

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 26, 2024

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for March was held on March 26, 2024, 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:

Debbie Bell – Commissioner
Dwayne McFall – Commissioner
Kevin J. Grantham – Commissioner

The following staff were in attendance:

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

I) **Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by BOH Chairman Grantham at 2:02 p.m.

II) **Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2024:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or corrections to the February 27, 2024, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2024, as drafted; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Minutes of February 27, 2024, are approved.

III) **Approval of Agenda:**

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

Commissioner Bell 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:** Paula advised that the financial reports have been provided to the Commissioners a bit early. They are still very fluid but there is more revenue than expense. Paula has a quarterly budget meeting with Shawn scheduled in April to fine tune the budget, but there is nothing in the financial reports that raises a red flag.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Financial Reports; Commissioner Bell 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:**

- **Presentation of COVID Challenge Coins:** Chair Grantham, on behalf of the Commissioners and Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Executive Director of CDPHE, presented COVID gratitude coins to FCDPHE employees Sarah Miller, Paula Spurlin, Amy Jamison, Michelle Boscio, Cheyenne McGinnis, and Pam Hamby. The coins were given to express gratitude for their community leadership and support during the peak of the pandemic that lasted a total of 1,169 days.

- VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

1. **Environmental Health Report – Amy Jamison:**

- **New Establishments:**

- **No Ka Oi Island Bistro:** Located where the old Michael's on Main was.
- **Sugarbush Snack Shack:** Located at the Sugarbush Campground in Howard.
- **Frozen Fire:** Snow cone truck with plan review in the works.
- **Whitewater Rooftop Social:** Pre-operational inspection scheduled for Thursday.
- **Dogs on Da Roll:** Mobile unit which will be called Tony's on the Go.
- **Florence Brewery:** Relicensed and is now the Atomic Sandwich Lab.

- **Closures:**

- Anneliese, AP Catering, The Whiskey Pony, Sunshine Falls Smoothies & Snacks, Southern Colorado Heatwave and El Rey Taco Shop.

- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
 - Retail Food: 20 routine, 1 pre-operational, 3 complaint inspections.
 - Childcare: 1 pre-operational (SPIN is changing one of their rooms and that required a pre-operational inspection).
 - Other: 1 landfill and 1 transfer station.

- **Complaints:**
 - Chelsey's: A complaint was received from an employee regarding cleanliness and the lack of dating of food. Amy inspected the premises and stated that it still looked much better than it did in January. She was not able to see their pest control report so she called the pest control company, and they advised that things are still going pretty good but that any lapse in cleaning will bring back the cockroaches with a vengeance. Almost everything was dated but there were some deli meats not dated and Amy gave guidance on that, as well as keeping up with the cleanliness.

 - Subway (in Penrose): A complaint was received from an individual who ate a ham and turkey sandwich that did not taste right and who indicated that the turkey looked bad. The individual then experienced stomach cramps and nausea after eating the sandwich. Amy inspected the premises, met the new manager, who just started a few days prior, and observed that they sliced their own meats, their dating of food was appropriate, and their holding temperatures were appropriate. Amy provided guidance on washing, rinsing and sanitizing the slicer.

 - Carl's Jr: A complaint was received from an employee that the establishment was very dirty, one of the coolers was not operational but still being used, and the ceiling was leaking from the recent snowfall. Amy completed a routine inspection the week prior to receiving the complaint and observed grease and grime under the equipment. During the complaint inspection some of the grease and grime had been cleaned and removed. They are using a non-operational cooler to house breakfast items that are stored in ice, but the items were holding at 41° or below. Water from the recent snowfall has caused leaks in the ceiling and Amy was informed that roof work is contracted to begin in April. The leaks are not ideal, but no food is being exposed. Amy discussed the possible closure of the restaurant if leaks begin to contact food or work surfaces and the importance of safety of the employees working around buckets catching water.

- **License Renewal Update:**

- Amy mailed out the seasonal license renewals on March 5, 2024, and there are only six remaining who have not paid.

- **Other:**

- Attorney Bellas provided a letter to Mr. Greksa and Mr. Hayes regarding voluntary participation in routine food inspections of the train for the Commissioners' review and approval. The letter was approved and will be signed by Chairman Grantham.

Commissioner Bell 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 Vital Records Award Application Guidelines and Performance Award Requirements for 2023 were provided to the Commissioners for their review.
- Cheyenne has completed her preliminary training for childcare health consultation certification, and she is now provisionally certified. Paula will be meeting with Attorney Bellas on Thursday to finalize the proposed Public Health Consultant Contract.
- Public Health had their FRMS Audit (Financial Risk Management System) on March 7, 2024, but Paula has not yet received any feedback.
- The Anti-Stigma Campaign Overview link to a slideshow was provided to the Commissioners for their review. Paula advised that the voting members voted to give each County \$5,000.00 for additional local advertising. She is working with the Daily Record, the Shopper and the Florence Reporter to do both print and social media advertising. A draft of the proposed Anti-Stigma Campaign full-page ad was provided to the Commissioners which is anticipated to run in April, May and June.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:** Paula advised that they are on track with the three grants they currently have and are working hard to move things around to make sure those three get spent. There will be \$20,000.00 added to the Community

Impaired Driving Grant and Chair Grantham should receive documents for electronic signature on that soon. Funding from the state level looks good even with the cuts recommended by the Governor.

- **Community Outreach:**

- Paula continues to work with ECHO and has taken a couple of nurses with her to the action team meetings.
- Paula attended the Resource Fair at RE-1 and the PCC Mini College last week.
- The Capstone speaker that BOH helped sponsor presented last Thursday at the schools and that went very well.
- National Public Health Week is April 1-5, 2024.
- The Internship Fair is scheduled for April 11, 2024.
- Safety Town is scheduled for April 16-18, 2024.

- **Other:**

- **FCDPHE Logo:** The CDC Infrastructure Grant Contract contains a provision to use their proposed logo for the FCDPHE at local events and three versions of the logo were provided to the Commissioners for their selection. This logo is not intended to replace the County logo but is to be used at local events for FCDPHE only. The Commissioners selected the third version (bold font and complete “C”) of the logo.
- **Region 15 Voting Members:** Commissioner McFall advised that there are three voting members for the opioid settlement; himself, Paula and Ashley Smith, who was the third voting member, however, Barry Acton will now be the third voting member for Fremont County.
- **ECHO Legislative Symposium:** Paula is on the Planning Committee for the Legislative Symposium through ECHO Council. The Committee is asking if the Commissioners will be attending and participating. Commissioner Bell advised that they plan to attend and will participate in any way requested of them. The Symposium will be held at the Steeple Event and Conference Center on August 29, 2024. A social hour will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and the program will be from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

- Return to Nature Funeral Home - Penrose: Paula advised that the EPA is meeting tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. and everything is good to go with the Otero landfill. April 8, 2024, is the scheduled preparation date for demolition and the week of April 15, 2024 is when the demolition will begin. The EPA may publicize this information after their 2:00 p.m. meeting tomorrow. The Commissioners would like to get our message out simultaneously with the EPA's message.

Also, the EPA is ok with Coroner Randy Keller having an event/ceremony for the families. Commissioner Grantham will attend the event. Commissioners Bell and McFall are unable to attend. Commissioner McFall reminded everyone of the need to reach out to the Commissioners in Otero County as it was great that they stepped up to assist.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.