



Cheyenne Laramie County Public Health Board of Health
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center – Meeting Room C
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ Noon

Present:

Sue Hume, MS, RN (ret.), Vice Chair
Lorie Chesnut, DrPH, MPH, Member
Dr. Tracie Caller, MPH, Member
Dr. Max Silver, Member
Commissioner Troy Thompson, Ex Officio
City Councilman Jeff White, Ex Officio

Staff Present:

Dr. Kathy Emmons, Executive Director
Kasey Mullins, RN, Director of Nursing
Dalene Frantz, Director of Operations (Recorder)
Jennifer Escobedo, Director of Environmental Health
Laura Malone, Chief Financial Officer
Josette Prince, Environmental Health Specialist II
Ashton Brodahl, Environmental Health Specialist I

Guests Present:

Mark Voss, Laramie County Attorney
Tammy Deisch, Laramie County Treasurer
Jackie Oceanik, Guest
Assistant county attorney

Absent:

Gus Lopez, Chairman
Dr. Stan Hartman, Chief Health Officer

Vice Chair Hume called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. Vice Chair Hume welcomed Jackie Oceanik who introduced herself. Vice-Chair Hume also welcomed Tammy Deisch, Laramie County Treasurer, Dr. Max Silver, newly appointed Board Member and Mark Voss, Laramie County Attorney.

Vice Chair Hume discussed the need to elect officers for calendar year 2023. Chairman Lopez made a request by phone through Vice Chair Hume to nominate Dr. Lorie Chesnut as Chairman, Ms. Hume as Vice Chairman and Dr. Caller as Secretary. Vice Chair Hume asked for any other nominations. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made by Dr. Caller to elect the proposed slate of officers, seconded by Dr. Chesnut. The motion was approved unanimously.



Vice Chair Hume turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Chesnut.

Chairman Chesnut asked if there were any items to add to the Board Agenda. After hearing no additions, a motion was made to accept the agenda as presented by Ms. Hume, seconded by Dr. Caller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of the December meeting: Ms. Hume made a motion to accept the December 2022 minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Caller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson clarified that any votes taken, or decisions made by the Board must be made during regular session meetings and that no decisions or votes can be taken during Executive Session. There are a number of statutorily defined reasons that the board can move into Executive Session such as legal advice on pending litigation, real estate transactions and personnel matters. Commissioner Thompson and County Attorney Voss explained that any vote taken while the board is in an Executive Session is null and void. Commissioner Thompson stated a motion must be made in regular session to move to Executive Session stating the purpose of the Executive Session, discussion is conducted, and the board then returns to regular session to take any votes or make decisions. Chairman Chesnut discussed the idea of having a board training which would include Executive Session training for all Board Members. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Hume to request Dr. Emmons schedule Executive Session training for all Board Members, seconded by Dr. Caller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report for December 2022: Ms. Deitsch, reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2022. After discussion, Ms. Hume moved to accept the December 2022 Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Dr. Caller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Revenues and expenses for December 2022: Ms. Malone discussed the December 2022 revenues and expenses noting this is half way (6 months) of the fiscal year. After discussion, Dr. Caller moved to approve the December Revenues and Expenses report as presented, seconded by Ms. Hume. The motion was approved unanimously.

Contracts and Agreements: No contracts or agreements currently.

Official Business:

- Board of Health Objectives and Bylaws – Dr. Emmons asked the Board had interest in training and goal setting for each year. This would be a good opportunity to solidify those goals. In addition, having training on what a boards can and cannot do and the Board Bylaws could be reviewed to see if there are any changes, updates, etc. The Bylaws have not been reviewed since 2019. Dr. Emmons can facilitate accomplishing the scheduling for both of these goals. After discussion, Ms. Hume agreed that this is a good plan with consensus by Dr. Caller and Dr. Silver. Dr. Emmons will make a list of topics for the Boards review.



- Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Chesnut gave an update on the qualitative interview point out that mental health issues and access have been a consistent theme. Dr. Chesnut also passed around a bill, House Bill No. HB0140, Mental Health Care Access-Collaborative Care Model, that we are hopeful to pass and will be included in the minutes.

Information for the Board:

Executive Director Update

- Dr. Emmons discussed over the last month she has been watching Wyoming State Legislative Bills, including postpartum care expansion, Medicaid expansion, restricting vaccinations for school age children and mental health care access.
- Dr. Emmons attended a retrospective on Covid presented by Barb Sandick. Ms. Sandick is working to make this retrospective available in other areas in Wyoming.
- In early January, a quarterly all staff meeting was held reviewing goals at the organizational level and at the director level with a director panel discussion where staff could asked questions.
- The monthly leadership training session in January was on conflict resolution.
- Ms. Mullins and her team have finished monthly training sessions on the ten components of Public Health Accreditation presented by the employees to learn about accreditation.
- Dr. Emmons provided board training to Dr. Max Silver or newest board member.
- Dr. Emmons reported that Ebola and Monkeypox cases have reduced around the world with Covid and Influenza A&B cases also reducing currently.
- The initial voyage for our new MRU was used for vaccinations of both Covid and Influenza last Friday at the Cheyenne Depot in conjunction with the COVID presentation.

Ms. Escobedo introduced Ms. Prince, Environmental Health Specialist II and Ms. Brodahl, Environmental Health Specialist I.

Environmental Health Presentation – Ms. Prince and Ms. Brodahl presented a presentation discussing Day Care inspections, Restaurant and School food inspections, and the issues that they identify, and solutions offered. Ms. Prince and Ms. Brodahl also provided a video on cooling food properly developed by the Environmental Health Department. Ms. Hume asked how long it takes to do an inspection. Ms. Brodahl discussed that this depends on the size and the type of food. Dr. Chesnut also noted that inspections are up compared to last year significantly.

Dr. Chesnut asked Ms. Mullins about the payments not yet received from the State of Wyoming. Ms. Mullins stated the issue is with the State Finance Office rather than each individual department. At this time, payments have been made through October for LT202's and the Ryan White program.



Chairman Chesnut discussed that she would like to meet with each Board member individually to discuss their needs, how to get more efficient in meetings, training, etc.

With no further business, Chairman Chesnut adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0140

Mental Health care Access-Collaborative Care Model.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn, Brown,
Henderson, Sommers and Yin and Senator(s)
Pappas and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health insurance; specifying
2 reimbursement requirements for mental health and substance
3 use disorder benefits as specified; providing definitions;
4 requiring rulemaking; specifying applicability; and
5 providing for effective dates.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-20-702 is created to read:

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11 **26-20-702. Reimbursement for mental health and**
12 **substance use disorder benefits.**

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14 (a) As used in this section "mental health and
15 substance use disorder benefits" means benefits for the

1 treatment of any condition or disorder that involves a
2 mental health condition or substance use disorder that
3 falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the
4 mental disorders section of the most recent edition of the
5 International Classification of Disease or that is listed
6 in the mental disorders section of the most recent version
7 of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
8 Disorders.

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10 (b) All individual or group health insurance policies
11 providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual
12 and group service or indemnity type health insurance
13 contracts issued by any insurer, including any nonprofit
14 corporation and individual and group service contracts
15 issued by a health maintenance organization and individual
16 and group service contracts that provide mental health and
17 substance use disorder benefits shall provide reimbursement
18 for benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric
19 Collaborative Care Model as defined by the American Medical
20 Association's most recent procedural terminology codes and
21 where a licensed and credentialed primary care team
22 consists of a primary care provider, a care manager and a
23 psychiatric consultant.

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2 (c) The benefit and reimbursement requirements of
3 subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to any
4 policy, contract or service that would require the state to
5 defray the cost as specified in 42 U.S.C.
6 18031(d)(3)(B)(ii).

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8 (d) Nothing in this section shall restrict the health
9 insurer's ability to apply appropriate medical management
10 for the services rendered.

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12 **Section 2.** The commissioner shall promulgate any
13 rules necessary to implement this act not later than July
14 1, 2023.

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16 **Section 3.** This act shall only apply to any
17 individual or group health insurance policies providing
18 coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual and group
19 service or indemnity type health insurance contracts and
20 individual and group service contracts that provide mental
21 health and substance use disorder benefits policies or
22 plans that are delivered, issued, renewed, modified,
23 amended or extended on or after July 1, 2023.

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2 Section 4.

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4 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
5 section this act is effective July 1, 2023.

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7 (b) Sections 2 and 4 of this act are effective
8 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
9 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
10 the Wyoming Constitution.

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