

**EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**March 27, 2024**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

The El Paso County Board of Health met at the Citizens Service Center at 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on March 27, 2024. Eight Board of Health members were present.

Ted Collas, President, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**Board of Health Member Roll Call:**

*Present:*

Ted Collas, President  
Doris Ralston, Vice President  
Commissioner Cami Bremer (Online)  
Dr. Debora Chan (Online)  
General Jack Briggs  
Councilmember Dave Donelson  
Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.  
Dr. Richard Vu

*Absent:*

Mayor Glant Havenar

**Directors and Officers Present:**

Susan Wheelan, Public Health Director  
Dr. Bernadette Albanese, Co-Medical Director  
Dacia Hudson, Community Health Promotion Division Director  
Leigh Perry, Business Operations Director  
Michelle Beyrle, Public Health Information Officer  
Pam Preston, Deputy Public Health Information Officer  
Roy Kroeger, Environmental Health Division Director  
Summer South, Clinical Services Director

**El Paso County Public Health staff present at Regular Session:**

Alicia Humlicek, Epidemiologist  
Maggie Youkhana, Behavioral Health Planner  
James Gearhart, Operations Supervisor  
Andrea Schumacher, Executive Administrative Specialist  
Kristi Durbin, Program Manager, Immunization and Travel  
Amelia Phillips, AV Support  
Emily Barba-Jaume, AV Support  
Lauren Johnson-Legrand, AV Support  
Marques Dungey, AV Support

**Members of the Public present at Regular Session:**

David Leinweber, Councilman at Large

### **Approval of Agenda**

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the March 27, 2024, Board of Health Meeting.

**MOVED:** by General Jack Briggs, seconded by Councilman Dave Donelson to approve the agenda for the March 27, 2024, Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Board of Health Comments**

1. General Jack Briggs commented on Colorado House Bill 24-1028, Local Control of Life-saving Overdose Prevention Centers Act.
  - a. President Ted Collas gave staff direction to draft a resolution to oppose Colorado House Bill 24-1028 and coordinate a special session for the Board to discuss and vote to take an official position prior to the next Colorado House session.

### **Approval of Minutes**

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the February 28, 2024, Board of Health meeting minutes.

**MOVED:** by Vice President Doris Ralston, seconded by Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez to ratify the minutes from the February 28, 2024, Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda**

1. David Leinweber, Councilman at Large for Colorado Springs, informed the Board that the Colorado Springs City Council is launching the Thousand Neighborhood Gatherings Program beginning May 17-18 and ending in September.

### **Finance and Budget**

#### **2023 Public Health Year-End Financial Presentation**

Sara Kinney, Budget Supervisor, presented the 2023 Public Health Year-End Financial Presentation.

#### **Year-to-Date Financial Report**

Sara Kinney, Budget Supervisor, presented the 2024 Year-to-Date Financial Report.

#### **CDPHE Capacity Building Regional Workforce Grant**

Kenny Hodges, Attorney, read the resolution into the record.

**MOVED:** by General Jack Briggs, seconded by Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez to approve the CDPHE Capacity Building Regional Workforce Grant.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Director's Report**

1. Executive Director Susan Wheelan introduced Summer South, the new Clinical Health Services Director. Summer was promoted from the Reproductive Health Program Manager position.
2. Michelle Beyrle, Public Health Information Officer, provided an overview of the data dashboards.
  - a. Alicia Humlicek, Epidemiologist, presented the suicide data dashboard.
  - b. Dr. Bernadette Albanese, Co-Medical Director, presented the overdose data dashboard.
3. Maggie Youkhana, Behavioral Health Planner, presented the Behavioral Health Platform.

**Adjournment**

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOVED:** by Vice President Doris Ralston, seconded by General Jack Briggs to adjourn the March 27, 2024, Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Adjournment at 10:44

**Next Board of Health meeting**

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

at The Citizens Service Center

1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd. in Colorado Springs.%

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