

# **FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

## **July 29, 2025**

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for July was held on July 29, 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  
Autumn Dever for 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 June 24, 2025:**

Chair Bell called for any changes or corrections to the June 24, 2025, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

*Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2025, as drafted; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of June 24, 2025, are approved.*

#### **III) Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Bell called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda. Autumn requested the following be added to New Business: Item #3 Ratification of Commissioner McFall's signature on the new nationwide Opioid Settlement Agreement with Purdue; and Item #4 Ratification of Commissioner McFall's signature on Amendment No. 2 of the PHEP Grant.

*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 Detail vs. Budget Report for the period ending June 30, 2025 was provided and discussed. Autumn advised revenue collections are slightly behind through mid-year as a result of the collection process with the State because the State pays after the fact. The May and June services provided and not yet reimbursed is approximately \$114,000.00 which would result in an actual surplus of \$171,000.00. The current fund balance is \$2,436,507.00 which includes a \$42,000.00 dip from May.

Expenses are being managed, many of which are salary and benefits, and there have been savings through the first six months of this year. In 2025 Public Health will have less revenue than what is budgeted and controlling expenses will continue to be vital. In the meantime, Public Health continues to look for new grants to apply for, however, grants are extremely competitive now.

*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. **Approval of the CSU Prevention Grant Services Agreement for Signature:** The Agreement is for the CSU 4-H Extension to subcontract with FCDPHE to provide youth prevention activities funded by the Region 15 Prevention Grant.

*Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the CSU Prevention Grant Services Agreement; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The CSU Prevention Grant Services Agreement is approved for signature.*

2. **Retail Food Establishment Fees:** The signed SB 25-285 updating the Fee Schedule for the fees paid by Retail Food Establishments; Resolution 1, Series of 2017, the notes and Minutes of the November 30, 2017 Board of Health meeting and Amy's RFE Reduced Fees spreadsheet were provided to the Board. Amy advised that ideally the State would prefer that Public Health be on same fee schedule as them. After much discussion, it was decided that Amy would provide the Board with her recommendations as to the County's reduced fees and any suggested increases.

*Commissioner Grantham made a motion to table this matter until the August 26, 2025 Board of Health meeting after recommendations have been received from Amy; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The retail food establishment fees are tabled as Old Business until the August 26, 2025 Board of Health meeting.*

3. **Nationwide Opioid Settlement Agreement with Purdue:** The new nationwide Opioid Settlement Agreement with Purdue has been received.

*Commissioner Grantham made a motion to ratify Commissioner McFall's signature on the new nationwide Opioid Settlement Agreement with Purdue; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. Ratification of Commissioner McFall's signature on the new nationwide Opioid Settlement Agreement with Purdue is approved.*

4. **Amendment #2 of the PHEP Grant:** Public Health will now receive an award for FY26 of 75% of the original grant request.

*Commissioner Grantham made a motion to ratify Commissioner McFall's signature on Amendment #2 of the PHEP Grant; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. Ratification of Commissioner McFall's signature on Amendment #2 of the PHEP Grant is approved.*

## VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**
  - **Patio Pub Grub:** Mobile Unit.
  - **Royal Gorge Bar and Grill:** Located at River Runners.
  - **Kymberz Munchiez:** Mobile/Temporary Unit.
  - **Guajiros:** Cuban sandwich shop located at the old Mona Moo's in Penrose.
  - **Fremont Center for the Arts:** Small bar.
- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
  - **Retail Food:** 12 routine inspections; 4 re-inspections; 2 consultative visits; 1 closure inspection; 1 opening inspection and 10 temporary event inspections.
  - **Child Care:** 1 routine inspection.
  - **Body Art:** 3 routine inspections.
  - **Other:** 1 transfer station inspection.

A Completed Inspections Report was provided to the Board.

- **Complaints:**

- **Hampton Inn:** An e-mail complaint about mold was previously forwarded to the Board and was discussed. Amy has received several calls about mold at various establishments in Fremont County. Public Health has no authority to regulate mold and the State law standards for mold is only for residential rental property. It was decided that Public Health would simply do a PSA as an educational reminder to all in Fremont County.

- **Program Updates:**

- Amy attended the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Educational Conference held two weeks ago in Arizona, which was grant-funded and thankfully she was able to attend virtually.
- There have been a couple of bats in houses and tests on both bats came back negative.

*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 – Autumn Dever for Paula Buser:**

- **Clinic and Program Updates:**

- The BOH Program Data Report was provided and discussed.
- Traffic in the clinic continues to be on the uptick over last year.
- There will be some intermittent closing of the clinic and Vital Records will be closed on Thursday this week. It has been very busy at Vital Records with school resuming and it is hoped that the Vital Records Clerk will be able to return by mid-August.
- On-site lead screenings at Star Point were conducted this month and screenings at Head Start will be done in September.
- As part of the Child Care Health Consultant duties and the Dental Health Grant that Public Health is partnering with Echo Council on, Public Health conducted on-site oral health screenings at Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center and screened about a dozen children. Public Health does not make any diagnosis and only reports findings that may lead to a referral through ECHO. The goal of the Dental Health Grant is to increase awareness for oral health in preschool-aged children.
- Also as part of the Child Care Health Consultant duties, medication administration training for Head Start staff will be conducted on August 6, 2025.

- As of July 8, 2025, there have been 1,288 confirmed Measles cases reported by 39 jurisdictions. There are currently no cases in Colorado. However, on July 19, 2025 an out-of-state unvaccinated child camping with family in Gunnison tested positive. The infectious period was July 11-19, 2025. The child and her family have returned to their home state of Texas. The Gunnison County and Texas Public Health Departments are working to collect more information about close contacts remaining in Colorado.
- The A Moment that Matters flyer and the Deterra Resource Card were provided and discussed. A Moment that Matters is the Deterra medication disposal campaign plea to local partners and community organizations to join Public Health in making safe medication disposal simple and accessible. The estimated date for the mailing is between August 8 to August 15, 2025. Paula is working with local media to advertise the campaign and several local community partners are supporting the project.
- The Save the Date flyer for the Back-to-School Immunization Clinic for the 2025-2026 school year was provided and discussed. The clinic began today at Harrison Elementary School and will go through July 31, 2025.
- Cheyenne McGinniss' July 23, 2025 email regarding Dr. Bresnahan's exceptional service to Public Health was provided and discussed. It was decided that Commissioner Bell would send Dr. Bresnahan a letter of appreciation from the Board.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report and FY26 vs. FY25 Grant Funding Snapshot spreadsheet were provided and discussed. Things continue to be fluid with the funding cuts from FY25 of \$368,676.93. Paula is working on modifying a few budgets so that the loss of grant funding will not affect staffing.
- PHEP, ICSP and OPHP are all only partially funded at this time.
- Public Health has received the ELC2.3 executed contract, and those funds will now be available.
- With current funding, the impact on the fund balance could be around \$100,000.00 for the current salaries in 2026. Once some of the funding issues settle, a more solid update can be provided.

- **Program Highlights:**

- On August 18, 2025, there will be an in-person check-in from CDPHE staff for the STEP program and the grant monitors will be present. If the incoming Public Health Director could be in attendance, it would be helpful in learning more about the program.

- Community outreach is continuing for program coordinators. They are out in the community a lot. Upcoming events for the program coordinators include the County Fair, National Night Out, Reaching Rural Veterans, attendance at the Colorado Traffic Safety Summit and the SBLOCK coordinator will be attending a conference in Washington DC.
- Public Health is working with the City to possibly place five Narcan kiosks in multiple places. Due to the Emergency Medical Treatment Act restrictions, St. Thomas More Hospital is unable to put a kiosk on their site. However, they are able to keep the kiosk in the peer support building across the street from the hospital which will allow them to continue to support patients that way.
- Several staff will be attending the Regional Mini-Conference in Buena Vista on August 7, 2025. The clinic will be open for walk-ins, but Vital Records will be closed that day and the clinic schedule has been blocked off that day.
- The Annual Public Health in the Rockies Conference will be held on September 9-11, 2025, in Keystone. Paula has paid the registration fee and reserved a hotel room. These reservations can be cancelled two days before the event if the incoming Public Health Director or a designee is unable to attend the event.
- Public Health hosts a Vitalant blood drive on the third Monday of each month and those events have been very successful. Due to that success, Vitalant intends to conduct additional blood drives at Public Health in 2026. Starting in January 2026, an additional blood drive will be held on the first Monday in odd-numbered months, and if it continues to be successful, they will add the first Monday to every month. The Commissioners requested that the Vitalant bus not take up needed parking spaces by parking in front of the Public Health building and instead park forward about 30 feet near the Library's park area.

- **Other:**

- The FCDPHE Organizational Chart was provided to the Board. The notable change is that two additional supervisory positions have been removed.

*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 3:01 p.m.