

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Boulder County Board of Health (BOH) Regular Meeting

Fully Virtual Online/Telephonic Meeting

May 12, 2025

BOH Members:

President Morgan McMillan; *Vice President* Lindy Hinman; *Board Members* Brooke Harrison, Landrey Fagan, and Amber Johnson.

BCPH Staff:

Executive Director, Lexi Nolen; *Deputy Director*, Indira Gujral; *Director of Administration and Finance*, Armando Guardiola; *Chief Medical Officer*, Dr Bob Belknap; *Senior Budget Analyst*, Sarah DeVore; *Finance Manager*, Desiree Kazarosian; *Family Health Division Manager* Daphne McCabe; *Environmental Health Division Manager*, Joe Malinowski; *Administrative Assistant* Patrick Kuhnell

Boulder County Staff:

Assistant County Attorney, Erica Rogers

Members of the Public who Provided Comment at the Meeting:

None

Members of the Public who Provided Written Comment:

None

Meeting Called to Order.

President McMillan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and asked all participants to identify themselves for the record (see above). President McMillan conducted a rollcall and declared that a quorum was present, that notice of this meeting was posted on the Board of Health website, and that the call-in information and address was included to allow for public participation. This meeting was held fully virtual with members of the board, and staff meeting online.

ITEM 1. Public Comments.

None.

ITEM 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Board Member Harrison made a motion, which was seconded by Board Vice President Hinman, to approve the April 14, 2025 Regular Board of Health minutes. With all Board Members present in favor of the motion, President McMillan declared the motion unanimously carried.

ITEM 3. Budget Update

Armando Guardiola presented a 2025 budget update. For 2025 YTD:

- BCPH brought in 19% of annual budgeted revenue, which was slightly behind the expected 25% mark due to delays in federal and state disbursements.
- BCPH spent about 22.5% of the budget, primarily driven by operations and vacancy savings, which was within the expected range.
- BCPH experienced a \$1.3 million revenue shortfall, but this is not considered alarming as it was mainly due to typical reimbursement delays.
- The agency plans to continue monitoring revenues and expenditures, with potential budget amendments expected in the second or third quarter.
- Board President McMillan confirmed there were no questions from the board at this time.

ITEM 4. Legislative Session Wrap Up.

Lexi Nolen presented a comprehensive update on the state legislative session and policy landscape. Lexi highlighted several legislative wins, including the passage of bills supporting healthy school meals, reimbursement for community health workers, and a triennial review of food establishment license fees. Indira Gujral added context about the challenging legislative session and the impact of fiscal notes on potential public health bills.

The presentation covered bills originating in both the Senate and House, noting successes in areas like gender identity certificates, food waste reduction, and protecting access to gender-affirming care. Lexi discussed challenges in the legislative session, including bills that didn't move forward due to fiscal constraints.

Indira shared insights from a directors' retreat with CDPHE, explaining that state contracts would be developed based on received funding, with federal funds not yet included. She outlined potential funding risks for various public health programs, including the Naloxone fund, prevention fund, and WIC.

The presentation concluded with information about their ongoing policy lead hiring process, which attracted 95 applications, with interviews underway and hopes to fill the position by July. Lexi and Indira emphasized their preparedness through priority-based budgeting and their commitment to planning for potential funding reductions while hoping for the best.

ITEM 5. Director's Report.

Discussion and Questions:

Board Vice President Lindy Hinman inquired about:

- The Medicaid-related community health worker bill. Lexi explained the bill was delayed until January, potentially due to anticipated federal budget cuts.
- The recent measles cases. Indira Gujral reported that the team was well-prepared, having conducted planning exercises with early childcare centers, school districts, and healthcare partners. Board Member Brooke Harrison provided additional details about vaccination record-keeping for early

childcare centers, emphasizing the importance of accurate documentation without unnecessarily sending children home.

Board Member Amber Johnson offered praise for the youth opioid overdose prevention program, particularly their work in distributing Narcan.

Lexi Nolen sought feedback on the strategic priorities report, with Board Vice President Lindy Hinman suggesting a more concise executive summary in future presentations.

Morgan McMillan acknowledged Joe's upcoming retirement, thanking him for his long-term leadership. The team discussed plans to hire a new policy lead, with interviews already underway and a target of filling the position by July.

ITEM 6. Old and New Business.

None.

ITEM 7. Adjournment.

There being nothing further to discuss, President McMillan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Signed, Morgan McMillan, President



Signed, Alexandra (Lexi) Nolen, Executive Director