

Health District
OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 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
Erin Hottenstein, Incoming Assistant Board Treasurer
Ann Yanagi, MD, Outgoing Board Secretary
John McKay, Incoming Board Secretary
Celeste Holder Kling, JD, Outgoing Liaison to UCH-North/PVH

Staff Present:

Lorraine Haywood, Interim Executive Director
Chris Sheafor, Support Services Director
Laura Mai, Finance Director
Richard Cox, Communications Director
Chris Roth, IT/Network Manager
Jessica Shannon, Special Projects Manager
YoungMi Dauer, Accountant
Xochitl Fragoso, Accountant
Paul Mayer, Medical Director
Alyson Williams, PPRE Director
Misty Manchester, HR Director
Dana Turner, Health Services Director
Rosie Duran, Health Care Access Manager

Staff Present:

Anita Benavidez, Executive
Assistant
Lauren Jones, Executive
Assistant

Public Present:

John Newman
Lexi Potter
Hottenstein Family
Victor Kraft
Allison Slife
Liane Jollon

CALL TO ORDER: INTRODUCTIONS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Molly Gutilla called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as Presented
Motion by Celeste Holder Kling / Second by Ann Yanagi / Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the April 25, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes & May 8, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Policy 97-16: Reviewing and Copying Public Records and Policy 98-2: Service Area/Eligibility Policy.
- December 2022, January, February, March, and April 2023 Financials

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented
Motion by Celeste Holder Kling / Second by Ann Yanagi / Carried Unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Ward, Frontline Public Affairs, provided a summary of the 2023 Legislative Session Wrap-up. She reviewed the statistics for this year's session and noted that the 2024 Legislative Session would begin on January 10, 2024 and adjourn on May 9, 2024. The budget was passed at \$41.4 billion, a 4.2% increase over last year, with 84% of the state budget going to seven state agencies and \$16.7 million for SNAP programming. Other budget items of interest include a 3% reimbursement rate increase for Medicaid providers; removal of the \$1,500 cap on annual adult Medicaid dental benefits and \$14 million to the Primary Care Fund supporting FQHCs., the elimination of copays for services (except ER visits) for Medicaid and CHP+ recipients. The budget included \$356.9 million for behavioral health related services and program. Focus for this year's session included Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorders, implementation of the Behavioral Health Administration, Health Care Costs & Access, Health Insurance Coverage, Firearm Legislation, and Workforce. Ms. Ward gave a brief overview of SB23-303 (Proposition HH): Reduce Property Taxes and Voter Approved Revenue Change that will go to the voters in November. Alyson Williams, Director of Planning, Policy, Research and Evaluation will cover this legislation in more depth at the June Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION & ACTIONS

Victor Kraft & Allison Slife with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, presented the results of the 2022 financial audit. Ms. Slife informed the Board that the independent auditor's opinion over the financial statements is an unmodified or clean opinion. This is the best opinion that the Health District can achieve and congratulated everyone involved, especially Laura, Lorraine and the Finance team to get this achievement again this year and for many years running. and discussed the significant change to the financials as a result of the implementation of GASB Lease Standards during the year. Mr. Kraft stated that the main outcome of the audit is the opinion and the second outcome is whether there are any findings. Mr. Kraft explained that there are two different types of findings: financial statement and compliance and reported that there were no findings. Mr. Kraft reviewed key sections of the financial statements and footnotes.

Board Members Oaths of Office

The Board welcomes new members, John McKay and Erin Hottenstein. Both took their Oaths of Office, committing to faithfully perform the duties of their office and to support the constitution of the United States and the state of Colorado, and the laws made pursuant thereto, as required by §32-1-901 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Board Officer Elections

A review of Officer roles was discussed. It was noted that the Vice President typically manages the annual Executive Director evaluation. Additionally, it was noted that the Treasurer meets with the auditor to review the audit before it is final. Board Officer Elections are as follows: President, Molly Gutilla, MS Dr,PH, Vice President, Julie Kunce Field, Treasurer, Joseph Prows, MD, Treasurer Assistant, Erin Hottenstein, Secretary John McKay and Liaison to UCH-North/PVH, Ann Yanagi/Celeste Holder Kling.

MOTION: To temporarily appoint Ann Yanagi and Celeste Holder Kling as the PVHS Board Liaisons.

Motion by Joseph Prows / Second by Erin Hottenstein/ Carried Unanimously

Setting a Board Retreat

After discussion it was agreed that Lauren Jones, Executive Assistant, will work with Board members, the Executive Director and the Deputy Director to schedule a full-day Board Retreat the last two weeks of August.

OTHER UPDATES & REPORTS

Celeste Holder Kling provided an update on PVHS/UC Health. More than 50% of hospitals in the country are running in the red and rural and small hospitals are particularly hurting. The number of contract employees are down and more staffing is up and things are getting more stabilized post COVID. Mountain Crest is almost back to full capacity. PVH has experienced construction delays on the new behavioral health unit at PVH.

An update was presented on a few of PVHS/UCHealth's community benefit programs:

The CO Response Program in which police coordinate with mental health professionals on response calls resulted in 92% of patients having been diverted from the emergency department, cited or arrested during the period of March to December 2022. They are also operating a joint program with CSU.

The Family Medicine Center has a food pantry that was established in 2017 as partnership between UCHealth and the Food Bank, where clients receive a prescription for healthy food that they can take to the pantry can select food for their family and they can come back with their prescriptions and receive more food at other times. Multiple community members collaborate by donating food for this project. The Poudre Valley Hospital also prepares meals five days a week for the Meals on Wheels program.

Other programs include working with the Aspen Club around health promotion, disease prevention, and healthy aging; Healthy Hearts and Minds school based program; Healthy Kids family program; and various research programs in northern Colorado.

Executive Director Updates - Lorraine Haywood

All Board correspondence should be sent to @healthdistrict.org email addresses. Accounts have been created for the two new Board members. New Board member orientation will be scheduled in the near future. Requests for Proposals for a Classification and Compensation Study and Analysis will be issued shortly. This review will be a lengthy process and the results will be presented to the Board in executive session by the consultant during the budget process.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd opportunity)

Celeste Holder Kling asks for clarification around the Liaison's access to the board portal and whether to keep the @healthdistrict.org email. The Liaison needs access to the board packet, documents, policies, lease information and anything to do with UC Health & PVH.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 27, 2023, 5:00 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- July 25, 2023, 5:00 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- August 22, 2023, 5:00pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

ADJOURN OUT OF REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: To adjourn the Regular Meeting

Motion by Joseph Prows / Second by Julie Kunce Field/ Carried Unanimously

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.