

# **FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

## **April 29, 2025**

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for April was held on April 29, 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  
Shawn Sutton – Assistant County Administrator  
Eric Bellas – County Attorney  
Paula Buser – Public Health Director  
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Specialist  
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary

### **Guests in attendance:**

M. Tammy DeWolfe – Crime Stoppers  
Chief John Schick – Canon City Police Department  
Sergeant Mike Miller – Fremont County Sheriff's Office

### **I) Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by BOH Vice-Chairman McFall at 2:00 p.m.

### **II) Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2025:**

Vice-Chair McFall called for any changes or corrections to the March 25, 2025 Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

*Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2025, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of March 25, 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 budget reports for March 2025 were provided and discussed. Paula advised the reports show a deficit, however, there are still services provided that have been billed and not yet paid/reimbursed in the amount of \$164,236.00, and quarterly payments from the non-reimbursable grants for the first quarter not yet received in the amount of \$99,042.00. The fund balance is at \$2.36M, which is a slight increase from last month.

Expenses are on track and some expenses will be made up because Public Health will not be hiring a seasonal nurse that was budgeted for, and there has been some turnover with the nursing staff this week. Also, revenue from the \$12,000.00 Preventative Block Grant received at the end of September 2024 was budgeted, but the \$12,000.00 in expenses for it were not budgeted. Paula is confident those expenses will be able to be made up in some other areas.

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

1. **Crime Stoppers Opioid Funding Proposal Presentation by M. Tammy DeWolfe:**

Ms. DeWolfe was present to discuss the three-year Crime Stoppers Opioid Crisis Project to identify and reduce illegal drug-related activities in Fremont County through a massive Crimestoppers P3 tip line campaign. Informational Crimestoppers cards, vehicle magnets, business and window decals, and brochures were distributed to all those present. Citizens will be encouraged to use the P3 tip line and higher reward payouts for drug-related tips will be offered. Chief Schick with the Canon City Police Department and Sgt. Miller with the Fremont County Sheriff's Office were present and voiced their support for the campaign.

Discussions were held regarding whether the funds requested to increase reward payouts for drug-related tips that lead to an arrest meet the required criteria and whether or not this use of funds would align with the core strategies by supporting activities that create opportunities to connect individuals to services and supports for

OULD. It was decided that Paula will get written confirmation/clarification from the Opioid Response Operations Administrator on this issue before Board approval will be considered.

*Commissioner McFall made a request to table the issue until the May 27, 2025 BOH meeting as “Old Business” and advised that no representatives/supporters of the proposal need to be present; Commissioner Grantham seconded the request. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Crime Stoppers Opioid Funding Request is tabled until the May 27, 2025 BOH Meeting.*

## VIII) **Directors’ Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**

- **High Mountain Crepes:** Mobile unit approved and now operational.
- **Joe’s Food Stop:** Mobile unit approved and now operational.
- **The Buffalo Stop:** Mobile unit approved and now operational.
- **Bliss Bowls:** Mobile unit approved and now operational.
- **The Pour House:** The establishment will be opening at 523 Main Street, Canon City, on May 1, 2025.
- **Rustic Ink:** They are now open at their new location on Elm Street.
- **Urban Owl:** A plan review has been received for this new mobile coffee unit.
- **Temporary Events:** Amy has received a couple of applications for temporary events for Blossom weekend.

- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**

- **Retail Food:** 21 routine inspections; 4 consultative visits; 1 re-inspection.
- **Child Care:** 1 pre-operational inspection (Boys and Girls Club Summer Program); 1 routine inspection; 2 follow-up inspections.
- **Body Art:** 1 pre-operational inspection for Rustic Ink.

A Completed Inspections Report was provided to the Commissioners.

- **Complaints:**

- **Three Possible Food-Born Illness Complaints:** El Reynaldos #3, Subway in WalMart and Burger King complaints came in at different times with complainants getting sick within an hour of eating. Complainants were either unwilling or unable to give complete food history so Amy could not verify their complaints. Amy reached out to Subway and Burger King and let them know the complaints were received and asked them to notify Amy if they received any complaints.

Subway got back to Amy and advised they had not received any complaints. El Reynaldos does not have their food protection manger certification in place yet, but they are making significant changes and want to do well.

- **Hampton Inn:** Amy plans to go there next week early in the morning around 6 a.m. just before their shift change at 7:00 a.m. to see what the night person is doing. They just don't have the staff they need to operate efficiently.

- **Closures:**

- Mona Moos in Penrose has officially closed.

- **Program Updates/Other:**

- Another Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Session was conducted on April 2, 2025, and 17 of the 19 participants passed.
- An inquiry was made regarding Chelsey's and Amy advised they were doing well the last time she was there. The database has set their next inspection for a year out, but Amy plans to visit them before then, just to make sure things are continuing to go well.

*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.
- There were 280 trash vouchers distributed and that brought in more visitors to the clinic. Traffic in the clinic doubled this March over last March, not including all of the trash vouchers.
- Paula has begun planning for the back to school and flu clinics.
- The Tetra Tech CERCLA Removal Action Site Activity Report for the Return to Nature Funeral Home Removal was provided to the Commissioners.
- As of April 24, 2025, there are 884 Measles cases in 30 jurisdictions; 68% of those are ages 0-19; 30% are age 20 and over and 2% are an unknown age. There have been 11 hospitalizations and 3 confirmed deaths, two of which were children. Ninety-seven percent were unvaccinated, 2% were unknown, and 1% who received one or two doses of MMR. In Colorado there are 5 Measles cases total and there are no cases in Fremont County.

- Vital Records has been busy with a lot of Death Certificates lately. Public Health's Registrar will be on leave for up to three months beginning on June 3, 2025, and another staff member will be training to serve as Deputy Registrar for on call duties during this time and moving forward. To manage this vacancy with Public Health's current resources, Vital Records will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. daily and will refer individuals to Salida and Pueblo for the East and West ends if that is more convenient, and online is an option as well.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report was provided and discussed.
- ELC2.2 and IMM3 funds can still be spent through this Thursday and Public Health has been diligent in their spending. Paula has received no new information beyond the two-week extension that was given.
- Public Health has been receiving some funding statements of work for FY26. Paula has not heard yet on the OPHP Grant, which is their largest grant.
- Laura Sartor has been stepping up her outreach with the tobacco cessation program through the STEPP Grant. She went to the Penrose VFW Health Fair on Saturday and made some good connections. She has also connected with Cotopaxi schools and taught classes there last Thursday which will be continuing the next three Thursdays, and she has been invited to their back-to-school event in August.
- Three Region 15 Prevention Grant reviews were completed for Chaffee and Park County and Fremont County's applications were reviewed by Chaffee and Park County.
- The CDC sent out some opioid provisional nationwide data on overdose deaths in the country. There has been a 24% decline in the last twelve months ending in September 2024, showing deaths have gone down from 114,000 to 87,000. Overdose deaths are the leading cause of death for 18- to 44-year-olds.

- **Community Outreach:**

- The recycling event was successful with 20 tons of material collected. Paula hopes to get another event scheduled for the first Saturday in October and possibly the first Saturday of April and October every year.
- Public Health distributed 280 trash vouchers and National Public Health Week was eventful. Paula attended Safety Town in the middle of April and the CASA luncheon; Autumn Dever attended the job fair on April 17, 2025 for CCHS interns; Laura Sartor attended the Health Fair at VFW in Penrose and there are a lot of things coming up in May and June.

- The final strategic mapping session will be held tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and Public Health will be closed so that all staff can attend.
- Paula is also looking at some additional professional development time before this summer with Michelle Harris, who presented on de-escalation techniques for the County in March, which may require a closure of the clinic for a couple of hours.

- **Staffing:**

- Public Health has two interviews scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025, for the registered nurse position.

*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 2:57 p.m.