CALL TO ORDER: APPROVAL OF AGENDA
President Michael Liggett called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. No changes to the agenda.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented/amended.  
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Aaron Fodge and his wife Dr. Margit Hentschel attend this afternoon’s board meeting to bring to the Board’s attention an issue pertaining to wood smoke in residential areas in Fort Collins as a nuisance and health hazard. City of Fort Collins staff have been tasked by City Council to look into the issue. Heretofore, the issue has been considered a property rights issue; but Mr. Fodge and Dr. Hentschel believe it’s a health and safety issue, particularly for those individuals who suffer from asthma. “As the voice of health in our community,” they feel the Health District should research the issue and weigh in on it. Dr. Hentschel said that she worked on the Denver Air Quality plan for years, and is most concerned about backyard recreational burning devices. They would appreciate a show of support from the Health District from a health perspective as well as names of other agencies they might approach with this information.
FAREWELL TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Board President Mike Liggett and Executive Director Carol Plock expressed their sincere appreciation to departing board members, Tess Heffernan and Tracy Nelson, for their service and commitment for the past four years to the Health District organization and to all District residents.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Policy

Federal Issues

Ms. Alyson Williams, Policy Coordinator, reported that the Health District did submit comments pertaining to Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance, CMS-9924-P. The legislation received over 9,000 comments; a common theme was the negative impact the proposed rule would have on critically important consumer protections, and the resulting impact on both the insurance market and consumers. Ms. Williams also reviewed with the board a few of the provisions included in the House version of the Farm Bill. Under the Nutrition Title, the bill would expand work requirements for receiving SNAP (formerly known as food stamps), requiring monthly verification of work for those between 18 and 59, and requiring that parents of children over 6 work. Additionally, the bill provides funding for new work programs, but the funding amounts to about $28 per person per month, which is considered inadequate to do meaningful work training and assistance. The House version is expected to pass the House, but the Senate’s draft is not out yet, and is anticipated to be completely different.

State Issues

There are just 8 days left of the 2018 legislative session, with 774 bills introduced and just under 300 of them still in play at this point. Several bills that the Health District supported are moving forward, including: iDrive (passed Senate and House; Free Standing Emergency Department (FSED) disclosures (signed by Governor); drug cost at pharmacies (signed by Governor); single geographic rating region (PI’d); the Long Bill (signed by Governor); and pharmacists as practitioners (passed Senate and House). The Health District did not support SB18-132, the Catastrophic Plan bill, which has been signed into law.

Key health-related bills that were killed include single geographic rating, drug price transparency, e-prescribing controlled substances, MAT in pharmacies, and FSED licensure. The fate of several relevant bills is yet to be determined. HB 1136, which would allow a waiver in order to use Medicaid funding for residential and inpatient substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, is still moving. Other bills of interest relate to opioid misuse prevention, youth suicide prevention, SUD coverage/payment, and opioid prescribing.

New Bills for Board Consideration

- HB18-1357: Behavioral Health Care Ombudsperson Parity Reports – this bill would establish the Office for Behavioral Health Access to Care as an independent office in the state’s Department of Human Services to assist Coloradans in accessing behavioral health care. The bill also requires health insurers and the commissioner of the Division of Insurance to report on issues related to mental health parity requirements.

MOTION: To SUPPORT HB18-1357.

Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously
• HB18-1384: Study Health Care Coverage Options – The bill requires a study be conducted and a report submitted concerning the cost benefits and feasibility of implementing a Medicaid buy-in option, a public-private partnership options, or a community or regionally based option for health care coverage.

MOTION: To SUPPORT HB18-1384.  
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

• HB18-1392: State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance Program – The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Insurance to apply for a State Innovation Waiver (Section 1332) for the waiver, funding, or both, to allow Colorado to implement and operate a reinsurance program to assist health insurers in paying high-cost insurance claims. While this option may not address actual costs, it could be a way to stabilize markets by ensuring that insurers stay in our marketplace.

MOTION: To SUPPORT HB18-1392.  
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

There are two bills, one from the House and the other from the Senate, that seek to address student suicide prevention:
• HB18-1416: Student Suicide Prevention Grant Program creates the student suicide prevention grant program for schools within CDPHE and would provide financial assistance to school districts, schools of a school district, including charter schools, and institute charter schools to develop and implement student suicide prevention policies and training programs.
• SB18-272: Crisis and Suicide Prevention Training Grant Program creates a training grant program in the CDPHE and would provide financial assistance to schools to provide crisis and suicide prevention trainings. Priority is given to those schools that have previously not received such training.

MOTION: To SUPPORT HB18-1416.  
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

• SB18-251: Statewide Behavioral Health Court Liaison Program – establishes in the office of the state court administrator a statewide behavioral health court liaison program. The purpose of the program is to identify and dedicate local behavioral health professionals as court liaisons in each state judicial district to facilitate communication and collaboration among judicial, health care, and behavioral health systems. The bill appropriates $1.9 million for fiscal year 2018-2019. Larimer County has a ‘Wellness Court,’ and it would be the role of the court liaisons to facilitate collaboration between the Wellness Court, diversion, health care, and behavioral health. Mr. Liggett expressed a concern that this might add another layer to an already complicated system, that the court liaison would not have the necessary authority to carry out particular actions, and might duplicate efforts already being done in our community. The Board decided that they did not have enough information on the proposal and decided not to take a position on this issue.

• SB18-270: Behavioral Health Crisis Transition Referral Program – The bill establishes the community transition specialist program which would designate transition specialists who would coordinate referrals for high-risk individuals who have been on mental health holds into to assist with housing, program placement, access to behavioral health treatment or
benefits, advocacy and other supportive services. Ms. Plock commented that this type of service is very much needed in our community. One of the biggest problems is when a person is released from a hold – if there is no support for them, no follow-up or good placement, there is a high chance for relapse.

**MOTION:** To SUPPORT SB18-270.
*Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously*

**Approval for Vendor Expense: Toolbox Creative**
The Board had previously supported staffs plans for a public awareness campaign around substance use disorders and were informed when a vendor, Toolbox Creative, was hired to help with this project. At this point, the Board’s formal approval is needed for the contract. The contract is in the amount of $65,000 which is included in the existing budget ($20,000 is being funded from the MHSU Alliance members’ contributions and $45,000 is funded from Health District reserve dollars). The project seeks to change perceptions of substance use disorders and to help others understand it as an actual health condition.

**MOTION:** To approve the contract with Toolbox Creative in the amount of $65,000 as outlined.
*Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously*

**UPDATES & REPORTS**
The following updates were provided:
- May 16 will be the kick-off for the “Rethinking Addiction” effort to move more toward evidence-based practices in treating substance use disorders; it will include 3 sessions with national and local experts and speakers; the keynote speaker is Dr. Corey Waller. The breakfast session is for health and community behavioral health care providers; a lunch/afternoon session is for mental health center and criminal justice partners; and an evening session is targeted at community leaders and the public. Interest is high, and Board members are encouraged to attend.
- The report “What Will It Take? Solutions to Mental Health Service Gaps in Larimer County” was announced in a recent press release. An initial 4-pager document has been developed highlighting the importance of filling the gaps, the benefits of having the right mental health treatment available, as well as recommendations for developing new mental health services and expanding existing services capacity.
- The Dental Services Director, Ms. Sarah Tilleman, left the Health District in April. Previous Dental Director, Mr. John Newman, agreed to come back on a temporary basis in the interim while the Health District conducts a search for a permanent replacement.
- Since Mr. Jim Becker left his position as Special Projects Manager, staff have been working to review and organize information gathered for the Aging Project into a report format. Once information is organized, staff will move to the next step of filling in remaining gaps before a final report is developed.
- The Health Care Working Group, comprised of 24 health leaders, will be meeting for the second time tomorrow. This group will be discussing possible priorities for the group and how/whether they will continue to work together into the future.
- Staff working on the Healthinfosource redesign project are making preparations to conduct community discussion group meetings and meeting with vendor Nerdy Minds to start working on actual blueprints for platforms, etc.
• The annual audit is nearly complete and will be presented to the Board at the June meeting.
• An orientation on May 21 is being planned for the new board members who will be sworn in at the May 22 board meeting.

**UCHealth-North/PVHS Board Liaison Report**

With Ms. Heffernan leaving the board as of May 22, board member Dr. Faraz Naqvi willingly stepped in to attend a recent UCHealth retreat. Dr. Naqvi provided the following report:

- Margaret Reidy, MD gave a high level presentation on behavioral health.
- Jamie Teumer and Christine Johnston gave an opioid update, similar to the one given in the joint board meeting, regarding how emergency departments at the hospitals are using alternative treatments to reduce opioid use and misuse.
- Steve Hess gave a presentation on the technology being used in hospitals, such as the new monitoring equipment, and AI technology.
- Jamie Orlikoff presented on trends within the health care industry. Two key points he raised included: 1) Electronic Medical Records (EMRS) have not proven to provide a return on investment, and 2) It is more efficient to have fewer boards rather than more boards (UCHealth has 11 boards throughout its system). Discussion pointed out that although there may not have been financial ROI, EMRS have proven invaluable in health information sharing that enhances patients health care. There was also brief discussion about whether a move to a single UCHealth board of directors would work, given the Health District’s lease with PVHS and UCHealth.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd opportunity)**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of April 10 Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of the March 2018 Financials.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

*Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously*

**DECISION**

- Approval of the March 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** To approve the March 27, 2018 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

*Motion/Seconded/Carried (Ms. Heffernan abstained due to absence)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- May 16 SUD Kick-Off Events – Rethinking Addiction: Using Science to Build an Ecosystem of Treatment and Recovery.
- May 17 – the Health District’s annual Employee Appreciation Day luncheon at the Aztlan Community Center.
- May 22 – Regular meeting of the Board of Directors; new board members will be sworn in.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

MOTION: For the purpose of discussion pertaining to personnel issues pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f) of the C.R.S. (Executive Director review)
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

The Board retired to Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

The Board noted that they had discussed the results of a periodic review of Executive Director Carol Plock during the Executive Session, then reviewed the findings with Ms. Plock.

MOTION: Following a positive performance evaluation, the Board of Directors of the Health District is setting the 2018 salary for Carol Plock, Executive Director, at $182,000, retroactive to January 1, 2018.

ADJOURN

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
Moved/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Stirling, Assistant to the Board of Directors

Michael Liggett, President

[Absent]
Tracy Nelson, Vice President

[Absent]
Deirdre Sullivan, Secretary

[Absent]
Faraz Naqvi, M.D., Treasurer

[Absent]
Tess Heffernan, UCHHealth-North (PVHS) Board Liaison

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