

**Tri-County Board of Health Meeting
October 14, 2008
Minutes**

Board of Health was officially called to order at 4:06 P.M. by Nick Robinson, Board Vice-President, at Tri-County Health Department (TCHD), Administrative Office, 7000 E. Belleview Avenue, Suite 370, Greenwood Village, Colorado, 80111. Other members comprising a quorum included Ruth Fischhaber, Janice Brainard, Lois Tochtrop, Paulette Joswick, and Kaia Gallagher, Ph.D. Dr. Richard Vogt, Executive Director, and several TCHD employees were also in attendance.

Introductions

Dr. Vogt introduced Michele Askenazi, Interim Director of Emergency Preparedness.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 12, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting were presented to the Board for review.

MOTION: Ms. Tochtrop moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting as written and Ms. Joswick seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Financial Statements Dated August 31, 2008

The financial statements dated August 31, 2008 were presented to the Board for review.

MOTION: Ms. Fischhaber moved to approve the financial statements dated August 31, 2008 as presented and Ms. Tochtrop seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Appointment of the Board of Health Nominating Committee

Mr. Robinson appointed Dr. Anderson, Adams County; Dr. Gallagher, Arapahoe County; and Mr. Acree, Douglas County to serve on the nominating committee for the selection of Board of Health officers. According to the Bylaws, the Board President, Vice-President and Secretary are elected annually at the first meeting of each calendar year and may serve three consecutive terms.

ACTION ITEM: The above Nominating Committee members are to appoint Board of Health officers at the February 10, 2009 meeting.

Update on Budget Presentation to the Commissioners

Dr. Vogt informed the Board that we have presented our 2009 proposed budget to each of our three sets of County Commissioners. He stated that our budget proposal was well received; however, the Commissioners did express concern over projected county finances. We are waiting to find out whether we will receive our full requested increase of four percent, a population increase of 2.2 percent or level funding for fiscal year 2009.

Branding Process Update

Stacy Weinberg, Director of the Epidemiology, Planning and Communication Division, informed the Board that we have made great progress towards selecting a new logo for Tri-County Health Department.

TCHD staff will vote on two potential logos at our Annual All-Staff Meeting and the one that receives the majority vote will become our new logo.

Real Estate Analysis Update

Bruce Wilson, Deputy Director, introduced Jim McGrath with Studley who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the lease issues with TCHD's Aurora clinic (Altura Plaza) and TCHD's Administrative Office (Bellevue). The leases for both locations expire in 2010 and TCHD has been researching available options. Mr. McGrath gave an overview of the issues with our current facilities and the costs involved with relocating these offices to two proposed sites.

Dr. Vogt stated that we currently do not have a viable alternate location for our Englewood office.

Per Dr. Vogt, our next steps will include presenting this information to the Arapahoe County Commissioners and discussing approaches and alternatives with them. He asked the Arapahoe County Board members to support TCHD in this endeavor and stressed that TCHD's ultimate goal is to effectively and efficiently serve the citizens of Arapahoe County.

Report on the Democratic National Convention

Michele Askenazi announced emergency preparedness operations during the Democratic National Convention (DNC) were a success. TCHD had its Emergency Operations Center open all week and tested a variety of emergency preparedness operations and monitoring systems. Additionally, our personnel were on standby during two white powder incidents, which turned out to be innocuous. Finally, several pertussis cases related to the DNC were identified the week following the event.

TCHD's Annual All-Staff Meeting

Dr. Vogt announced that TCHD's Annual All-Staff Meeting would be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at the Summit Conference and Event Center, 411 Sable Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80011. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 8:10 AM. He invited the Board members to attend.

Dates of the 2009 Annual NALBOH Meeting

Dr. Vogt announced that the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) 17th Annual Conference is scheduled for July 1-3, 2009 in Philadelphia, PA. He asked the Board members to put this conference on their calendars and consider attending it next year.

Annual Board Dinner Meeting

Dr. Vogt announced that the annual Board of Health dinner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at the Blackstone Country Club, 7777 S. Country Club Parkway, Aurora, CO 80016. The Board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Additional information will be forthcoming.

PowerPoint Presentation: Reauthorization, Accreditation and Competencies

Dr. Vogt gave a PowerPoint presentation on public health reauthorization, accreditation and competencies. He discussed changes under the new Public Health Reauthorization Law, which establishes a new structure for public health in Colorado, and establishes new public health standards for

public health agencies. He explained that nursing services in rural areas (part 6 health departments) will feel the biggest impact. He believes that the new law will have minimal impact on organized health departments (part 5 health departments), such as TCHD. He invited interested Board members to register for the Colorado Public Health Summit, which is scheduled for December 1 and 2, 2008, if they are interested in participating in the public health reauthorization process.

Next, Dr. Vogt discussed the national accreditation movement, the goal of which is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of state and local public health departments. A Public Health Accreditation Board has been formed to lead the development and implementation of a national voluntary accreditation program that will drive continuous quality improvement in public health. The current timeline shows applications being accepted in 2011, although Dr. Vogt thinks this will actually be pushed back to 2012.

Finally, Dr. Vogt discussed professional competencies. He informed the Board that TCHD has an internal committee that is looking at professional competencies and gave examples of competencies for each TCHD division.

Executive Director's Report

TCHD Staff Recognized at Conferences

The following awards were presented to TCHD nursing staff at the Colorado Public Health Association annual meeting:

Marian Greenway, a Public Health Nurse in the Aurora office, received the "Emerging Leader in Public Health Award." This award is given to an individual who has served less than five years in a public health capacity who has demonstrated outstanding initiative on behalf of public health in Colorado. Ms. Greenway received this award for working with the local chapter of "Reach Out and Read" to have TCHD become an approved site for the program. As a result, each child who comes to any TCHD immunization clinic receives a new or gently used book to take home.

Toni Lyles, Nursing Informatics Specialist, received the "Technical Innovation in Public Health Award." This award is given to an individual working in public health who has made an outstanding contribution to public health in technology or physical sciences. As a Public Health Nurse as well as an Informatics Specialist, Ms. Lyles has used her knowledge of information technology, patient data management, clinical nursing, and HIPPA security to provide the Nursing Division and the agency with expert data management.

Also at the conference, TCHD's Immunization Program was presented with the "Award of Excellence" from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The award was given in recognition of TCHD's work locally and statewide to support immunization efforts in Colorado.

The following award and training program recipients were announced at the 2008 National CityMatch Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico:

Bryce Andersen, Public Health Nurse in the Aurora Office, presented a poster session on Second Hand Smoke Screening and Counseling for clients attending TCHD immunization clinics. Mr. Andersen developed this projection in collaboration with TCHD's Tobacco Program. The poster received the first place "STAR" award for Science Translated to Action and Results.

In addition, three public health nurses working in our Maternal Child Health (MCH) programs began a year long intensive training in the "City Leaders Program." This program was developed by CityMatch to address the need to assure that public health professionals are prepared with the knowledge and skills

needed to continue the vision and mission of maternal and child health in the United States. All three nurses applied for and were accepted into this specialized leadership training program to become proficient in the core MCH Leadership Competencies.

The following award was presented to a TCHD environmental health staff member at the Colorado Environmental Health Association meeting:

The Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA) honored Marilyn Swett by presenting her with the prestigious "Milton M. Miller Award." This award is given to an outstanding Environmental Health Professional in the state of Colorado. Ms. Swett is currently a Field Supervisor in our Aurora office and has diligently served the Tri-County community for over 30 years. She was nominated by the TCHD Environmental Health Management Team and her nomination received letters of support from four current or former TCHD Environmental Health Directors and other Environmental Health leaders in Colorado. She joins an esteemed list of six other TCHD Environmental Health staff members who have previously received this award.

Colorado Public Health Association (CPHA) and Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA) Presentations

TCHD was a major contributor to the contents of this year's Colorado Public Health Association (CPHA) and Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA) meetings.

The CPHA meeting was held in Breckenridge, Colorado from September 15 through September 17, 2008. Sara Russell Rodriguez presented on **The Peak Wellness Program: An Integrated Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease Screening Model**, Keith Cooper presented on **Big Market, Small Budget: Supporting Traditional Media with Faith-Based Outreach to Reach Spanish Speaking Latinos in Metro Denver**, Carrie McConnell presented on **Produce and Health Fairs: A Community-Based Partnership to Promote Increased Access to Fresh Produce in the Food Bank Recipient Population**, Julianne Puckett presented on **Providing Immunizations to School-Age Children Who Are Out of Compliance: A Brainstorming Session on Methods to Attract Students and Families**, and Pamela Kirth and Rita Beam presented on **On-Site Medicaid Approval: A Collaboration Between Social Services and Public Health**. Finally, Lisa Ingebritson participated on a panel on **Giving Public Health Nurses a Voice: The Colorado Nurse Family Partnership Nurse Practice Council**.

The CEHA meeting was held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado from September 24 through September 26, 2008. Hope Dalton and Warren Brown presented on **Nitrate Groundwater Study – OWS Impact**, Lara Juliusson and Carol MacLennan presented on **Picture Your Communities Health: The Power of GIS**, Keith Homersham presented on **Mold: A County's Response to Complaints**, and Warren Brown presented on **Electrical Work and ISDS – Who Inspects?**

Many of these presenters had TCHD or outside agency co-authors, but in the interest of keeping things simple, they were omitted from this listing. All sessions were well-attended and generated considerable interest and requests for further information.

Public Health Summit Set for December 1- 2, 2008

Following a process set in motion by Governor Bill Ritter's signing of Senate Bill 194, the Colorado Public Health Reauthorization Act, Colorado public health officials will gather at the Colorado Public Health Summit: From Vision to Action, on December 1-2, 2008, at the Marriott Denver West, 1717 Denver West Boulevard in Golden. The Summit will begin the process of developing the state public

health improvement plan, which outlines how core public health services will be provided to every person in Colorado. This plan must be in place by December 31, 2009.

The Summit will be co-hosted by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Public Health Alliance of Colorado and the Caring for Colorado Foundation. TCHD will be well-represented at the summit and on the resulting workgroups.

Set Agenda for the December 9, 2008 Meeting

The Board meeting on December 9, 2008 will include: 1) a public hearing to consider the adoption of TCHD's 2008 proposed budget and appropriation resolution; 2) the unveiling of the new TCHD logo; and 3) an update on the Colorado Public Health Summit.

Board Member Remarks

None.

Closing Remarks

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TCHD Board of Health will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Blackstone Country Club, 7777 S. Country Club Parkway, Aurora, CO 80016.

Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Tochtrop moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Brainard seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Fawell, M.D., President

Ruth Fischhaber, Secretary