


**MINUTES  
WELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
April 17, 2023**

The Weld County Council met in regular session in full conformity with the Weld County Home Rule Charter at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, CO.

**ROLL CALL:**

 The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Cindy Beemer. Councilmembers Nancy Teksten, Elijah Hatch and Trent Leisy were present, constituting a quorum of members. President James Welch had an excused absence. Also present was Council Secretary Linda Kane.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA :**

Councilmember Teksten made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Hatch and carried.

**APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:**

**Approval of March Minutes**

Councilmember Teksten made a motion to approve the March minutes, seconded by Councilmember Hatch and the motion carried.

**Resolution 228 – Appointment of Trent Leisy to District 1**

Councilmember Hatch made a motion to approve Resolution 228, it seconded by Councilmember Teksten and the motion carried.

**REVIEW PROGRAM:**

**Jason Chessher, Executive Director of the Weld County Department of  
Public Health & Environment**

Mr. Chessher recently moved to Greeley from Garland, Texas, where he worked in the department of public health for 23 years.

The Weld County Health Dept. opened in 1938. It was the second organized health department in Colorado

What is public health and its purpose:

- to prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- to promote healthy behaviors
- to assess the quality and accessibility of health services
- to monitor the health of the population
- to respond to disasters
- to protect against environmental, food, and water hazards

In 2022, the health department issued 8,043 birth certificates and 12,583 death certificates. Its 2023 budget is \$14,206,012, broken down as:

- \$6,077,674 Federal & State Grants
- \$5,680,275 County General Fund
- \$841,300 Charges for Services

- \$801,038 Solid Waste Transfers
- \$783,750 Licenses & Permits
- \$21,975 Miscellaneous Revenue

The health department provides community-based health education - Conducts community surveys such as the Community Health Assessment (CHA), and other statistical analyses - Coordinates Media & Public Relations for the WCDPHE and Coordinates Public Health Accreditation and annual report.

Councilmember Teksten asked about staffing. Mr. Chessher said he currently has 115 full time staff members and a handful of part time employees. He said the department is currently well staffed.

He said the department is well funded and has robust partnerships.

**For more information see the presentation in Addendum 1.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Coordinator Reports/Councilman Reports**

Councilmember Teksten represented Council during an event on the Union Pacific Railroad. She said it was an informative event.

**Revision of Assigned Review Programs**

Councilmember Leisy was assigned to the July review program in place of former Councilmember Rupert Parchment.

**Bills**

Councilmember Hatch made a motion to approve bills, it was seconded by Councilmember Leisy and carried. The bills were paid as follows:



- Weld County Phone Bill for March \$25.00
- Publication of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter RTTP \$132.00

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

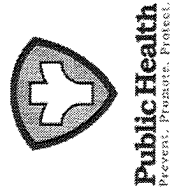
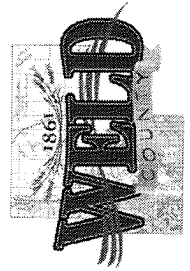
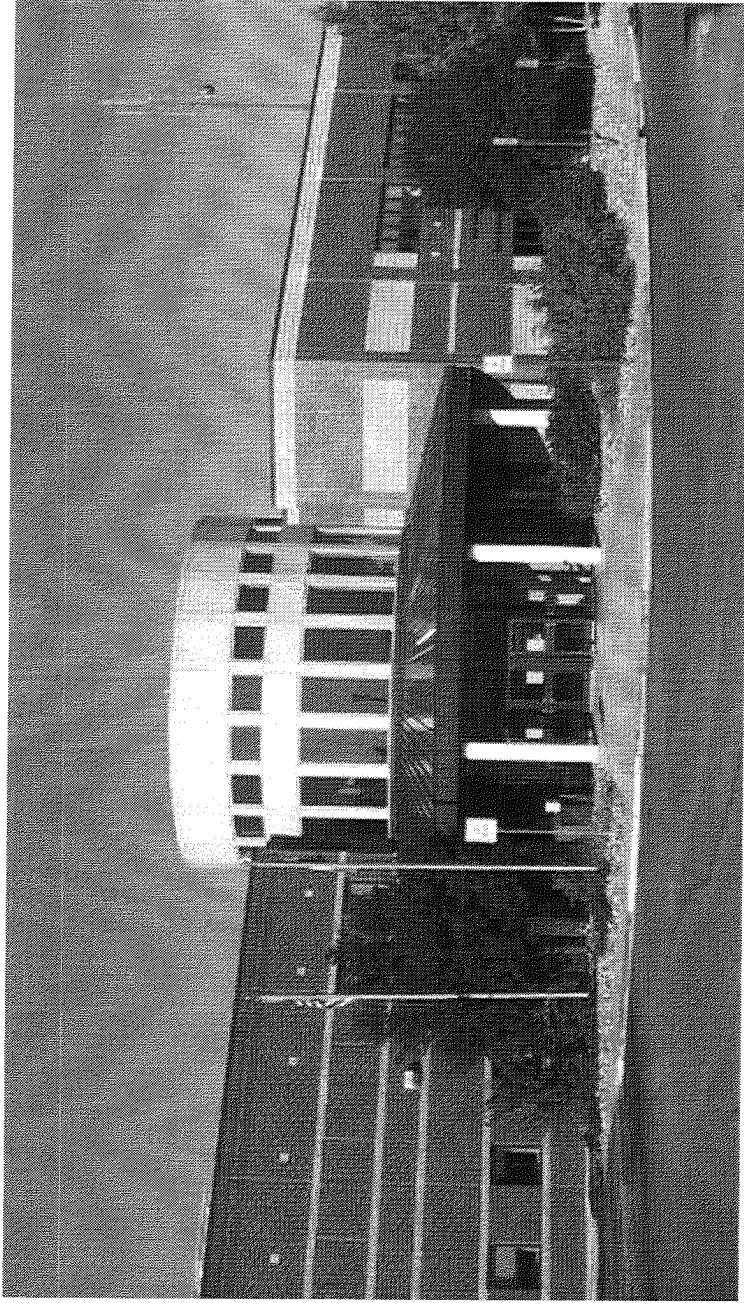
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Council President, James Welch  
  
Council Secretary, Linda Kane

# Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment

Jason Chessher, Executive Director



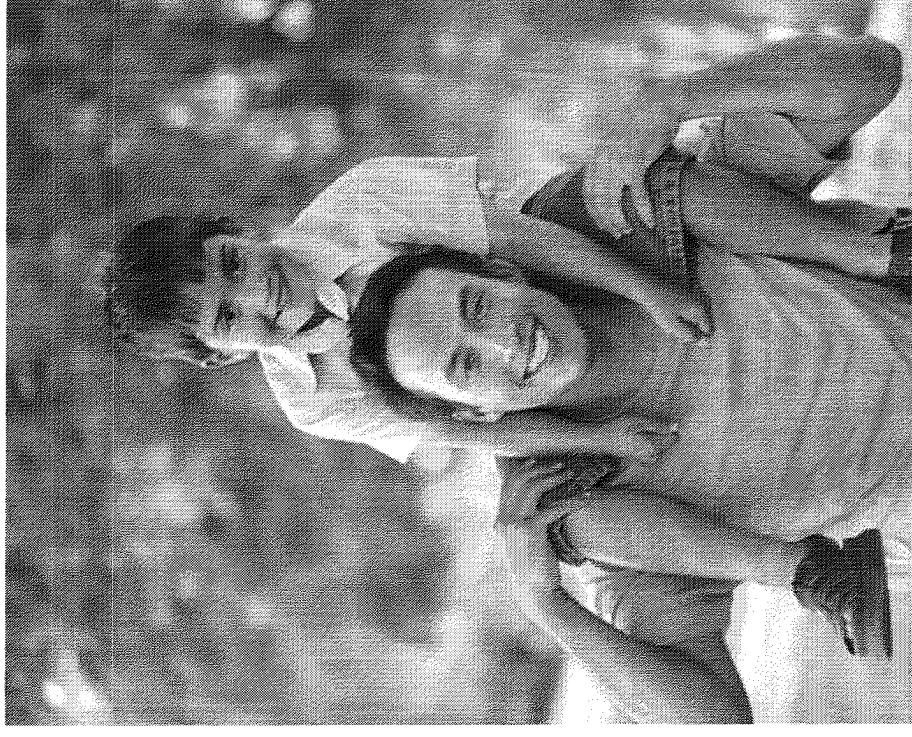
Addendum 1

# The “Health” Department

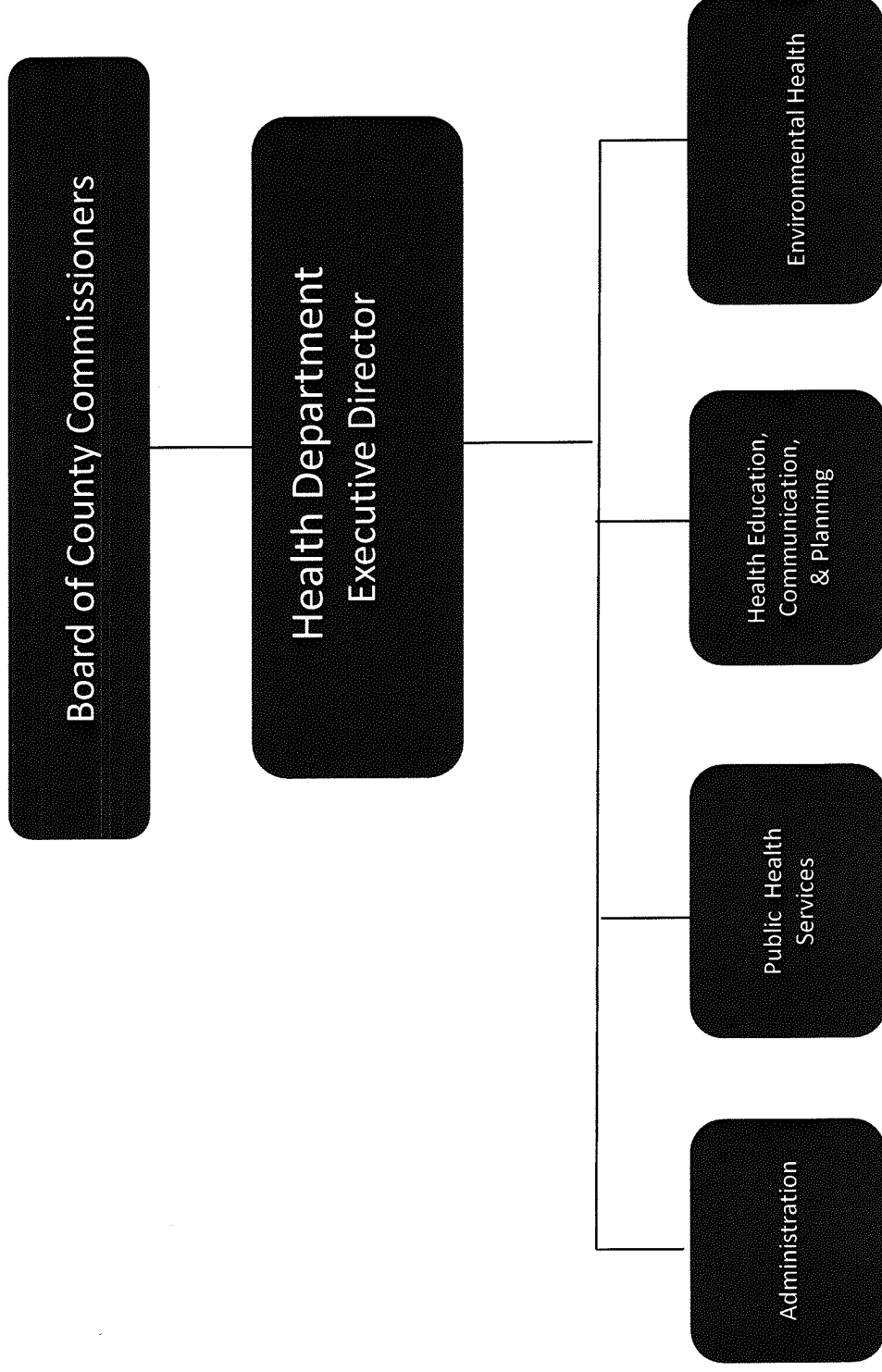
- The first office of the Weld County Health Department opened in Greeley in July of 1938.
- A satellite office, in Fort Lupton, opened later that same year.
- We were the second organized health department in Colorado.
- We moved to our current location in 1999, and the new south site (in Del Camino, aka SoCo) opened in 2002.

# What is Public Health?

- Preventing epidemics and the spread of disease
- Promoting healthy behaviors
- Assessing the quality and accessibility of health services
- Monitoring the health of the population
- Responding to disasters
- Protecting against environmental, food, and water hazards

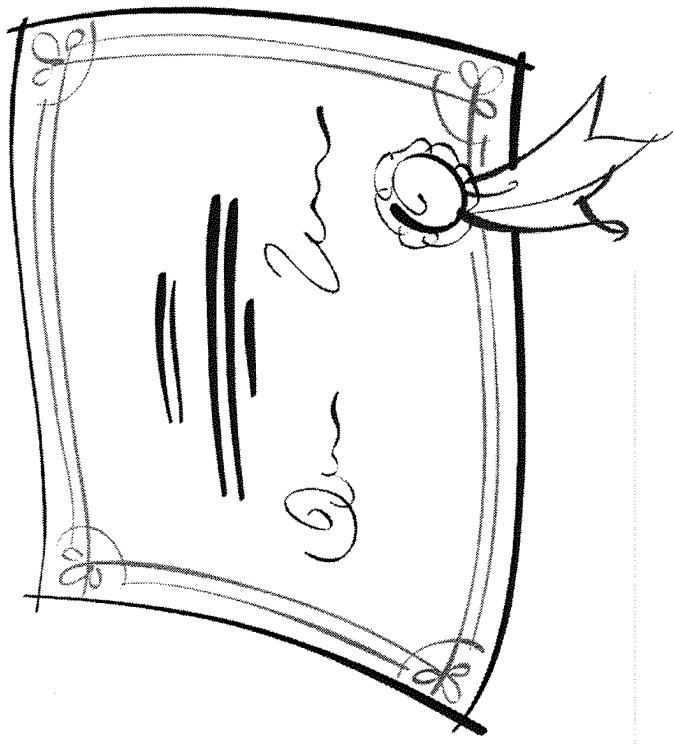


# Organizational Chart



# Administration

- 8,043 Birth Certificates, 12,583 Death Certificates issued in 2022
- Contract Management (~85/yr)
- 2023 budget – \$14,206,012
  - \$6,077,674 Federal & State Grants
  - \$5,680,275 County General Fund
  - \$841,300 Charges for Services
  - \$801,038 Solid Waste Transfers
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  - \$21,975 Miscellaneous Revenue
- Accounts Payable & Receivable
- Budget Development and Administration



# Public Health Services Division

- Immunizations
- Reproductive Health Services
  - GYN exams, Pregnancy Tests, Birth Control, STI & HIV Testing
- Nurse Family Partnership
  - Targets First Time Mothers at/below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Women's Wellness
  - Breast & Cervical Cancer Screenings
- Communicable Disease Control & Prevention
- Tuberculosis Program
- Health Care Program (HCP)
  - For Children & Youth with Special Needs





# Health Education, Communication & Planning

- Provides community-based health education
  - Tobacco Prevention & Education
  - WeldWaits & Relationship Education
  - Active Living and Healthy Eating Program
- Conducts community surveys such as the Community Health Assessment (CHA), and other statistical analyses.
- Coordinates Media & Public Relations for the WCDPHE
- Coordinates Public Health Accreditation and annual report

# National Public Health Accreditation

- WCDPHE is formally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
- Accreditation was obtained in 2016 (for 5 years); requires 12 Domains and 100 standards to be met (over 400 pieces of documentation)
- The main purpose of pursuing accreditation is overall quality improvement and alignment with national best practices
- Reaccredited in 2021, upcoming in 2026

# Environmental Health Division

- Consumer Protection
  - Food Inspections
  - Child Care Facility Inspections
  - Body Art Inspections
- Plan Reviews for Regulated Businesses
- Vector Control
- Air Quality Monitoring & Control
- Biosolids Application Permits & Solid Waste Facility Inspections
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Septic System Permitting & Inspections
- Health Laboratory
  - Water Analysis, Medical & Zoonosis Testing

# Questions?