

**ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSITIONAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2023**

The Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on March 13, 2023, noting committee members Kathy Campbell, Sally Kennedy, Andrea Phillips, John Ranson, Rhonda Webb, Ashley Wilson and Mary Helminski present. Susanne Bryant attended via Zoom.

Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

There were none.

Approval or Adjustments to Agenda

Committee Member John Ranson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Committee Member Sally Kennedy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

- Candace Jones of P.O. Box 3112, Pagosa Springs, thanked the committee for their work. She believes the structure of the Board of Health should include citizens with public health experience. The BoCC and their staff have enough work to do, but why hasn't the staff created the necessary contracts yet?
- Lee Stopher of 99 Periwinkle Drive, Pagosa Springs, stated that The Asthma & Allergy Foundation is against nebulizers and this program should not be done by public health agencies. She also questioned who would be doing the interviews for the Public Health Director and believes that the BoCC should not be the sole Board of Health.

Consent

A. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2023

Committee Member Susanne Bryant provided some corrections to the draft minutes. Committee Member Kathy Campbell moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Another Committee Member seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

A. Discussion of Options for Structure of Board of Health

Discussion only. No action taken.

B. Discussion Related to Public Health Director

Discussion only. No action taken.

C. Discussion with San Juan Basin Public Health Regarding Current Operations

Discussion only. No action taken.

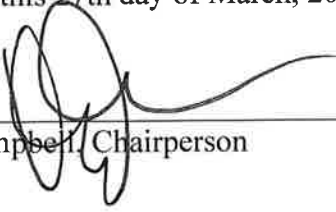
Additional Committee Member Comments

Committee Member Ashley Wilson provided a handout of questions asked by the community. The committee will review the questions and, if needed, will have a discussion at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business coming before the committee, Chairperson Campbell adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Approved this 27th day of March, 2023.



Kathy Campbell, Chairperson

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March 16, 2023

Dear Commissioners:

It is the formal recommendation of the Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee ("TAC") that the County Board of Health ("BoH") consist of five members, to include one county commissioner and four community members with expertise in public health and/or health care or other supportive disciplines that would help advise and craft policy and guidance for the Archuleta County Public Health Department.


The TAC makes this recommendation based on relevant research offered by The Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado - Anschutz Medical Campus.¹ Key findings were:

- Independent local boards of health are more successful at developing partnerships within the public-private sectors (see page 3);
- Independent local boards were more successful at obtaining diversified funding sources including grants and private funding sources (rather than from local tax revenue) (see page 3); and,
- Communities with independent local boards saw overall more improved health outcomes (see page 3)

This recommendation is also made on the basis that the TAC feels that this composition will be more representative of the community views and create a step back from perceived or real politics in the decision-making process of the BoH.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendations and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this or anything else with you at your convenience.

Kind Regards,



Kathy Campbell
Chairperson

¹ Local Boards of Health - Evidence Brief: Systems for action. The Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado - Anschutz Medical Campus.
<https://systemsforaction.org/sites/default/files/Local%20Boards%20of%20Health%20-%20Evidence%20Brief.pdf>