



ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TRANSITIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSITIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUNE 12, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

DISCLOSURES AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

APPROVAL OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

This is an opportunity during the session for the public to address the Committee. Please complete the Public Comment Request form and hand it to a committee member prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Please keep your comments to three (3) minutes or less. The Committee is not required to discuss or reply to your comment.

Documents:

[PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FORM.DOCX](#)

COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR COMMENTS

CONSENT

.A. Review And Approve Meeting Minutes From June 5, 2023

Documents:

[6-5-23 MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)
[6-5-23 MEETING NOTES.PDF](#)

NEW BUSINESS

- .A. Community Connections - Single Point Of Entry (Elderly) And Programs For Children With Disabilities - Lana Burns
- .B. Emergency Preparedness - Ryan Foster, County Emergency Management Office
- .C. Full Program Analysis - Environmental Health
- .D. Full Program Analysis - Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention, And Behavioral Health Promotion

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

**ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TRANSITIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



Advisory Committee Meeting Request for Public Comment

**(Use this form if you'd like to speak during the PUBLIC
COMMENT section of the agenda only)**

(Please print clearly)

Date of Meeting	
Full Name	
Full Address	
Phone Number or Email Address	
Topic of Comment	

By completing and signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and will comply with the Public Hearing/Meeting Rules adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 21, 2022, including the following:

- 1) My comments must be limited to 3 minutes.
- 2) No direct response from the Committee is required. In addition, if my comments are unrelated to any item on today's agenda, any response from the Committee is prohibited since the topic is not posted on the agenda and any comment could potentially violate the Colorado Open Meetings Law.
- 3) The length of the public comment period for Advisory Committee meetings will be at the discretion of the person. Therefore, this form does not necessarily guarantee all individuals who complete this form will have the opportunity to be heard during that period.

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Date: _____

**ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSITIONAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2023**

The Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on June 5, 2023. Chairperson Sally Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., noting committee members Sally Kennedy, Andrea Phillips, Ashley Wilson and Susanne Bryant present.

Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

There were none.

Approval or Adjustments to Agenda

Committee Member Ashley Wilson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Committee Member Andrea Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Candace Jones, PO Box 3112, Pagosa Springs – this committee has gathered a lot of information on public health and information and that gathering will continue for a lot of time. Clock is ticking. Commissioners are waiting on the recommendations from this committee, including programs, staffing, budget, grant writing, etc.

County Manager Comments

Not an action item.

County Public Health Director Comments

Not an action item.

Consent

- A. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2023.

Committee Member Ashley Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda. Committee Member Andrea Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. Discussion on Recruitment of Additional Members.

Committee Member Susanne Bryant moved to reduce the committee to five members. Committee Member Andrea Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

- B. Emergency Preparedness – Ryan Foster, County Emergency Management Office. No show. Will reschedule.

- C. Medicaid Changes Affecting Public Health – Isabel Vita and Heidi Martinez, County Dept. of Human Services. Not an action item.

D. WIC Application – Final Review Prior to BoCC Approval.
Committee Member Andrea Phillips moved to approve the WIC application as drafted with the assumption that certain blanks will be filled in later. Committee Member Susanne Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E. Overview of Updated Transition Timeline. Not an action item.

Additional Committee Member Comments

A. Program Recommendations. Not an action item.

B. Other Comments. Not an action item.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business coming before the committee, Chairperson Sally Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Approved this 12th day of June, 2023.

Sally Kennedy, Chairperson

6/5/23 TAC Meeting Notes

Present: Sally Kennedy, Ashley Wilson, Mary Helminski, Andrea Phillips and Susanne Bryant.

Public Comment:

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County Manager Comments:

- Important for our committee to finalize the program recommendations.
- Spoke with Chad Eaton (Finance Director) on staffing, budget, etc. – structure will be similar to DHS. Will be looking for finance person to share between DHS and PH. Not sure what time split would be.

Public Health Director Comments:

- Has met with WIC and Nurse Family Partnership liaison to determine support.
- Reached out to 2 TA providers – is reviewing many documents and will report back to committee.

Committee Recruitment:

- Andrea – how much more work will be done by our committee?
 - All budget work, finalize programming,
- Andrea – if we added someone, would love Candace to be added. (She has time constraints that won't allow it)
- Susanne – adding 2 people would be difficult to bring up to speed.
- Andrea – will be heading to Arizona much this summer and won't be able to join in person, but will try to join by Zoom.

DHS – Medicaid Changes Affecting Public Health - Isabel Vita/Heidi Martinez:

- Friday 6/1 was the first day that the state wasn't in the pandemic Medicaid system.
- DHS has shifted some caseloads to balance.
- State is sending out application for completion and then sending verification forms and allowing 45 days to complete. Difficult for elderly folks to complete up to 100 pages. Very convoluted with a lot of pages. If it's not signed (and the form is 30 pages longer), they bounce you off Medicaid.
 - Possible solution? Keep fighting to coordinate less paperwork.
 - DHS has some ability to assist people with the forms, but DHS staff isn't able to actually complete the form.
- Can we predict how many people will come off? No, but there's about 6900 people in our county that were on. Not sure how many will drop off.
 - Folks were locked in during the pandemic. But if they're not eligible now, they'll be taken off.

- There are 2 brokers in town who can assist them.
- They worked with SJBPH prior to the pandemic to coordinate benefits among the agencies.
- Are clients notified they're off Medicaid? Yes, they mail notices. State is on a campaign to text, phone and email to confirm client's mailing addresses.
- Does DHS do CHP? Yes.
- Determinations are done in waves. The first wave was just sent out.
 - SBJPH anticipates that November/December will be the biggest wave.
 - Coverage generally lasts for a year and then people need to reapply.
- Andrea – will need to consider sliding scale for the services provided for this.
- If SJBPH tests for cervical or breast cancer, then patient is covered. (We'll need to be sure we continue to offer this service.)
 - Must go to public health first, not their private medical provider.
- Andrea – what does DHS see the public health department doing with all this? Continue with the navigator. Have someone on staff who can empathize with people's frustrations with the system.
 - Colorado Peak – online application portal. DHS doesn't have access to this. The PH navigator should have a clear understanding of this portal.
- Sally – any other bizarre rules, besides the cervical/breast cancer, that might affect our department? Not sure.
 - Pregnant mother who goes on Medicaid (195% of poverty level) – babies born will get one year of Medicaid and automatically be put into WIC program.
 - Now qualifications are income-based.
 - Medicaid rarely covers if patient is out of state – only covers flight-for-life charges, but not follow-up care. Difficult for undocumented patients to get coverage unless life threatening situations.
 - Medical transportation reimbursements are no longer covered. State is aware of the problem.
- Health Navigator position is still here in Pagosa (Karen).
- As DHS learns more about the impact of all this, it would be great if they could share that info with Ashley.

WIC Application:

- BoCC will be voting on it tomorrow.
- Application is as complete as we can get it for now. OK with CDPHE to submit without budget information. Everything gets finalized at contract time.
- Could we have a staff person hired as the registered dietician but also to share position with other roles?
 - Susanne – would be good to look at diabetes education, sharing roles with other area hospitals?
 - Derek – what are certification requirements for registered dietitians? Colorado doesn't require any certifications other than 4 years of college with masters degree and internship.

- Could the PH department have an agreement with hospital that we'd offer the service for a fee? Yes, can do the same with nursing homes, detention center (who does that now?).
 - Could eventually have this service.
- Could be the same person as food safety inspections and food safety classes.
- Derek – how do we handle out-of-state people who don't get covered by CDPHE?
 - School district doesn't get reimbursed for Dulce children. They're trying to come up with a reciprocity agreement but it hasn't happened yet.
 - Should we have a conversation with the applicable New Mexico county? Not sure.
 - We should ask SJBPH how they handle that? Also ask Montezuma County.
 - What about the SUIT?
 - Local medical providers accept I.H.S.
 - Need to ask CDPHE on next call.
 - Should include on the fee schedule that they pay in advance.

Transition Timeline Update:

- What is “gathering input from residents” – some is happening now by talking with other county departments, Community Connections, Axis. Who else should we be talking to?
 - Healthy Archuleta results should be back by mid-July.
 - SJBPH assessment results should be back by mid-July.
 - Sally – do we have numbers for obesity in schools? We're lacking in chronic disease data.
 - We can ask the school district if this is something they track. There is one school nurse for the whole district. She tracks data on asthma inhalers but not sure if she tracks anything else. Ashley will ask.
- Andrea – we need to be looking at what programs need to be the core programs that will be in place in January and what are recommended for down the road (3-5 year goals).

Program Recommendations:

- Scheduling the next 3 weeks to do a deep dive on each program to determine shared programs and recommendations to Board of Health.
- Are we looking at setting fee schedule? Are fees set by the state? Need to check.
 - Vital statistics – fees are set by state.
 - Would be good to see the cost recovery percentage for each program.
- Should the health department have a communications person? We also need to discuss foundational capabilities that overlap across programs (communications, cross-training, etc.)
 - An initial org chart would be helpful to start working on.

Other Comments:

- Susanne – think about grants with nutrition components, especially about prevention for school-aged children and elderly for chronic illness prevention (cooking classes, grocery store shopping, etc.)