

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 24, 2025

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for June was held on June 24, 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:

Debbie Bell – Commissioner
Dwayne McFall – Commission
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 Chairman Bell at 2:00 p.m.

II) Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2025:

Chair Bell called for any changes or corrections to the May 27, 2025, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 27, 2025, as drafted; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote with Ayes by Commissioner McFall and Commissioner Grantham. Chair Bell abstained from voting because she was not present for the May 27, 2025 meeting. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of May 27, 2025, are approved.

III) Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Bell called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda. Paula requested the following item be added to New Business: Item #2: FY25-26 MOU renewals for the Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with Custer County Public Health Agency, Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County and the CSU Extension of Fremont County.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Agenda has been amended and approved.

IV) **Approval of Financial Reports:**

The budget reports and fund balance report for the period ending May 31, 2025 were provided and discussed. Paula advised that there is just under a \$36,000.00 deficit, with 36% of the budget for expenses through May. There is approximately \$74,000.00 invoiced and not yet received which would result in approximately \$39,000.00 in surplus. The fund balance grew \$160,000.00 from April to May, and it is currently at a little over \$2.5M.

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

1. **Crime Stoppers R15 Opioid Funding Proposal Update – Paula Buser:** Paula advised that the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council's Assistance Committee has considered the proposed use of opioid settlement funds for both the tip-line and reward payouts for drug-related tips and has determined that this proposed use, in the context proposed, does not align with the Approved Uses. Paula advised Tammy DeWolfe with Crime Stoppers.

VII) **New Business:**

1. **Local Deterra Direct Mail Campaign Proposal – Paula Buser:** The Connect, Educate and Dispose (CED) Campaign Summary; Verde Quote for Order of Supplies of Deterra totaling \$79,987.65 (for the Household Mailing Program (Standard); Community Distribution Program and Postage) and Fremont County survey results were provided and discussed. Public Health was not awarded the Regional Grant; however, Paula still desires to do a localized, reduced direct mail campaign and target the higher risk households and more rural households. Households with individuals age 60+ are at a higher risk of having more prescriptions, having left over drugs not disposed of and/or are grandparents raising younger children. Households in outlying rural areas don't have as easy access to drug disposal. Paula advised how the direct mail campaign would work and how any extra Deterra packets would be distributed. Paula believes the campaign is impactful and can save lives.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve \$79,987.65 out of the local opioid grant funds for the Deterra campaign and any signature approval by the Board Chair; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The requested funding for the Deterra campaign in the amount of \$79,987.65 and signature approval by the Board Chair is approved.

2. FY25-26 MOU's for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaborations – Annual Renewals:

- **MOU Renewal 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 add 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 \$10,000.00 (\$833.37 for one month and \$833.33 for eleven months) to help fund the tobacco cessation program.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to renew the MOU for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with Custer County Public Health Agency; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU will be renewed.

- **MOU Renewal 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 renew the MOU for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU will be renewed.

- **MOU Renewal 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 McFall made a motion to renew the MOU for Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Collaboration with CSU Extension of Fremont County; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU will be renewed.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**
 - **Byler's Country Eats & Treats:** New mobile unit.
 - **Royal Gorge Creamery:** Formerly You Scream.
 - **The Cool Spot by Tom & Cat:** Ice cream sales.
 - **Plan Reviews:** Plan reviews have been received for Patio Pub Grub (Mobile Unit), Royal Gorge Bar and Grill (will be at River Runners), Kymberz Munchiez (Mobile/Temp. Event), Guajiros (Cuban sandwich shop located at the old Mona Moo's in Penrose) and Fremont Center of the Arts.
- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
 - **Retail Food:** 22 routine inspections; 4 re-inspections; 3 consultative visits and 2 temporary event inspections.
 - **Child Care:** 1 routine inspection.
 - **Schools:** 1 follow-up inspection.
 - **Body Art:** 4 routine inspections.
 - **Other:** 2 transfer station and landfill inspections.

A Completed Inspections Report was provided to the Commissioners.

- **Complaints:** None.
- **Program Updates/Other:**
 - Amy conducted two Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) sessions. There were 19 students in the first session and 6 students in the second session and all participants passed.
 - Amy has been completing a lot of plan reviews, working through all of the Body Art inspections and Public Health's seasonal matters.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to accept the Environmental Health Report; Commissioner Grantham 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 new Public Health Nurse is doing a great job and is a great fit.

- Traffic in the clinic continues to increase. There were 30 visits in all of June last year and thus far this June there have been approximately 50 visits.
- Fremont County has dodged a couple of suspected measles contacts; one was unfounded, and the other agreed to quarantine for 21 days. There are still over 1,200 cases of measles nationwide, 95% of the cases are unknown or unvaccinated. The death toll remains at three.
- Vital Records has been busy partially because of the reduced hours, but there have been no complaints about those reduced hours and the staff covering are doing a great job taking on the extra duty.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report was provided and discussed.
- Public Health is currently fully funded on the three program grants for FY26 (STEPP, SBLOCK and PDD) and partially funded on OPHP (main Public Health grant) of around \$240,000.00. The MCH funds of around \$50,000.00 have not yet been received, and a portion of the ICSP (main immunization grant) state funds have been received, but none of the federal funds have been received. The PHEP grant has not been received yet but an option letter to extend it through August 31st with no funding to support it has been received. Therefore, the work and the deliverables are supposed to stop if the funding is not received by next week. Paula is hopeful that the funds will be received. ELC2.3 is part of the COVID money which is another \$70,000.00 and those funds will most likely not be received. Paula discussed three scenarios for the FY26 pay budget.
- Paula advised that VaxCare has saved Public Health a large amount of money in immunizations and vaccines and not replacing a third nurse position has saved a lot of money in the budget as well.
- Paula provided a PHEP Detail Report which was made possible by having access to Tyler. The ability through Tyler to run reports by individual grant has been very helpful to Public Health.

- **Community Outreach:**

- The grant coordinators have done a lot of community work and engagement, and all three coordinators attended the Shared Risk and Protective Factors Summit in Pueblo which was a good networking opportunity.
- Narcan kiosks are becoming popular again. One was placed at Gateway to Success and one at the new Serenity Recovery Connections by St Thomas More Hospital. Paula met with St. Thomas More Hospital yesterday about possibly hosting a kiosk and Anna Carochi will be meeting with the City

on Monday about possibly placing kiosks in multiple buildings throughout the city.

- Anna Carochi conducted training in early May at Loaves and Fishes about how to administer Narcan and shortly thereafter Public Health received a call from an individual saying the training she received saved the life of one of her clients.
- Public Health is working on getting Laura Sartor certified so that she can do more work helping with the Baby and Me tobacco cessation program for expectant and new mothers.
- Public Health has reached out to doctor and dental offices with tobacco cessation kits and educational resources.
- Public Health will participate in the upcoming Reaching Rural Veterans event which is held on the last Monday of every month at Loaves and Fishes.
- Public Health will have its quarterly Staff Collaboration tomorrow morning.

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 2:40 p.m.