

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 25, 2025

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for February was held on February 25, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon Avenue, Room 208, Cañon City, Colorado.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Dwayne McFall – Commissioner
Kevin J. Grantham – Commissioner

The following staff were in attendance:

Tony Carochi – County Administrator
Eric Bellas – County Attorney
Paula Buser – Public Health Director
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary

I) **Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McFall at 2:03 p.m.

II) **Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2025:**

Vice Chair McFall called for any changes or corrections to the January 28, 2025 Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2025, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of January 28, 2025, are approved.

III) **Approval of Agenda:**

Vice Chair McFall called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda. No changes or additions were suggested.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Agenda is approved.

IV) **Approval of Financial Reports:**

The Fund Balance Report and Budget Reports for January 2025 were provided and discussed. Paula advised in 2024 the fund balance grew just under a half a million dollars and it is currently at \$2.25M. In January the fund balance increased by \$20,000.00.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Financial Reports; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Financial Reports are accepted.

V) **Citizens not already scheduled on agenda may address the Board at this time:**

None.

VI) **Old Business:**

None.

VII) **New Business:**

1. **Approval Request for June 25, 2025 Quarterly Collaboration Date:** Paula made a request to close Public Health on June 25, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. for their quarterly collaboration date.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the quarterly staff collaboration time on June 25, 2025; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. Quarterly staff collaboration time as proposed is approved.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

1. **Environmental Health Report – Paula Buser for Amy Jamison:**

- **New Establishments:**
 - **Harding on Main:** The State has agreed to take this one on because Amy's husband will be working there.
 - **Pizza Madness and KFC:** Public Health will be taking back Pizza Madness and KFC from the State.
 - **Eat Right Live Right II:** This is the Canon City Schools summer mobile unit and a plan review has been received.
 - **Standard Oil Coffee Company:** The establishment is located at 701 Main Street and a plan review has been received.
- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
 - **Retail Food:** 12 routine inspections; 2 consultative visits.
 - **Child Care:** 1 routine inspection.
 - **Schools:** 1 low risk routine inspection; 1 follow-up inspection.

A Completed Inspection Report was provided to the Commissioners.

- **Complaints:**

- **Lamplighter Trailer Park:** A complaint was received about a “swamp in the yard” at the trailer park. Paula advised that Amy drove by there, but the ground was frozen. A brief discussion was had with Attorney Bellas regarding stagnant water. Amy will go back to the trailer park to verify the complaint and follow up with Attorney Bellas.

- **Program Updates:**

- **CFPM (Certified Food Protection Manger) Sessions:** Amy conducted two more exam proctor sessions since the last BOH meeting. All five participants passed the first session, and 13 out of 15 passed the second session. The Regulation goes into effect on March 1, 2025.
- **Bat:** There was a bat issue in Howard. The only contact the bat had was with a vaccinated domestic cat and dog. The individual who brought the bat in requested that the bat be tested. The bat was euthanized and sent off for testing at a cost of \$111.00, which was 54% of Public Health’s budget for such. Discussion was had that in the future if no human element is involved, and an individual wants to have an animal tested or euthanized, that the individual should be responsible for the cost, not Public Health.

- **Civil Penalty Assessment:**

- **Licensing:** Cold Stone Creamery has not paid their renewal fee yet and an additional invoice was sent to them on February 11, 2025. They were advised today of the possible civil penalty assessment if payment is not received. Discussion was had as to enforcement of the penalty if payment is not received by March 11, 2025. The other outstanding renewals that were sent out last month have all been paid.

- **Other:**

- **Body Art:** Amy has begun updating the Body Art Regulations and she will begin body art inspector training this week.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to accept the Environmental Health Report; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Environmental Health Report is accepted.

2. **Public Health Report – Paula Buser:**

- **Clinic and Program Updates:**

- The BOH Program Data Report was provided and discussed.
- Autumn and Sydney continue to clean up Cure MD and have collected \$5,500.00 owed to Public Health from past years.
- Paula provided an update on VaxCare. Last year Public Health received \$62,131.00 in immunization payments and spent \$47,998.00 on vaccines; which left a net revenue of \$14,133.00. This year, Public Health received \$41,850.00 in immunization payments and spent \$405.00 on vaccines; which left a net revenue of \$41,445.00, so that system is truly working!
- Paula advised that the most age groups seen at Public Health are 12-year-olds and 65–69-year-olds; and 40% of encounters at Public Health are Medicaid patients. So there is a need for those who might be underinsured but there is also a service for those with private insurance.
- The Marburg outbreak in Tanzania and Uganda is declared to be about over. In Tanzania there were 10 cases and 10 fatalities. In Uganda there were 9 cases and 2 fatalities.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report was provided and discussed.
- The GTI Fremont County Substance Use Prevention Proposal was provided to the Commissioners and discussed. GTI is willing to come to the BOH meeting in March to give a quick presentation to the Commissioners regarding their request for access to some of Public Health's local opioid funds for their program. GTI does great work and Paula recommends supporting their cause. The Commissioners agreed to have GTI attend the March BOH meeting.
- Paula is meeting with Crimestoppers next week as they have requested use of some of Public Health's local opioid funds as well, just not as large a request as GTI.
- On March 26, 2025 Paula is meeting with Rita Martinez with the Homeless Solutions Working Group regarding their request for local opioid funds to provide programs to support the homeless by doing some back-to-work programs potentially with the City Parks.
- The 4-H Extension Office is taking advantage of the Substance Abuse Prevention Grant. Public Health will be the applicant, and the 4-H Extension Office will be the subcontractor providing the services.
- Deterra is getting some attention. Paula presented at an EHCO meeting last week and Public Health has distributed about 150 packs to the hospital, the schools, Head Start and CASA since last month.

- **Community Outreach:**

- Michelle Boscia is working on a software program that will produce a hot spot map identifying areas in Fremont County that have the highest volume of automobile crashes which will elevate awareness for the public.
- Michelle is also going to get her Certified Public Health Certification which will enhance her knowledge around all of the services in the public health arena.
- Anna Carochi is currently teaching a seven-week curriculum on substance use prevention and healthy life skills to Florence High School ninth graders.
- Laura Sartor is working with Full Circle Restorative Justice in the schools and is considering serving on their Board.
- The Impaired Driving Data Walk Open House flyer was provided to the Commissioners. The event will be held today from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Public Health.
- Public Health will have their half-day strategic mapping session tomorrow.
- Paula will be presenting to CASA on March 24, 2025, attending the Senior Mini-College on March 27, 2025, and the Homeless Awareness Walk on March 29, 2025.
- Public Health will be sponsoring the annual County Recycle Event on April 5, 2025 and Clean Up Day.
- The Safety Town flyer was provided to the Commissioners. The event will be held April 15-17, 2025 at Fremont County Head Start.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to accept the Public Health Report; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Public Health Report is accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.