the permanent mailing list and another 226 requests. The candidate forum was excellent – there is a link on the Health District website and the League of Women Voters website. *Compass* hits homes in the next couple of days and there is always an uptick in requests following its publication. April 25 is the

deadline to request absentee ballots, with the election on May 2. Polling places will be here at the 120 Building and at Spirit of Joy, open 7 am – 7 pm. Staff hopes to have the tally before the end of the night on the 2nd and will get emails to the candidates, current Board members, as well as public notice of the results.

Executive Director Selection Process The selection committee identified four finalists for the ED role: Andrea Clement-Johnson, Gary Cox, Joel Schwartzkopf, and Liane Jollon. They will be in town Wednesday, the 12th through Friday, the 14th. The final selection process begins with dinner for the selection committee with Gary Cox. The candidates will meet with the Leadership Team, and staff will have an opportunity to meet the candidates at scheduled meet-and-greets. The public presentation will be available for online viewing. Community partners have committed to participating in lunch Thursday and Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 13, 8:00 am – Board of Directors Special Meeting
- April 14, 8:00 am – Board of Directors Special Meeting
- April 17, 5:30 pm – Board of Directors Special Meeting
- April 25, 5:00 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: To enter Executive Session 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 C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e), regarding the appointment of a new Executive Director.

Motion by Joseph Prows / Second by Celeste Holder Kling / Carried Unanimously

Executive Session convened at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THE REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: To adjourn the Executive Session and Special Meeting

Motion by Celeste Holder Kling / Second by Joseph Prows / Carried Unanimously

The Executive Session and Special Board Meeting were adjourned at 6:55 pm.