



Cheyenne Laramie County Public Health Board of Health
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center – Meeting Room C
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ Noon

Present:

Lorie Chesnut, DrPH, MPH, Chairman
Sue Hume, MS, RN (ret.), Vice Chair
Dr. Tracie Caller, MPH, Secretary
Dr. Max Silver, Member
Gus Lopez, Member
Commissioner Troy Thompson, Ex Officio

Staff Present:

Dr. Kathy Emmons, Executive Director
Dr. Stan Hartman, Chief Health Officer
Kasey Mullins, RN, Director of Nursing
Dalene Frantz, Director of Operations (Recorder)
Jennifer Escobedo, Director of Environmental Health
Laura Malone, Chief Financial Officer
Valencia Bautista, Immunization and Family Planning Clinic Manager

Guests Present:

Tammy Deisch, Laramie County Treasurer
Rebekha Dostal, Assistant County Attorney

Absent:

City Councilman Jeff White, Ex Officio

Dr. Chesnut called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Dr. 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 Mr. Lopez. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of the January meeting: Mr. Lopez made a motion to accept the January 2023 Board minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Hume. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Chesnut discussed moving to a consent agenda format. Dr. Chesnut has discussed this with all Board Members individually and passed out a small summary of how a consent agenda works. After discussion Ms. Hume, moved for the Board to begin using a consent agenda format, seconded by Mr. Lopez. The motion was approved unanimously.



Treasurers Report for January 2023: Ms. Deitsch, reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for January 2023. After discussion, Mr. Lopez moved to accept the January 2023 Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Ms. Hume. The motion was approved unanimously.

Revenues and expenses for January 2023: Ms. Malone discussed the January 2023 revenues and expenses noting no exceptions, and shared that revenue is on track. Ms. Malone also reviewed the financial dashboard. After discussion, Mr. Lopez moved to approve the January 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:

- Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Emmons discussed that we are continuing our work and coming to the culmination of the strategic plan. The leadership team came together on January 25th with the following three goals: Outreach, increasing patient and user access through electronic processes, and sustainable public health workforce. By the next Board Meeting the Strategic Plan should be ready to present to the Board.
- Dr. Emmons gave the following legislative update on many bills the organization is watching:
 - The Healthcare Access Collaborative Care Model which is a mental health bill that would expand mental health care in the state and assist payment by insurance companies.
 - Day Care Bill that would reduce the size of those organization we would need to inspect. This bill was defeated.
 - The Suicide Prevention Hotline is still being fine-tuned with specific funding to allow the hotline to be working for a couple of years and then the legislature would decide if funding would remain going forward.
 - House Bill 66 which would have prohibited any one from saying you had to wear a mask or get vaccinated was also defeated. Dr. Hartman stated that this would have eliminated many vaccinations in the schools that are required.
 - Medicaid Expansion appears to be defeated in the house with this year being the closest this type of bill has come to being heard. This bill did get out of the Senate but not in the House.
 - Fentanyl Exposure bill did get passed which added fentanyl to an existing bill that if you have cocaine or meth in a house, the person can be charged with child abuse.
 - The Affordable Housing bill has been defeated.
 - A bill that would prohibit Wyoming from following directives from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or World Health Organization (WHO) has also been defeated. Again Dr. Hartman stated that this may be another way to eliminate vaccinations and that this bill was defeated by a very small margin.



- Plan of Safe Care bill would help expectant mothers who tests positive to drugs keep the child at birth. There would be a multidisciplinary team to develop a plan of care to help the baby and the mother. This bill is in committee.
- Bill to prohibit chemical abortions and has been sent to revenue committee in the house and has passed the senate.
- Food freedom bill which would add in milk and eggs to this existing bill and regulations allows people to sell unprocessed milk in licenses facilities. There is an article in the paper today about this bill.
- Public Health Core Functions & 10 Essential Services – Dr. Chesnut discussed the Public Health Core Functions for a quick refresher for the Board members. Dr. Chesnut did review in detail items #3-Inform, educate and empower people about health issues and #4-Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems. A great deal of collaboration with many other resources are currently in process. The board and staff will hear more about Public Health Core Functions and the 10 Essential Services as we complete strategic planning and move into the Public Health Accreditation process.

Information for the Board:

Executive Director Update

- Interior Painting – Dr. Emmons discussed the need to paint inside of our building.
- Budget – all leaders and managers are currently working on budgets for FY2024 by looking deeper at the narrative of our programs for funding.
- Dr. Emmons also spoke about the article in the paper from the Superintendent of Public Schools thanking Cheyenne Laramie County Public Health for all the work to make sure children have the immunizations necessary.

Ms. Escobedo gave an update stating Environmental Health inspections are on track at this time. A new inspector will be starting March 1, 2023, and they are currently recruiting for an additional inspector. Mr. Lopez asked if they have received favorable comments in reference to the food inspection reports by KGAB radio. Ms. Escobedo stated they have not received any feedback at this time, but KGAB is taking the items they feel are important to report of the inspections without input from the Environmental Health Department.

Ms. Mullens stated that all nursing staff have gone through Core Competency training and are in the process to expand this training in the current year. A great deal of time has been spent on the implementation of CureMD, the new EMR/billing program. Lindy Gay is now FT as the family planning provider and has had the highest level of patients in the last month we have seen.

Ms. Mullens introduced Ms. Bautista, Immunization/Communicable Disease and Family Planning Clinic Manager. Ms. Bautista will be giving a presentation at the TB conference on our recent cases received.



Family Planning Clinic Presentation – Ms. Bautista made a presentation on the Family Planning clinic program including:

- Title X Mission education.
- The services that we offer.
- The populations we serve.
- How payment is received for services.
- How the clinic is funded.
- The types of outreaches currently happening; and
- Goals for 2023.

Dr. Chesnut asked if we collaborate with Healthworks. Ms. Bautista stated family planning does collaborate with Healthworks and Crossroads Clinic to help coordinate care for patients. In addition, Healthworks and Crossroads Clinic also refer to us for reproductive health. Dr. Caller asked what barriers there are to participating in other schools Health Education programs. Ms. Bautista stated that some of the barriers are the Health Education staff within the other schools and Family Planning has updated the presentation which was met with some dissatisfaction.

With no further business, Dr. Chesnut adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.