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HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
SJBH
COLUMBINE ROOM
DURANGO, CO
December 15, 2016, 9 A.M.

Attendance: Bob Ledger, Terryl Peterson, Gwen Lachelt, Shere Byrd, Ann Bruzzese, and Michael Goldman Legal Counsel

I. **CALL TO ORDER** at 9:03 a.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONTENT**

Liane Jollon proposed adding two items to the agenda: one for item of decision d to section VIII in order for the Board to discuss a letter SJBH received from the EPA regarding reimbursement, the second as an item to report as item d in section IX for Dr. Will Finn to discuss the work he has been doing as medical officer.

Ann Bruzzese moved to approve the agenda with the two additions, Terryl Peterson seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

III. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

IV. **OPEN REGULAR MEETING**

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

VI. **STAFF PRESENTATION**

Communicable Disease by Keri McCune

Keri presented the goals, purpose, and benefits for the communicable disease program.

Board member asked what is reported regarding the flu virus.

It is a rapid test swab to determine if the patient has the flu, and whether it is under the umbrella strain of Influenza A or Influenza B.

Board member asked if there is public information circulating regarding rabies.

Information is circulated throughout the community, especially during peak season in the summer months that illustrate the proper ways to handle animals that may have rabies, how to safely collect specimens such as bats, and other awareness and treatment information.

VII. **CONSENT ITEMS**

a. Approval of Minutes for meeting held on November 17th, 2016

b. 2016 Haynie & Co Audit Engagement Letter

Staff reminded the Board that the decision to hire Haynie & Company was made at a previous Board meeting.

Board member asked how many years Haynie and Company has been doing the SJBH audit.

They have been doing the SJBH audit for the last three years and are contracted to do so through 2018.

Shere Byrd moved to approve both items simultaneously, Terryl Peterson seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

VIII. **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DECISION**

a. November 2016 Financial Reports by Finance Committee

There are no dramatic changes since the last Board meeting. The new budget appropriation is reflected in the reports so there are less variances.

Board member asked if the finance committee feels comfortable with the reports and the financial status of SJBH.

The committee reported that they do feel comfortable with the finances and believe that they are being distributed and managed well.

Ann Bruzzese moved to accept the report, Shere Byrd seconded. The Board unanimously accepted.

b. Rocky Mountain Health Plans Contract by Liane Jollon

Liane Jollon discussed the renewal for the Rocky Mountain Health Plans Contract.

Board member asked approximately how many community members are served through this program.

The nurse navigation team serves around 1000 community members per year.

Terryl Peterson moved to approve, Ann Bruzzese seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

c. 2017 Meeting Schedule – January Meeting by Liane Jollon

The Board was presented the 2017 meeting schedule. The executive director will not be present for the January Board meeting. The Board discussed moving the date of the January meeting or to not hold a January meeting.

Ann Bruzzese moved to approve the 2017 schedule with the cancellation of the January meeting, Gwen Lachelt seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

d. EPA Letter

The EPA provided reimbursement letters to the southwest region. The City of Durango, La Plata County, and SJBH will not be reimbursed for response costs incurred after 10/31/15, although the agencies did in fact have costs related to the Gold King Mine after this date. The letter does state that the decision can be appealed. SJBH and La Plata County had a discussion earlier in the week about a possible joint appeal, led by SJBH.

Board member asked if all three agencies do not collectively appeal, will SJBH still appeal on their own.

SJBH will still try to appeal based on the Board's approval.

Ann Bruzzese moved to approve SJBH to appeal the EPA's decision if recommended by legal counsel and coordinate the appeal with La Plata County and the City of Durango, Terryl Peterson seconded.

Board member discussed that if the EPA had not been present at the Gold King Mine spill, the local agencies would not have received any funding from them to assist with the clean-up and ongoing projects regarding the spill.

Liane Jollon agreed and also stated that because the EPA was present at the spill, there was a mandate from the local community that local agencies be part of the response.

The Board unanimously approved.

IX. REPORTS

a. *Executive Director and Staff Reports* by Liane Jollon

Liane Jollon presented the facility and program updates since the last Board meeting.

The report was provided. Liane Jollon stated public health organizations are closely monitoring for funding decrease in immunizations, long-acting reversible contraceptives and Healthy Kids Colorado Survey.

Board member asked for more information regarding the behavioral health organizations and HCPF contract request for information and public comment period.

The contract between behavioral health organizations and the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is currently in the public comment period.

b. *Appointments Committee Update* by Gwen Lachelt

Nothing to report. Legal counsel offered to research bylaws and to provide direction at later meeting regarding committees and officers.

c. *Personnel/Management Committee Update* by Bob Ledger

Nothing to report.

d. **Medical Officer Report by Dr. Will Finn**

Dr. Finn has been working with the clinic in developing the TB program. He has also been working with the Assessment, Planning, and Communications division on the Community Health Assessment. There is also community outreach regarding better treatment and assessment of local issues such as Hepatitis C treatment and needle disposal. Going forward, Dr. Finn will provide a small excerpt of his work with SJBH to be included in the Executive Director's report.

X. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 23th at 9:00 a.m., Columbine Room, Durango, Colorado

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:18 a.m.