

LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Jennifer Lee, President

Bernard Birnbaum, MD

Janna West Kowalski, MS

Teri Olson, RN, MSN

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Mission:

Working to provide everyone in Larimer County the opportunity for a healthy life.

Vision:

Larimer county is a thriving, health-aware community where everyone has access to healthy choices and a healthy environment.

LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – May 4th, 2020

The Larimer County Board of Health (BoH) convened a special meeting at 5:01 p.m. virtually through Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present:

Jennifer Lee

Dr. Bernard Birnbaum

Teri Olson

Brian DelGrosso

Janna West Kowalski

Executive Secretary: Tom Gonzales

Commissioner Liaison: Steve Johnson

County Staff: Andrea Clement-Johnson, Kelli Curl, Phillip Daniel, Kelsey Lyon, Chris Manley, Shaun May, Katie O'Donnell, Averil Strand, Lorenda Volker, Laura Walker, Adam Crowe, Christopher Urbina, Jason Eisenbach, Frank Haug,, John Voss

Call to Order - Jennifer Lee, board president, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

UPDATES

Financial Report – John Voss, Accounting Manager for Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, provided the financial report.

Directors Update - Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided an update on COVID-19. Tom invited several experts from the COVID-19 suppression response to provide updates. Dr. Chris Urbina, COVID-19 Response Medical Director, gave an update on testing capacity. Chris Manley, Deputy Emergency Operations (EOC) Section Chief, gave an update on case contact and monitoring. Jason Eisenbach, Deputy EOC Planning Chief, gave an update on the COVID-19 suppression plan and early warning indicators. Katie O'Donnell, EOC Public Information Officer, gave an update on the Safer-At-Home Order and the Joint Information Center. Adam Crowe, from the Economic and Workforce Development Center, gave an update on the Economic Recovery Team.

Commissioner Steve Johnson made a comment regarding reopening businesses at some capacity.



Resolution on COVID-19 Priorities - Jennifer Lee, Board President, introduced a Resolution on COVID-19 Priorities. The resolution outlined the guidance going forward for the Department of Health and Environment's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTION: Dr. Bernard Birnbaum made a motion to pass the resolution. Brian DelGrosso seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Tom Gonzales asked for clarity regarding a variance to the State Public Health Safer at Home Order and whether or not he should pursue it. Dr. Bernard Birnbaum made a motion to guide Tom to focus on completing the five key areas required for a variance and to not submit for a variance prior to those being completed. It was seconded by Janna West-Kowalski. Dr. Birnbaum clarified that Tom should focus on the Suppression Plan before moving forward with submitting an application for a variance.

ACTION: Ms. Lee called for a vote on this motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Member Updates – There were no updates

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.