



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
March 12, 2015**

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

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernard J. Birnbaum, MD, President
Tess Heffernan, M.Ed., Vice President
Michael D. Liggett, Esq., Secretary
Tracy L. Nelson, Ph.D., Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven J. Thorson, MD, Liaison to PVHS Board

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Plock, Executive Director
Dan Sapienza, Policy Coordinator
Nancy Stirling, Assistant to Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER; APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Bernard Birnbaum called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. A request was made to move the Legislative discussion up ahead of the UCH North Documents discussion. The Health District's attorney is available this evening to talk to the Board should they need to regarding the UCH documents, however she is not available until after 6:15 pm.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Legislation

HB15-1232 – Emergency Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

This is a bill being supported by one of our local representatives, Representative Ginal, and is scheduled for discussion in committee tomorrow. The bill would allow any "entity" (particular organizations or businesses where allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis might be present) to acquire and stock epinephrine auto-injectors. (It was noted that schools are already allowed to stock these, however it was learned that no schools within the Poudre School District do so.) The bill exempts such entities and individuals from civil and criminal liability for use of the auto-injectors in good faith. Concerns around this bill: while entities such as restaurants are not required to stock epinephrine auto-injectors, what happens liability-wise if a person experiences an anaphylaxis episode and the restaurant does not have them; symptoms of anaphylaxis can look like other situations – concern of non-medical personnel trying to determine whether what is happening is an anaphylaxis attack.

MOTION: To SUPPORT HB15-1232.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

SB15-197 – Advanced Practice Nurses’ Prescriptive Authority

This bill modifies the existing process for advanced practice nurses (APRNs) to gain full independent prescription authority. Currently, APRNs must complete 1,800 hours to obtain provisional prescription authority, plus another 1,800 hours of training/mentorship under a physician for full authority. Senate Bill 197 would grant APRNs immediate provisional prescriptive authority upon graduation, and reduces the number of hours of required mentorship to 1,000 hours, plus allow other APRNs to be mentors instead of requiring physician mentorship. Senator Lundberg is one of the supporters of this bill.

The current requirements have shown to be obstacles for APRNs in finding employment (physicians want APRNs with prescriptive authority; APRNs with only provisional authority that practice in rural areas where physicians may not be available are limited in their prescriptive ability; some physicians are unwilling to do mentorships, etc.). The Board expressed some concern with APRNs being given provisional prescriptive authority right after they graduate, particularly if they are working independently in a rural area without a mentor; yet also recognize the value of APRNs particularly in light of the Affordable Care Act and need for increased access to care. The Board is supportive of making it easier for APRNs to be able to prescribe, yet not sure about APRNs having immediate prescriptive authority upon graduation.

MOTION: The Health District Board of Directors agree conceptually with the idea of APRNs receiving additional prescriptive authority in order to provide needed medical care, however are concerned with the level of competence and lack of direct supervision should APRNs obtain prescriptive authority upon graduation.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

Mr. Sapienza is going to send a letter directly to Senator Lundberg and our local representatives concerning the Boards position on this bill. The Board asked that this item be brought up again at the next Board meeting to hear of any response.

HB15-1257 – Removal of Penalties Regarding the Regulation and Sale of Cigarettes

This bill would remove penalties for local governments who decide to tax or license cigarette sales. Currently, cigarette sales are not required to be licensed. Fort Collins does not require licenses at this time. The City currently gets approximately \$350,000 from cigarette taxes, which they would lose if decide to require licenses under the current law. A benefit of being able to require licensing of cigarette sales is that it can be a tool in enforcing the restriction of sales to minors. By requiring licensing, the City would know exactly where cigarettes are being sold and be able to restrict or terminate licenses if found they are selling to minors. Those in opposition to this bill are the Tobacco Lobby, convenience stores, and others in the cigarette business. In every triennial community health survey conducted by the Health District thus far, tobacco has come out as the highest burden to health in our community.

MOTION: To SUPPORT HB15-1257.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

Mr. Sapienza provided quick status information on several bills. Bills on the way to the Governor's desk for signature include: HB15-1029 Health Care Delivery Via Telemedicine Statewide; HB15-1032 Licensed Mental Health Professional to Treat Minors; HB15-1039 Prescription Give-back for Institutions; and HB15-1075 Registered Naturopathic Doctor Treating Children. The Parent's Bill of Rights bill is scheduled for a committee hearing next week where there is talk of possible amendments. The Large Bill continues to move through and is receiving much support.

Mr. Liggett inquired about West Nile Virus spraying and HOA fees. Many HOAs do their own spraying for mosquitos as a nuisance and not particularly for prevention of West Nile Virus. Dr. LeBailly has sent out letters to representatives of all Fort Collins home owner's associations that the County will not include HOA areas for West Nile Virus unless approved by a HOA Board.

Approval of Documents for UCH North

Ms. Plock recently received some documents from UCHealth that requires Board approval. The documents pertain to the building of a new Emergency Department being planned by UCHealth-North that would be built on Harmony Campus property which the Health District owns. To ensure our liability is managed, the documents were sent to the Health District's attorney for her review. Per Dr. Birnbaum, historically the Health District Board has not blocked system development unless the Board thought it would have a negative impact on the community. The documents are similar to what the Health District has approved previously for other buildings built at Harmony Campus. The attorney did, however, suggest changes to the documents that would remove liability statements that would make the Health District liable. The final version of the documents are not yet available, however the Board could approve the concept of the documents and give authority to the attorney and the Executive Director to approve the final versions and sign them if the documents meet their approval.

MOTION: To give authority to the Executive Director to sign the Development Agreement and the Deeds of Dedication of Easement documents for the Harmony Campus property once final language of the documents are approved by the attorney.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

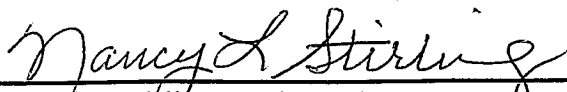
Ms. Plock noted that in this case a new person is handling the process that staff has not worked with previously and who, therefore, is unfamiliar with the Health District's role and relationship with the UCHealth-North system. Additionally, this may be an opportune time for Board to consider some parameters of how they want to do similar business with the System in the future – what is the board willing to let happen vs. not let happen. A question was raised in regard to assets at the end of the lease agreement – if UCHealth provides the money, would that property or facility become the Health District's asset at the end of the lease agreement? The Board would like to continue this discussion at a future time.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

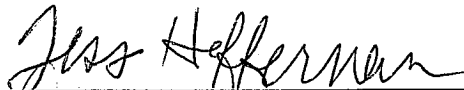
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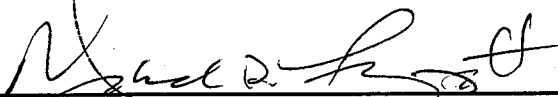
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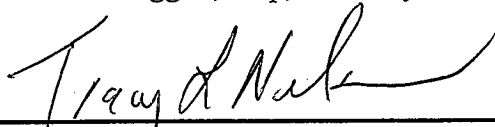
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Steven J. Thorson, M.D., UCHealth-North (PVHS) Board Liaison