

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

April 28, 2026

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for April was held on April 28, 2026, 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:

Tony Carochi – County Administrator
Shawn Sutton – Assistant County Administrator
Eric Bellas – County Attorney
Richard Gutierrez – Public Health Director
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Specialist
Autumn Dever – Office, Grant and Financial Administrator
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary

I) Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by BOH Chairman McFall at 2:01 p.m.

II) Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2026:

Chairman McFall called for any changes or corrections to the March 31, 2026, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 31, 2026, as drafted; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of March 31, 2026, are approved.

III) Approval of Agenda:

Chairman McFall called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda. Commissioner Bell requested removal of New Business Item #1 from the Agenda.

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

IV) **Approval of Financial Reports – Autumn Dever:**

1. **March 2026 Information:**

- The Fund Balance and Budget Reports were provided and discussed.
- Autumn advised that the December services provided but not yet reimbursed total \$7,251.27, which are ELC2.3 funds and they are always way behind in paying. The January services provided but not yet reimbursed total \$11,656.93, which are also ELC2.3 funds. The February services provided but not yet reimbursed total \$35,491.94. The March fund balance is \$2,653,862.36. This is a \$9,494.89 decrease from February. This decrease is due largely in part to the ELC2.3 funds not being reimbursed for over three months and the coordinators and Rick have been making large grant purchases.
- HB26-1274 (discussed at last month's meeting) has passed through the House now and Autumn will keep the Board updated on its progress.

2. **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report for March 2026 was provided and discussed.
- All trash vouchers have now been issued. The vouchers can be used until the end of April.
- The electronics recycling event was held on Saturday, April 25, 2026. There was a good turnout. Special thanks to Sydney, Brandy and Rick for helping during the event. They had some hiccups at the beginning, but it all worked out well.
- Autumn received the Certificate of Recycling & Data Destruction and provided a copy to the Board.
- The ELC2.3 Grant ends at the end of April. This Grant will need to be closed out with final invoices due by May 15, 2026, and final reporting is due June 15, 2026.
- Congratulations to Amy for receiving the NEHA Retail Food Grant in the amount of \$16,271.00! A copy of the award letter was provided to the Board. Part of the funds will be used for training and most of the funds will be used to work on Retail Food Standards and completion of a self-assessment on the Retail Food Standards (\$5,000.00 for work on Standards 1-8; \$5,000.00 for work toward meeting or maintaining Standard 9 using a Level 1 Risk Factor Study approach; \$3,000.00 for completion of an updated self-assessment of all 9 Standards (SA9); and \$3,271.00 for training optional add-on.)
- Congratulations to Michelle for receiving the CDOT grant to improve traffic safety in the community in the amount of \$51,819.00. The Grant will implement coordinated prevention and enforcement strategies to reduce impaired driving. The Grant will also assist local law enforcement (CCPD, FCSHO, FPD, and CSP) with hosting four DUI checkpoints throughout the year, deliver community education presentations, coordinate media campaigns, and engage youth through the Youth Action Board. A copy of award letter was provided to the Board. The award is contingent upon funds being appropriated at the federal level and

becoming available to CDOT, and approval of the FY27 Colorado Annual Grant Application.

- Public Health has started receiving notices about the amounts that grant funding is being cut. The PDD Grant has been cut \$19,271.00. That budget is now just a little over \$100,000.00. (\$100,729.00). Public Health expects cuts to the STEPP Grant also. Essentially, any grant that has state funds is being cut.

Commissioner Bell 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 the Agenda may address the Board at this time:**

None.

VI) **Old Business:** None.

VII) **New Business:** None.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**
 - **Express Yo Self:** New mobile unit.
 - **Smith Snack Shack #1 and #2:** Both mobile units have been approved.
 - **Oil City Coffee #3:** A third location will be opening soon.
 - **Nonna's NY Kitchen:** A Plan Review has been approved for this mobile unit.
 - **Plan Reviews have been received for the following:** Twisted Gringo Taco (mobile unit) and Moki's Deli & Bakery (rumored to be located at the old Dinosaur Depot on Royal Gorge Boulevard).
- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
 - **Retail Food:** 12 routine inspections; 4 re-inspections; and 3 consultative visits.
 - **Child Care:** 1 routine inspection; and 1 follow-up inspection.
 - **Other:** 1 Transfer Station inspection.

A Completed Inspections Report was provided to the Board.

- **Complaints/Closures:**

- **Papa Murphy's-Complaint:** A complaint from possibly a former employee was received stating that after working there for six months the individual started to notice a lot of cockroaches in many different parts of the building. Also, black mold above the dish sink where wet rags are kept to dry, mold growing from the sink drains, and fecal matter outside where employees park next to the dumpster for over a month and no one has cleaned it up. Amy did not observe cockroaches or mold issues, and they had no pest control records on site, so Amy requested the electronic records be sent to her. Amy noted that there are multiple violations that need to be addressed.
- **Dakota Hot Springs (The Well)-Complaint:** The complainant reported a big chunk of fiberglass insulation in the pool and more fiberglass insulation around the pool. Also, the paint on the bottom of the pool is coming off and the women's restroom has three stalls, but one stall does not have a wall. Amy observed that the bottom of the pool was not painted and the pool and surrounding areas were very clean. Amy looked at the women's restroom and there were three stalls and one stall without a wall, which is due to building department regulations, and there is nothing that states they must have a wall, so they are not in violation.
- **Cotopaxi School-Update:** Amy did a routine inspection in September and found violations which were to be corrected within thirty (30) days. She has emailed them every month since then and sent a formal letter requesting corrections be made with a copy to the School Board, which resulted in an almost immediate response. They have since provided some verifications of corrections made and Rick has spoken with a couple of the members of the School Board, which has helped.

- **Program Updates/Other:**

- This weekend is Blossom weekend, and Amy is preparing for it and is aware of everyone who will be there.
- Amy advised that the award of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Grant was for the full amount requested and no other applicants received the full amount requested.
- Amy attended the Zoonoses Conference this past month and Public Health has posted information regarding animal vaccination reminders.
- Mosquitos have already been spotted in Fremont County.

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

2. **Public Health Report – Richard Gutierrez:**

- **Clinic and Program Updates:**

- Congratulations to Amy and Michelle for their efforts in obtaining the NEHA and CDOT Grants.
- TB testing has slowed down and most testing being done now is for employment purposes.
- As a follow up on the positive TB cases reported last month, the individual in custody remains in custody and is receiving ongoing treatment. Chest x-ray results on the two individuals from Kenya are still outstanding and they both are still being treated. One individual from the Philippines chest x-ray came back negative and the other from the Philippines is working with his doctor rather than with Public Health. None of these cases are considered contagious.
- The annual Safety Town event was held April 14-16, 2026, at Fremont County Head Start where 493 kids attended.
- Fall flu clinic planning is ongoing with the inclusion of the City of Canon City, the Golden Age Center, Loaves & Fishes, and Village Apartments at Skyline. Public Health is hoping to add a clinic at Mountain View Core Knowledge as well.
- Lead screenings for one and two-year-olds at Starpoint are now tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2026.

- **Program Highlights:**

- **STEPP Program Update:**
 - Brandy completed her Quarterly Progress Report for the 3rd Quarter.
 - Public Health had a meeting with the State Grants Supervisor on April 15, 2026, who reported that the State may cut \$10M in funding to the tobacco programs to make up for the State's budget shortfall. Based on what is known currently, there is a potential for a cut of up to 15%, or \$27,000.00, to that program. The accuracy of those numbers is questionable, and the frustration is mounting with the July 1st deadline for budgeting approaching.
 - Brandy attended the Colorado Community Engagement Workshop on March 31, 2026, in Golden; she presented about vaping at Solvita on April 1, 2026, and has been invited back; and she attended the Regional Tobacco Training on April 22-23, 2026, in Denver.

- **PDD Program Update:**
 - The fifth DUI Task Force meeting was held on April 8, 2026. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026. Those at the state level have been impressed with the work that Michelle has done.
 - The fifth Youth Action Board meeting was held on April 8, 2026. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2026.
 - Michelle had a guest speaker at Florence Jr/Sr High School on April 16, 2026. Lt. Marshall with the Fountain Police Department spoke to the students a couple of days before their prom.
 - Work continues on the PDD Budget Amendment due to the \$19,271.00 cut to that budget.
 - Michelle presented at the Culture of Data Conference on April 16, 2026 (virtually); she attended the Life Savers Conference April 18-22, 2026, in Baltimore; and she will be presenting at the Shared Risk and Protective Factors Conference on April 29, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. Autumn, Michelle and Rick will also attend virtually.
- **SBLOCK Program Update:**
 - Michelle and Sarah are working on organizing a sustainability summit with the SBLOCK partners sometime in June.
 - The Amended MOUs for Boys & Girls Club and CSU Extension have been fully signed.
- **Opioid Program Update:**
 - Rick attended the Region 15 Opioid Abatement Council meeting on April 21, 2026.
 - Rick is scheduled to meet with Tonia Sutton on May 6, 2026, to discuss ideas for Region 15 funding.
- **PHEP Program Update:**
 - COVID numbers have increased slightly from 20 in February to 29 in March, and flu numbers have decreased from 3 hospitalizations in February to 2 in March.
- **Vital Records Department Update:**
 - Things continue to go well, and Sydney is staying busy assisting while Public Health is down one staff member.
- **Other:** None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.