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MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
SJBPH
COLUMBINE ROOM
DURANGO, CO
March 30, 2017, 9 A.M.

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:04 a.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONTENT
- III. PUBLIC HEARING

None

- IV. OPEN REGULAR MEETING
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

- VI. STAFF PRESENTATION

SEP by Laura Chapman

Laura discussed the many highlights of the SEP program, which assists elderly, blind, and physically disabled clients.

Board Member asked if transportation is funded by Medicaid or Medicare.

The entire program is funded by a long-term care Medicaid waiver. There are transportation companies in Bayfield, Durango, and Archuleta County that accept Medicaid payments.

Board Member asked if this program may lose funding due to changes with the Affordable Care Act.

This program has been in the Colorado State Statute since 1995 and does pre date the Affordable Care Act. There is no specific funding threat to this program related to the Affordable Care Act, though there are additional programs and services that these clients rely on which could be subject to future budget cuts.

- VII. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes for meeting held on February 23, 2017
- b. Office of Behavioral Health Funding
- c. Continuation Funding for Communities that Care
- d. STEPP Funding

Ann Bruzzese moved to approve all four items simultaneously. Shere Byrd seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

- VIII. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DECISION

- a. February 2017 Financial Reports by Finance Committee

The 2016 Financial Audit will begin on April 4, 2017. The auditors will be at SJBPH for the duration of the week and will have a phone interview with the Finance Committee on the afternoon of April 4th.

Most discrepancies are due to delayed funding from the state.

Terryl Peterson informed the Board that SJBPH has again been classified as a low-risk organization by the CDPHE Financial Risk Management Systems. Terryl recognized that SJBPH was previously high-risk, and applauded Lesley Marie on her continuous success in keeping SJBPH in the low-risk category since she has been in her position.

Shere Byrd moved to accept the reports, Michael Whiting seconded. The Board unanimously accepted.

b. Colorado Health Foundation WIC Innovation Grant by Tiffany Switzer

Board Member asked how likely it would be to receive the funding again after the initial term.

With this funding, the goal would be to grow the WIC caseload to help the program be self-sustainable.

Terryl Peterson moved to approve the application, Shere Byrd seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Wage Scale and Benefits Update with Change to PTO Accrual Plans by Liane Jollon

Board Member asked what other agencies were considered in the total compensation survey.

SJBPH surveyed other local government agencies in Colorado and other organizations within La Plata and Archuleta Counties.

The Board will wait until a plan is created to make a decision regarding a change to a PTO accrual plan.

d. BOH Committees by Bob Ledger

Bob Ledger selected Ann Bruzzese for the Executive Committee and Shere Byrd for the Finance Committee.

There was no opposition to select Ann or Shere to the respective committees.

IX. REPORTS

a. *CDPHE Water Quality Control Commission Regulation 43 (OWTS)* by Brian Devine and Claire Macpherson

Brian Devine and Claire Macpherson provided an update regarding onsite wastewater treatment systems.

Board Member asked if annexes will be required in the new regulations.

The annexes are additions to Regulation 43 that are not required, but currently exist in local regulation. If annexes are not enacted by the Board, our regulations become less strict/cover fewer things. We are not required to adopt the annexes in order to match the requirements of Regulation 43.

The Board would like a public hearing to be held in Archuleta County as well as La Plata County so citizens have the opportunity to voice their concerns.

Board Member asked what types of revisions SJBPH would be able to make to the proposed regulations.

SJBPH could make stricter regulations, but would not be able to make regional regulations more lenient.

Board Member asked how the optional designs of vault privies, pit privies, or slit trenches were decided.

Some counties and local public health organizations in the stakeholder process insisted on being allowed to continue using these types of facilities, so they were made optional.

Board Member asked for clarification on a vault privy and a pit privy.

A vault privy would more of an engineered tank, such as those that are at Forest Service trailheads. A pit privy is a pit with a privy on top of it and is engineered to a lower standard than a vault privy.

Board Member asked if options for higher-level treatment systems would reduce problems for local annex issues.

Higher-level treatment allows SJBPH to create a program rather than simply choose “yes” or “no.” HLT is separate from the local annexes because it is included as an option in Regulation 43, and the annexes are not, as SJBPH comes up with the annexes locally. HLT would not necessarily solve all problems with smaller soil treatment areas but could be most advantageous on small lots but there may be other situations where designers choose to use it as well.

Board Member asked which agency would be in charge of transfer-of-title program.

SJBPH would give the homeowners a document showing they had their system inspected and it is functioning properly and adheres to requirements. This could potentially stop a transaction.

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

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

Ann Bruzzese discussed the legislative update regarding hospital provider fee.

c. *Executive Committee Update* by Bob Ledger

Nothing to report.

X. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 27th at 9:00 a.m., Commissioners' Room, Pagosa Springs, Colorado

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:48 a.m.