

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 26, 2026

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

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
Wyatt Sanders – Building Official
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary

I) Roll Call:

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

II) Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2026:

Chairman McFall called for any changes or corrections to the April 28, 2026, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2026, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of April 28, 2026, are approved.

III) Approval of Agenda:

Chairman McFall 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 Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Agenda is approved.

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

1. **April 2026 Information:**

- The Fund Balance and Budget Reports were provided and discussed.
- Autumn advised that the January services provided but not yet reimbursed total \$11,656.93, which are again ELC2.3 funds not yet paid. The February services provided but not yet reimbursed total \$8,129.77. The March services provided but not yet reimbursed total \$44,412.17. The April fund balance is \$2,684,508.84. This is an increase of \$30,646.48 over last month, some of which are derived from the quarterly OPHP payment and the up-front payment for the Retail Standards Grant.

2. **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report for April 2026 was provided and discussed.
- The final Financial Risk Management System (FRMS) review check-in was completed on May 18, 2026. FRMS staff completed the invoice review on two of February's invoices. During the review, the numbers matched to the penny. In addition, they made a couple of recommendations and Public Health's rating was changed from MEDIUM to LOW risk. They thanked Public Health for being proactive, professional and easy to work with. Their draft letter and email from the Lead FRMS Assessor were provided to the Board. It is a draft letter because Public Health is given ten days to respond and then it will become final. Rick was proud to advise that the auditor commented that what Public Health provided is "what good work looks like to them."
- The STEPP FY27 funding was not reduced. The award amount is \$184,000.00. CDPHE cut funding to the larger agencies and kept the funding for smaller, lower funded agencies intact. A copy of the Funding Reduction Scenario was provided to the Board.
- State funding for the Immunization Core Services Program (ICSP) for FY27 will be reduced by 2%, which is a reduction of \$1,034.00, making the funding amount \$50,673.00. The State is waiting for the Federal Notice of Award for immunization funding, so they are issuing contracts with partial funding. Once the Notice of Award is received, option letters will be issued to add the Federal amount.
- The OPHP Planning and Support Dollars award amount for FY27 was reported to be \$214,956.00, which is an increase of \$9,794.00 from FY26 (\$205,162.00). However, an email was received just before today's Board meeting stating that the award amount is actually \$226,191.00, which is approximately \$21,000.00 more. Public Health will receive an option letter, as it is not a new contract, just a unilateral extension or addition to the current contract, and no signature is required.

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. **Cory Pink OWTS Variance Request – 182 Forge Road, Canon City, Colorado – Wyatt Sanders:**

Mr. Pink's May 21, 2026, email to Mr. Sanders and the attachments were provided to the Board. Mr. Pink is requesting a variance to replace his leach field rather than incur the extreme cost to purchase, install and maintain a sewer grinder pump system to connect to the available sewer line. Mr. Sanders explained the barriers and additional financial burden Mr. Pink would face without the variance and recommended the OWTS variance be approved.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the OWTS variance request for 182 Forge Road, Canon City, Colorado; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The OWTS variance request for 182 Forge Road, Canon City, Colorado is approved.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

• **New Establishments:**

- **Twisted Gringo Taco:** Mobile Unit.
- **Moki's Deli:** Located in the same complex as Royal Gorge Creamery.
- **Kopper Kettle:** Located where La Petit Chablis used to be.

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

- **Retail Food:** 26 routine inspections; 1 re-inspection; 3 consultative visits; 20 temporary event inspections; and 2 complaints.
- **Child Care:** 2 routine inspections.
- **Schools:** 2 follow-up inspections.

A Completed Inspections Report was provided to the Board.

- **Complaints/Closures:**

- **Green Parrot-Complaint:** An individual experienced food-borne illness symptoms a few hours after eating/drinking at the Green Parrot. A routine inspection had already been done last month so Amy performed a complaint inspection. Symptoms within a few hours is rare unless the food/drink was highly toxic. Therefore, with only one individual experiencing symptoms, Amy was unable to confirm that the illness was related to the food/drink consumed at the Green Parrot.
- **Lost Cajun- Complaint:** This also was a food borne illness complaint from an individual who became ill a few hours after eating/drinking at the Lost Cajun. Lost Cajun was due for a routine inspection, so Amy performed a routine inspection and discussed the complaint with the manager. Again, symptoms within a few hours is rare unless the food/drink was highly toxic and with only one individual experiencing symptoms, Amy was unable to confirm that the illness was related to the food/drink consumed at the Lost Cajun.

- **Program Updates/Other:**

- Amy conducted another Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Session with three participants and all three passed.
- The FDA conducts risk factor inspection studies and they have randomly chosen to inspect The Owl. They will be at The Owl tomorrow and Amy will be allowed to shadow their inspector and will provide an update to the Board.
- There are only two license renewals that remain unpaid.

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 – Richard Gutierrez:**

- **Clinic and Program Updates:**

- All of the previous TB cases were determined to be non-contagious and those who were receiving treatment have completed their treatment. There has been one new positive TB case, and Cheyenne is working through the treatment process with the State for that individual.
- In addition to the four new flu clinics previously reported, Mountain View Core Knowledge School and Fremont County Head Start might also host a flu clinic.
- Lead screenings for one and two-year-olds were held on May 13, 2026, at Starpoint and six children were screened.

- Last week Public Health took in and stored vaccines for Valley-Wide due to a power outage affecting Main Street. Valley-Wide sent a card expressing their gratitude and Rick recognized Cheyenne and Keith for their collaboration in ensuring the vaccines remained properly stored.

- **Program Highlights:**

- **STEPP Program Update:**

- Brandy has increased her collaboration with the RE-2 and RE-3 School Districts and the Golden Age Center. She had a few presentations at the Golden Age Center last week and they have requested more presentations in the future.
- Brandy has updated access to the Breathe Easy Colorado Workbooks required by the State by switching from printed books to cards with a QR Code that brings the user to a digital copy of the workbook.
- Brandy has also redesigned the Quit Kits.

- **PDD Program Update:**

- The DUI Task Force meeting was held on May 13, 2026. The group will be presenting the Trevor Staszak Guardian of the Upper Arkansas Region Award on June 4, 2026. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2026.
- The Youth Action Board meeting was rescheduled from May 8, 2026 to May 27, 2026 at Garden Park.
- The PDD budget amendments have been approved by the State.
- Michelle presented at the Shared Risk and Protective Factors Conference on April 29, 2026. Autumn and Rick also attended virtually.
- Michelle will be participating in Safety Jam on May 30, 2026, at Centennial Park.

- **SBLOCK Program Update:**

- Michelle and Sarah are working on organizing a sustainability summit in June with SBLOCK partners.
- They are also distributing cups and stationery to all three school districts as a thank you for their participation over the years.

- **Opioid Program Update:**

- Rick will attend the Region 15 Opioid Governance Leadership Committee Meeting on May 27, 2026.
- Rick met with Tonia Sutton on May 6, 2026, to discuss ideas for Region 15 funding.

- Public Health has recently requested and received the required accounting reports and end-of-funding-cycle financial statements from GTI and are currently reviewing same and communicating with GTI to address unresolved concerns.
- **PHEP Program Update:**
 - COVID numbers decreased significantly from 29 in March to 8 in April, and flu numbers have stayed steady at 2 hospitalizations.
 - Public Health continues to work with Pueblo County on a system to streamline animal bite reporting and foodborne illness reporting. A virtual follow-up meeting with the Pueblo County Department of Public Health was held on May 6, 2026, and they are still waiting for approval.
- **Vital Records Department Update:**
 - Linda Sand announced her retirement will be effective June 6, 2026. Rick will be working with DHS and the County Administrator on the service recognition Resolution to be adopted at the June 9, 2026, BOCC meeting.
- **Other:**
 - The new Body Art Regulations went into effect on April 13, 2026.
 - The OPHP Annual Report was submitted on April 15, 2026.
 - National Nurses Week was celebrated May 6-12, 2026.
 - Planning for the 2027 Household Hazardous Waste Event has begun and space at Pathfinder Park has been reserved for May 8, 2027. Public Health is working with other community partners to share in the funding for the event.
 - The Public Health Infrastructure Grant Quarterly Report was completed on April 29, 2026.
 - Rick attended the CDPHE Executive Director's Summit on May 12, 2026, and May 13, 2026, in Denver.
 - Autumn attended the COPHAD Conference on May 14, 2026.
 - Public Health applied for a small grant to purchase radon test kits and hopes to be able to provide kits year-around if the grant is received.
 - Rick received a call from Rick Kameron with St. Thomas More Hospital regarding the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Grant which rural hospitals and federally qualified health centers can apply for, and local public health agencies can partner with them as subrecipients. This program is a five-year nationwide initiative administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to strengthen access, improve

outcomes, expand the workforce, accelerate innovative care models, and modernize technology-enabled services for rural and frontier residents. Colorado was awarded \$200,105,604.17 in Budget Year 1. Rick plans to meet with Mr. Kamerzell to discuss potential ideas for partnerships.

- Public Health received 19 applications for the Office Assistant Position and interviews with four of the applicants are scheduled.

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 2:24 p.m.