



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING**

**August 23, 2011, 5:30 p.m.**

**Health District Office Building  
120 Bristlecone Drive, Fort Collins**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Celeste Holder Kling, President  
Bernard J. Birnbaum, MD, Vice President  
Timothy S. O'Neill, Secretary  
Steven J. Thorson, MD, Treasurer  
Joe D. Hendrickson, Liaison to PVHS Board

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Plock, Executive Director  
Bruce Cooper, M.D., Medical Director  
John Newman, Medical Services Director  
Nancy Stirling, Assistant to Executive Director  
Lin Wilder, Community Impact & Health Promotion Dir.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kendra Carberry, Attorney  
Curt Chase, Husch Blackwell, Attorney  
Robin Foster, Husch Blackwell, Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS; APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Celeste Kling called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Ms. Kendra Carberry introduced Mr. Curt Chase and Mr. Robin Foster. Mr. Chase and Mr. Foster are partners with Husch Blackwell. The main office is in Kansas City, Missouri, but the firm has offices in 14 cities, including Denver. Mr. Chase is Chair of the firm's Healthcare Department and has represented many healthcare providers. Mr. Foster's expertise is in corporate law, and he has worked very closely with health care groups over the years. He has extensive experience in corporate transactions, mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, etc., including with health systems and hospitals.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**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; developing strategy for negotiations; and**

**instructing negotiators pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e) of the C.R.S. And for the purpose of discussion with an attorney for the district for the purpose for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions per §24-6-402(4)(b) of the C.R.S.**

*Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously*

The Board retired to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. and went back into regular session at 7:55 p.m.

## **UPDATES & REPORTS**

### **Updates on Selected Community Impact Programs**

Ms. Lin Wilder, Community Impact and Health Promotion Director, provided brief updates on the following programs:

Dental Connections: All program staff have been hired and are busy with trainings, developing protocols, and working to establish the infrastructure for the program in anticipation of beginning to serve a few clients as soon as September. An internet portal for communication between staff and participating dentists is finished and currently being tested with some dentists, and seems to be working well. Staff have enlisted “mock” patients to test procedures and protocols and find and correct glitches in the process. In the meantime, Ms. Plock and Ms. Sheryl Harrell, the Dental Connections Coordinator, have been working on recruiting dentists for the program. The plan is to have a slow start for the program and gradually open the program to more and more clients as experience and capacity grows. While the program is being housed in the Health District’s Dental Clinic area, it is a partnership between the Women’s Resource Center and the Health District and operates separately from the Dental Clinic.

A board question was how is it determined whether a person will be served by the Dental Clinic or by Dental Connections. The staff response was that Dental Connections was created to supplement currently available services for those who don’t have the ability to pay the full cost of care, not to supplant them, so the intent is that people eligible for Dental Connections would be those who are not currently able to be seen by other sliding fee scale providers.

Health Care Matters: The project is a little behind anticipated progress, but Ms. Chelsea Williams, the CDC Public Health Associate, has been named as the project coordinator. She will oversee the planning and implementation of the project, and will be assisted by a part-time facilitator, who will help in conducting the community conversations. A job announcement for the facilitator position has been posted. In the meantime, staff are developing the format for the community conversations, and determining the methods to be used, which are anticipated to include discussion, audience response “clickers,” and a survey. An initial meeting with Champions for the over 50 target population was recently held to assist with planning, and staff are working on identifying Champions for the college-age target population. Pilot conversations are targeted for this fall.

### Mental Health & Substance Abuse Partnership:

- *The Early Identification and Early Intervention (EIEI) task force is very close to finishing up the process of mapping out their ideal levels of early identification and early intervention services that various community providers should have. Staff members have completed a survey on the level of services currently being provided and are in the process of summarizing the data. The next step for*

the task force will be to determine how the current realities compare with the task force's ideals, what gaps exist, and what priorities they would set for tackling first.

- *Crisis and After Hours Response* - Staff have conducted many interviews with key participants in the community's crisis and after hours response system and generated a report which was recently presented to the Partnership Steering Committee. Staff will next bring together the key people involved to present the findings, determine if there is commitment for change, and if so, start working on prioritizing the changes needed.
- *Complex Needs* – The Partnership recently approved a Vision Statement for this initiative. Staff will be organizing a process for planning and implementing improvements in how our community serves people with complex needs. The Health District has been awarded a second CDC Public Health Associate who will be assigned to work on this and the Crisis and After Hours Response project.

In other news, the Health District has been awarded an extension of the MORE Grant which funds the CHP+ and Medicaid outreach and enrollment program. The extension was only offered to a limited number of groups and will extend the program until the end of June 2012.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Program Reports**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Program Reports was distributed to the Board members at this meeting. The Board decided to include the Reports in the next meeting packet to allow time for review and comments.

Mr. Hendrickson brought up the concern that the General Anesthesia program had to cancel procedures in June, noting that it is a much needed service. Staff reported that the process for being able to treat these patients is very involved and requires that all the pieces be in place before a patient can be treated. In this case, several complications occurred. Staff are working with Foothills Gateway to do our best to ensure that this doesn't happen in the future. Both the Health District and Foothills Gateway are very committed to this program and intent on making it work for the people who need this care.

## **PVHS Liaison Update**

The PVHS Board did not meet in July and therefore there is no update at this time. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Hendrickson did comment that due to having large meeting packets, PVHS has decided to go electronic and have provided iPads to every board member for this purpose.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Since the minutes were not available until the day of the meeting, approval was postponed to the next meeting.

- ~~Approval of the June 28 and August 4, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes~~
- Approval of the June and July 2011 Financial Statements

**MOTION: To remove the June 28 and August 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes from the Consent Agenda.**  
*Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously*

**MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**  
*Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- September 21-23 – Colorado Public Health Association Annual Conference in Steamboat Springs
- September 27, 5:30 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- October 25, 5:30 pm – Board of Directors Regular Meeting
- October 30-November 2 – American Public Health Association’s (APHA) Annual Conference in Washington DC

Board members who attended the Staff Summer Picnic on August 11 commented that it was a fun event and very well organized. Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. O’Neill participated as Judges/Tasting Panel for the Dessert Contest (tasting 18 different desserts in all!). They appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk with many staff members.

The December 13 board meeting will be rescheduled due to several conflicts; Ms. Stirling will work on rescheduling so that the meeting still occurs prior to the December 15 budget deadline.

**ADJOURN**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Nancy L. Stirling, Assistant Secretary

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Celeste Holder Kling, President

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Bernard J. Birnbaum, MD, Vice President

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