

**FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**May 21, 2024**

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for May was held on May 21, 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 2:00 p.m.

II) **Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2024:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or corrections to the April 30, 2024, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

*Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 30, 2024, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of April 30, 2024, are approved.*

III) **Approval of Agenda:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda. Paula requested the following items be added to New Business: Item #2 - The FY25 PHEP Contract and Item #3 - FY24-25 MOU's for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with Custer County Public Health Agency, Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County, CSU Extension of Fremont County and Fremont RE-2 Jr./Sr. High School.

*Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Agenda with the two requested additions; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Agenda is approved as amended.*

IV) **Approval of Financial Reports:**

- Paula advised that revenues are still exceeding expenses, and the fund balance is slowly growing. The Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding report shows revenues at 155% of the budgeted amount because the September, October, November and December payments from 2023 were paid in March, 2024, and those will get moved back into 2023 at some point, which will fix that balance.

*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:**

None.

VII) **New Business:**

1. **Colorado Public Health Central Mountains Mini-Conference:** Paula requested approval for eight (initial count was nine) staff members to attend the free mini-conference on July 11, 2024, in Salida, Colorado. The Public Health Department will remain open with several staff available to handle any incoming needs of the public. No clinical appointments will be scheduled for that day.

*Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the attendance of eight Public Health staff members at the Colorado Public Health Central Mountains Mini-Conference on July 11, 2024, in Salida, Colorado; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. Attendance is approved.*

2. **FY25 PHEP Contract:** This is a contract, which is new to CDPHE, for emergency mutual aid where the Fremont County Public Health Department partners with neighboring public health agencies who can support Fremont County in an emergency. Mr. Bellas has reviewed and approved the Contract and advised that there may be a minimal cost to the County, but that cost will be reimbursed after a brief time period. The County currently has a similar agreement with the Pueblo County Health Department.

*Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the FY25 PHEP Contract; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The FY25 PHEP Contract is approved.*

**3. FY24-25 MOU's for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration:**

- **MOU with Custer County Public Health Agency:** Public Health supports Custer County through its STEPP Grant and Custer County will create and implement a media campaign and distribute information posters throughout the County every quarter and posts on their Facebook page every month. Custer County will also investigate any complaints of the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act (CCIAA) and report those findings. Public Health will provide a total of \$7,740.00, in monthly payments of \$645.00, to help fund the tobacco cessation program.

*Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the MOU for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with Custer County Public Health Agency; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU is approved.*

- **MOU with Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County:** The Boys & Girls Club will provide the SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) education program to Boys & Girls Club members. Public Health will provide a total of \$14,400.00, in monthly payments of \$1,200.00, for the cost incurred to implement the SMART Moves curriculum.

*Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the MOU for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU is approved.*

- **MOU with CSU Extension of Fremont County:** CSU Extension will facilitate HEATHROCKS! to a minimum of 50 club members. They will also provide youth-focused community inclusion events and provide information and education to parents to increase the perception of risk. Public Health will provide a total of \$18,000.00, in monthly payments of \$1,500.00, for the cost incurred to implement the HEALTHROCKS! curriculum.

*Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the MOU for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with CSU Extension of Fremont County; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU is approved.*

- **MOU with Fremont RE-2 Jr./Sr. High School:** Public Health will provide a certified Botvin Life Skills Instructor (Michelle) to implement Botvin Life Skills (evidence-based curriculum) in the school. Senior Funfest is also offered in an effort to keep seniors safe on one of the most memorable days of their young lives. The community provides prizes, and volunteers make the event possible each year. Public Health will make a one-time payment to Fremont RE-2 of \$2,400.00. Public Health provides the curriculum.

*Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the MOU for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with Fremont RE-2 Jr./Sr. High School; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU is approved.*

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**
  - **Defiance at Worlds End:** New establishment that unfortunately had a bar fight their first night open.
  - **8Yours2 Kettlecorn:** This is their second mobile unit.
- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
  - **Retail Food:** 23 routine inspections; 2 re-inspections; 2 consultative visits and 13 temporary event inspections.
  - **Childcare:** 1 pre-operational.
  - **Lone Wolf Transfer Station:** Inspection was completed.
- **Complaints:**
  - **Arby's:** Amy did an inspection and spoke with the Manager about the past complaint. The Manager explained that he is aware of the complaint, that the employee was not eating out of the fryer basket, that he has had a discussion with the employees, and everything is under control.
  - **Our Place on the River:** This is a new bar and grill in Howard, Colorado. The complainant mentioned possible food-borne illness, questioned employee hygiene, the possibility of employees working when they are ill, and employees not changing their gloves. Amy did a full routine inspection and had a discussion with the Manager and determined that she could not substantiate the complaint.
- **State Food Safety Exams:** Amy is now certified to administer the ServSafe and State Food Safety Exams. Last month she did her first session for the State Food Safety Exam, and she has one scheduled for June.

*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 Program Data Report was not able to be provided this month due to the system changeover to EpiTrax.
- There is a school-based vaccination clinic planned at Harrison School on July 30-31, 2024, and August 1, 2024, during registration. The State is really pushing to increase the MMR vaccinations for Kindergarteners and Public Health will be working with the health care staff at the School District.
- National Nurses Week was last week, and Public Health had a small celebration and posts on social media.
- Public Health has their first Childcare Consultant Contract with SPIN and Early Head Start. Rocky Mountain Children’s Discovery Center has asked if Public Health could contract with them and provide a certified childcare health consultant.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:** Paula attended the Executive Directors Conference and discussion was had regarding funding for FY24 to FY25.

- **Community Outreach:**

- The Community Health Public Presentation was provided for the Commissioner’s review. Commissioner McFall suggested that Paula give the presentation at the Golden Age Center.
- The Rotary Club presentation went very well, and they expressed their amazement to Paula that Public Health is able to operate with 80% grant funding.
- Public Health is involved with the Homeless Coalition Partnership that serves the homeless community by getting individuals vaccinated and performing needed testing, etc.
- Safety Jam will take place on June 8, 2024, and Public Health will start getting Narcan training out in the community.
- Paula and Autumn will attend the Colorado Public Health Administrative Directors (COPHAD) Conference on June 4, 2024. It is an association that connects administrative and financial professionals from local public health agencies across the state to collaborate on improving areas such as financial management, contract processing, and human resources.
- Autumn attended the Fremont’s Exceptional Women Group and put a great plug in for Public Health.

- Paula has been attending the Action Team Meetings with childcare providers on the third Monday of each month. On-site lead testing is a concern for childcare providers and Amy will be attending lead inspection training in June.
- **Other:**
  - **Staff Development Update:** Public Health had its third and final staff development session today. Paula briefed the Commissioners on the positive progress made as a result of those staff development sessions.
  - **H5N1/HPAI:** The Public Health Response Town Hall was provided and there have been no new developments reported over the past three weeks. Public Health will now have five respiratory testing kits on hand in case anyone believes they might have been exposed. Commissioner McFall advised that the Agriculture Commissioner opines that the issue is not a big concern for Colorado with regard to milk products or food.
  - **Safe Sleep Sack Program:** There was a recent death of child in Fremont County due to unsafe sleep arrangements. The Safe Sleep Sack Program is now being expanded and sleep sacks will be provided to agencies such as SPIN, Early Head Start, the Pregnancy Center, the Hope House, etc. Sleep sacks are not just provided for infants but also for children over one year of age.

*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 2:53 p.m.