

# 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  
Brian DeGrosso

### Department of Health and Environment Mission:

Our mission is to promote a healthy community and reduce unnecessary suffering caused by preventable disease, disability, or death.

This mission is accomplished by providing community health and environmental health services, communicable disease control, health education, vital records management, health data assessment, development of policies that advance the public's health, and advocacy for community-based services that provide needed health care.

## LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – September 12, 2019

The Larimer County Board of Health (BOH) convened its regular meeting at 7:06 p.m. at the Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak, in the Carter Lake Conference Room.

### Members Present:

Jennifer Lee  
Dr. Bernard Birnbaum  
Janna West Kowalski  
Brian DeGrosso

**Executive Secretary:** Tom Gonzales

**County Staff:** Andrea Clement-Johnson, Kelli Curl, Jim Devore, Jason Eisenbach, Frank Haug, David Koons, Kelsey Lyon, Chris Manley, Shaun May, Kim Meyer-Lee, Dr. Chris Nevin-Woods, Katie O'Donnell, Bruce Peters, Sara Rhoten, Kate Whitman, Kori Wilford, and Averil Strand

**Community Members:** Thomas Butts, David Lehman, Nina Mattei, Ellen Penrod, Derek Strader, Grace K. Taylor

**Commissioner Liaison:** Commissioner Steve Johnson

**Call to Order** - Jennifer Lee, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Public Comment** - There was no public comment.

### Approval of the Minutes

**ACTION:** Dr. Bernard Birnbaum made a motion to approve the August 2019 minutes with corrections to punctuation, Janna West Kowalski seconded the motion.

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Resolution Restricting Youth Access to Products Containing Nicotine** – Andrea Clement-Johnson, health promotion services director, presented a resolution to the BOH on restricting youth access to products containing nicotine. Tom Gonzales asked the BOH to consider adopting the proposed resolution. Dr. Birnbaum said there needed to be regulatory framework around licensing and he is in strong support of the resolution. Ms. West Kowalski stated that this is a comprehensive approach that can put the community back in prevention mode and indicated support for the resolution. Brian DeGrosso said he wasn't in support of the T21 portion of the resolution that increases the minimum legal sale age for



tobacco to 21 years old, however Mr. DelGrosso supported the need for regulatory framework and licensing.

Ellen Penrod, executive director of the American Lung Association of Colorado, Grace Taylor, vice president of operations and Poudre Valley Hospital and Medical Center of the Rockies, and Derek Strader, chief operating officer of Banner Health and board member of the American Lung Association, all provided comment in support of the resolution.

Ms. Lee read the resolution.

**ACTION:** Dr. Birnbaum made a motion to approve the resolution as written, it was seconded by Ms. West Kowalski.

***The motion was approved with 3 votes in favor, and 1 vote not in favor.***

**Resolution to Temporarily Extend the Clean Syringe Exchange Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northern Colorado Health Network (NCHN)** - The current MOU with NCHN ends on Sept. 30, 2019. Mr. Gonzales asked the BOH to support a temporary MOU that extends from September 30 to Oct. 10, 2019. At the next BOH meeting, NCHN will make a formal presentation to the BOH and ask for another year-long MOU.

Ms. Lee read the resolution.

**ACTION:** Dr. Birnbaum made a motion to approve the resolution as written, it was seconded by Mr. DelGrosso.

**Discussion:** Dr. Birnbaum said he won't be at the next BOH meeting for the presentation but said it's essential that the BOH continue the MOU, that it's important for the community, and encouraged other BOH members to approve it at the next meeting.

***The motion was unanimously approved.***

**Financial Report** - Mr. Peters distributed an updated fund analysis report. Mr. DelGrosso asked why charges for services were under budget. Mr. Peters said it's the result of three months of free STI (sexually transmitted infection) clinics that the department received money from the state to support. This reduced the revenue for STI clinic services. Ms. West Kowalski asked for an update on the possible support from the County Commissioners to cover the costs of the 2019 retirement payouts. Mr. Peters said they would know anytime between now and mid-December and that it's up to the Commissioners on how they want to approach the process. Mr. Gonzales said the Leadership Team (LT) is reviewing the budget once a month to ensure that the LT is current with our financial performance and will make adjustments when warranted. Mr. DelGrosso asked if money from the state would have to be returned if the department became more efficient and there was a cost savings. Mr. Gonzales said there is a state statute that indicates money that is distributed to local public health stays within the public health fund.

**Medical Director Update** - Dr. Christine Nevin-Woods updated the BOH about an increase in rabid animals and gave a brief summary about a recent rabid cat situation in Fort Collins. She also presented a newly developed flow diagram on situations when post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) should be administered.

**Strategic Planning Update** – David Koons provided the BOH with an update on the department's strategic planning process. The Leadership Team received a follow up report on the discovery phase of the planning process. The next step is developing an updated mission and vision statement through a workshop process with the Leadership Team and supervisor group.

**Director's Report** - Jason Eisenbach, emergency preparedness and response regional generalist, provided an update on the department's activities on their Incident Command System response to the state-wide Hepatitis A outbreak. Mr. Gonzales and Kelsey Lyon, public health planning and partnership supervisor, provided an update on the department's performance measures listed on the County Commissioner's online dashboard.

**Board Member Updates** – None.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.**