

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 27, 2025

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for May was held on May 27, 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

I) Roll Call:

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

II) Approval of Minutes from April 29, 2025:

Vice-Chairman McFall called for any changes or corrections to the April 29, 2025, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 29, 2025, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of April 29, 2025, are approved.

III) Approval of Agenda:

Vice-Chairman 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 the period ending April 30, 2025, were provided and discussed. Paula advised the fund balance has decreased by about \$42,000.00 but is still in the \$2.3M range. Public Health has received over \$250,000.00 in payments so far this year, which has provided a little bit of a surplus. There is approximately \$84,000.00 invoiced and not yet received, and approximately \$85,000.00 coming from the General Fund in late August. Expenses are under control and Public Health is keeping a close eye on expenses.

*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:**

- **Crime Stoppers R15 Opioid Funding Proposal Update – Paula Buser:** Paula reached out to Jack Patterson, the Opioid Response Operations Administrator, and he is taking the inquiry to the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council's Assistance Committee for guidance as to whether the proposed expenditure aligns with the Approved Purpose. The Committee meets again in early June, so it is hoped that a response is received soon thereafter. This matter will be put on the June 24, 2025 Agenda for follow-up.
- **FCDPHE Vision, Mission and Strategic Pillars – Paula Buser:** Public Health has completed their strategic planning started just over a year ago and provided the Commissioners with a copy of their Vision and Mission Statements, Core Values and Strategic Pillars for 2025-2028 and discussed how those were created. Paula advised that the next step is to try to create a work plan around those strategic pillars. Signage will be displayed in the clinic with Public Health's Vision and Mission Statements.

VII) **New Business:**

None.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**

- **Charcutier Carts:** Amy received two Plan Reviews for charcutier carts. The vendors submitted mobile unit applications, which did not meet the requirements of their planned services. Amy had to be creative to figure out how to get the carts licensed.
- **Byler's Country Eats and Treats:** A Plan Review has been received for this new mobile unit.

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

- **Retail Food:** 16 routine inspections; 2 re-inspections; and 3 consultative visits.
- **Schools:** 1 follow-up inspection.
- **Temporary Events:** Amy completed 12 temporary event inspections.

A Completed Inspections Report was provided to the Commissioners.

- **Complaints:**

- An inquiry was made regarding an update on the previous Hampton Inn complaint. Amy has not received any good reports as the motel is an older motel with limited staff and upkeep. Amy was advised by staff that the motel failed their corporate inspection, and it is assumed that they will eventually lose their corporate name. It has been rumored that the owners are trying to sell the motel. Amy intends to pay them a visit this week and see what the food situation is.

- **Program Updates/Other:**

- **Bat:** Amy advised that a gentleman grabbed what he thought was a newly deceased bat by its foot with his bare hand. Since the gentleman touched the bat with his bare hand the bat went sent for testing, however, the bat had been deceased longer than anticipated and could not be tested. Amy discussed the situation with the State and because of the unknowns it was recommended that the gentleman receive post-exposure prophylactics.
- **HB 25-1190:** Amy discussed the "Colorado Cottage Foods Act" and the proposed Bill that would expand the Act by allowing for the sale and consumption of homemade foods that require refrigeration. The Bill has been postponed indefinitely. It is hoped that other ways can be found to help small businesses without passing this Bill.

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.
- The CDPHE 2024-2025 School and Child Care Vaccination Data was provided to the Commissioners and discussed. Paula advised that 31% of the routine vaccines given by the clinic were MMR vaccines and School Districts RE-1 and RE-2 have high compliance rates.
- Measles cases are still rising with 1,046 cases across the country in 31 jurisdictions with no additional deaths. Colorado has been very fortunate with only having two confirmed Measles cases. One with an out-of-state person who stayed in Pueblo with no additional exposures. The incubation date for that individual is May 31, 2025. And another individual who went to the airport, stayed at a hotel, and then left the state. All persons who may have had contact with that individual have been notified.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report was provided and discussed.
- The Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) Infrastructure Evaluation Committee notice regarding the Round 3 Infrastructure Funding Opportunity decision was provided to the Commissioners. Public Health's application was not selected to receive Infrastructure Share funding. This funding was hoped to be used for the Deterra campaign. It was a very competitive grant and was worth the try.
- ELC2.2 and IMM3 funds are still available to spend; one through June and the other through July. ELC2.3 funding (from August 2025 until April 2026) of approximately \$73,000.00 is still unknown. Those funds are included in Public Health's budget and if they are received it would be a bonus, and if not, it will not have a negative impact on the services provided to the community.

- **Program Spotlight:**

- Public Health's grant program coordinators have been doing a lot of impactful community outreach by working with the local media on teen marijuana use; youth vaping education in the schools; and providing custom quit line kits within the community and to students at Choice Points as well as other schools and community partners.

Consistent messaging and community partnerships have proven most important in impacting those in the community.

- Public Health's Tobacco Cessation Specialist attended a meeting on second-hand smoke complaints in HOA settings. Public Health receives complaints from tenants at apartment buildings or condos where people share the walls and second-hand smoke can come through the vents. It is a good opportunity to provide some education and services.
- Michelle Boscia, CPH, completed her Certified Public Health Certification and a small celebration is planned for her on Friday. This was a big undertaking for Michelle as she had to meet eligibility requirements, take classes, study, pass the standardized exam and now do continued education. This certification will enhance and elevate her fundamental skills and knowledge of the services Public Health provides.

- **Community Outreach:**

- Paula attended the Loaves and Fishes Navigation Center ribbon cutting; and the coordinators will be attending Safety Jam on June 14, 2025; and the National Night Out is coming up. Community outreach has become part of what Public Health does, formally or informally.

- **Other:**

- A discussion was held regarding the status of water sample results or a definitive cause of the death of the cattle in Fremont County earlier this month.

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 2:42 p.m.