

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
April 30, 2024

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for April was held on April 30, 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
Autumn Dever for 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 March 26, 2024:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or corrections to the March 26, 2024, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2024, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Minutes of March 26, 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 McFall made a motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Agenda is approved.

IV) **Approval of Financial Reports:**

- Revenue is trending ahead of expenses. Collected 32% of revenue and expenses came in at 18% expended.
- The Community Impaired Driving Grant has 122% revenue remaining. This is due to an additional \$20,000.00 that the Public Health Department opted into for the remainder of FY24.
- The ELC Covid Grant has 112% revenue remaining. This is due to receiving three months of 2023 payments in 2024 that have not been adjusted out yet.

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

None.

VI) **Old Business:**

- **Special Events Fee Schedule and Body Art Regulations:** Mr. Bellas advised that these were approved at the January 30, 2024, meeting, however, the Resolutions did not get signed. Mr. Bellas provided the Resolutions to Chair Grantham for signature and advised that a motion to approve the signature is not necessary.

VII) **New Business:**

None.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**
 - **Rooftop Social:** Up and running.
 - **Frozen Fire:** Snow Cone/Ice Cream Truck.
 - **Duke's Sausage:** Trailer/Mobile Unit.
 - **Brewsmith's Coffee Cart:** Mobile Coffee Cart.
 - **Rustic Ink:** Located in Penrose at This & That BBQ Shack. Rustic Ink is in a separate area from the restaurant and is only open when the restaurant is closed.
 - **Daisy Belle:** Snow Cone Trailer/Mobile Unit.
 - **Sausage House:** New Carnival Concession.

- **Barnyard BBQ**: Located in the Penrose VFW.
- **Pho USA**: Closed their location in Canon City and are now operating out of location where the Husky Burger was in Florence.
- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
 - **Retail Food**: 24 routine and 2 pre-operational.
 - **Childcare**: 5 routine and 1 pre-operational.
 - **Schools**: 3 high risk routine (high risk routine inspections are done every year; low risk routine inspections are done every three years).
 - **Body Art**: 1 pre-operational and 1 complaint.
 - **Other**: A Quarterly Report was provided to the Commissioners for their review. The top five highest violation rates for the last quarter were discussed. An Agency Comparison was also provided and discussed. Amy advised that Public Health is trending close to what the State is doing.
- **Complaints:**
 - **Royal Gorge Custom Tattoo and Piercing**: The complainant had her eyebrows pierced there and stated that she was not sure if her skin was cleaned prior to the piercing. The complainant then returned for a second piercing and stated she was sure this time that her skin was not cleaned before the piercing. After Amy spoke with the Manager, it appears that this is a case of “he said”, “she said”.
 - **IHOP**: An employee tried to call off work because of vomiting and was told to come in and vomit in front of the Manager. The Manager explained to Amy that it was Easter and that particular employee had called off several times before the day in question. This appears to be an internal issue, not a public health issue.
 - **Arby's**: The complainant reported seeing a Love's employee eating in the kitchen at Arby's and then attempting to hide from the Love's customers. This does not appear to be a public health issue and Amy will get out there for a routine inspection soon and discuss this with the Manager.
- **License Renewal Update:**
 - Amy mailed out the seasonal license renewals on March 5, 2024, and there were only six remaining unpaid as of the last BOH meeting. Currently, there are four remaining that have not paid:
 - **Michael Dean's Sausage and Dawg**: Is not currently operating.
 - **Bailey's Big Dog**: They were just licensed last year but Amy has not heard back from them.

- **Outer Spaces Crash Site:** This is a mobile unit which sells hamburgers at places like White Water and Florence Brewery.
 - **Big Nugget Farm:** This is a mobile unit that is mainly at farmer's markets, and they only sell frozen, pre-packaged USDA meat.
- **Other:** Discussion was had regarding the response received to the County's letter regarding the train's food service and lack of oversight.

Commissioner McFall 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 – Autumn Dever for Paula Buser:**

- **Clinic and Program Updates:**
 - **H5N1:** Communicable Disease information was provided in the artifacts folder. In March, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 was discovered in livestock, goats and dairy cattle in twelve dairies in five states. On April 24, 2024, the USDA confirmed a detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 in dairy cows in Northeast Colorado. There was one confirmed case of a dairy worker contracting bird flu in Texas, and that individual has since recovered. The Colorado Department of Agriculture is working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to provide disease control guidance for people exposed in the outbreak. Colorado has 106 dairies and approximately 200,000 dairy cows.
 - **Flu Vaccines:** Public Health will be pre-booking flu vaccines in June and July. The vaccines are not received until September.
 - **Vaccine Comparison:** For the first quarter of 2023 there were 174 vaccines administered. For the first quarter of 2024 there were 245 vaccines administered. This is a 28% increase.
- **Grants/Funding Updates:**
 - Paula is currently at the Executive Director's Conference and will be providing more updates on the financial forecast at the next meeting.
 - Paula and Autumn had a productive and informative finance meeting with Shawn and Tony. That meeting helped Paula better understand how the County budgets.
 - Public Health has opted into ELC 2.2 funding which will be a little over \$85,000.00 provided by CDC for the fiscal year, which is August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025, to support the transition from COVID 19 pandemic

response to routine operation, incorporating COVID 19 surveillance and investigations into routine Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) activities.

- There is a possibility of receiving an additional \$40,000.00 from the STEPP Grant, which is the tobacco grant.

- **Community Outreach:**

- Paula attended the PACE Interview Fair and interviewed six applicants.
- Paula will be presenting at Rotary on May 8, 2024.
- Paula met with the new Sol Vista Disaster Coordinator, Dee Nuding.
- Banners have been created and will be hung at the local ball fields from April through October 2024.
- The Anti-Stigma Campaign is in full swing in the Daily Record, Florence Reporter, KRLN, KSTY and on billboards west of town.
- The DEA Drug Take Back Day was this past Saturday. The Canon City Police Department and Florence Police Department participated. The Public Health Department helped promote this event. There was a public post from the Police Department that that they collected 42.5 pounds of expired and unused drugs, which is the largest amount turned in that can be recalled. As for the rest of year, the hospital and Safeway pharmacy will accept unused or expired drugs and Deterra disposal kits are available at the Public Health Department.

- **Other:**

- The first of the three staff development sessions was held on April 24, 2024, and it went very well.
- Demolition of the Return to Nature Funeral Home went smoothly and was completed ahead of schedule on April 20, 2024.

Commissioner Bell 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 2:43 p.m.