



New Member Recruitment and Call for Applications

BACKGROUND:

The Colorado Board of Health promulgates rules related to Colorado public health and environmental health, approves funding for public health grant programs, appoints members to specific department committees and advises the executive director as appropriate. Topics include:

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| Chronic disease | Communicable disease | Radiation control |
| Health equity | Emergency medical services | Laboratory services |
| Immunization | Health facility licensing | Public health improvement |
| Food safety | Emergency preparedness and response | Medical Marijuana Registry |
| Vital statistics | School chemical management | Environmental health |

BOARD COMPOSITION:

The Board is comprised of 10 members: 8 reside in each of Colorado’s Congressional Districts, 2 represent the public at-large and 1 member is also a County Commissioner. We value all forms of diversity including: race, ethnic, sexual orientation and gender diversity, generational diversity, inclusion of persons with disabilities, rural and urban representation, a range of subject matter expertise, and representation of government, community-based organizations, business, advocacy organizations and citizen partners. Diversity on our boards allows for robust processes and informed decision-making.

HIGHLIGHTED NEEDS FOR THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT:

The current vacancy is for an individual representing Congressional District 3, 6, or 7. The state statute directs that the board have a balanced political representation. The board needs an individual that is Republican or Unaffiliated to ensure balance is maintained. Applicants who represent the perspective of a healthcare facility or agency regulated by the Department of Public Health and Environment are encouraged to apply, as the board often hears issues that impact these facilities and agencies. Ultimately, individuals who want to improve public and environmental health outcomes for Coloradans, enjoy learning about a wide array of topics, appreciate the contributions of individual, local, state, federal and community-based partners, and can balance competing interest and priorities while treating all with dignity, make good board members. The board is committed to advancing health equity and environmental justice, and encourages the department to expand the current body of evidence-based and data-driven practices.

COMMITMENT:

Members are appointed for a term of four years. The anticipated workload each month is 20-32 hours. The Board of Health meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin at 10:00 and end between 2:00 and 5:00. Members are asked to review the meeting materials in advance. This can occur any time in the 7-10 days in advance of the board meeting. Most members require 6-12 hours to prepare for a meeting. Members are also required by statute or through board protocol to serve on other committees including the Amendment 35 grant committees and the Governor’s Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee. These individuals spend on average 4-12 hours on these activities each month. The meetings have been held virtually during the past two year, but the board is beginning to explore moving to a hybrid virtual/in person meeting environment. The majority of in person meetings occur in Denver; however, the board strives to meet offsite twice a year as the budget and meeting agenda allow. Members receive a \$50 per diem for board meetings and are reimbursed for reasonable and actual travel expenses.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [Board of Health website](#)
- [Governor’s Office online application](#)
- [Tool to find your Congressional District](#)

QUESTIONS:

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