

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
July 30, 2024

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for July was held on July 30, 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
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Officer
Paula Buser – Public Health Director
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary
Wyatt Sanders – Director, Building Department

The following guest was in attendance:

Lori Jenkins – Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center

I) **Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by BOH Chairman Grantham at 2:24 p.m.

II) **Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2024:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or corrections to the June 25, 2024, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 25, 2024, as drafted; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of June 25, 2024, are approved.

III) **Approval of Agenda:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda. No changes or additions were suggested.

Commissioner Bell 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 June 2024 Budget Reports and Fund Balance Report as of June 30, 2024, were provided and discussed. Paula advised the fund balance grew about \$54,000.00 between May and June, Public health is still running revenue over expenses, and the surplus is \$327,000.00, which is an increase from the \$208,000.00 in May 2024. Paula had a good mid-year meeting with Shawn Sutton in the Finance Department and values his time and advice. The Commissioners expressed their gratitude to Paula for taking the time to spend with Mr. Sutton and for her hard work in preparing the budget reports.

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

1. **Revised Quarterly Staff Collaboration Dates:** Paula requested to move the November 25th collaboration to November 26th and the March 17th collaboration to March 18th. The September 10, 2024, date will remain the same. Paula believes Monday mornings are not the best days to collaborate and believes it would be better to move those to Tuesday.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the revised collaboration dates; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The revised collaboration dates are accepted.

VII) **New Business:**

1. **CUP 24-001 Request for Vault Septic Containment:** Wyatt Sanders, Director, Building Department, advised that Holcim submitted an application to Fremont County Planning and Zoning for a septic vault to be installed at the Red Creek Quarry development to service the shop and office building they plan to build. Mr. Sanders discussed with Holcim that once the mining operation is over, the vault must be removed and properly disposed of. Discussion was had regarding how the vault is maintained and that the CUP is monitored by Planning & Zoning yearly. It was also discussed that evidence of regular pumping of the vault and the vault being disposed of properly upon completion of mining should be added to the CUP. Mr. Sanders will discuss these matters with Planning & Zoning to ensure these matters are included in the CUP application and staff report.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve CUP 24-001 Request for Vault Septic Containment with the addition to the CUP that evidence be provided that the septic vault is serviced (pumped) regularly throughout the life of the mine and upon completion of mining, the vault will be properly removed, and the ground disturbance reclaimed; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. CUP 24-001 Request for Vault Septic Containment, with the additions noted above, is approved.

2. **Request for Vault Septic Containment at 325 Hegler Ridge Road:** Wyatt Sanders, Director, Building Department, provided a copy of a vault request made by David Molter and Pam Carothers. Mr. Sanders also provided an email dated July 30, 2024, from the Fremont County Planning & Zoning Department advising that this can be accomplished via an Agreement to Abate and their specific requirements that must be contained in that Agreement. Further discussion was had regarding this being a “temporary” vault only, that a permit must first be issued, that the vault must be serviced regularly and properly disposed of upon completion of construction of the main home.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve a temporary vault septic containment at 325 Hegler Ridge Road, subject to the Fremont County Planning & Zoning regulations; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. A temporary vault septic containment at 325 Hegler Ridge Road, subject to the Fremont County Planning & Zoning regulations, is approved.

3. **MOU with Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center (CAC):** Lori Jenkins with Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center was present to discuss the Kindred Kids Proposal for Grant Funds and MOU. The existing local opioid abatement funds requested would be used to partner with CAC to support comprehensive, trauma-informed programs leveraging CAC’s existing resources to prevent opioid misuse among high-risk families served by the CAC. Paula advised that she is very comfortable with the amount of funds allocated and the CAC will be implementing a tracking and reporting system setting forth how the funds are utilized and to show the impact these funds have made on the citizens of Fremont County. Discussion was had regarding approval of the MOU subject to frequent reporting and annual appropriation of funds for the initial five-year term of the project. Mr. Bellas will make the appropriate adjustments to the proposed MOU.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the MOU with Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center (CAC) subject to the annual appropriation of funds and tracking and reporting requirements; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU with Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is approved subject to the annual appropriation of funds and tracking and reporting requirements being added to the proposed MOU.

VIII) Directors' Reports:

1. Environmental Health Report – Amy Jamison:

- New Establishments:
 - Sally's Bakery: Is open!!
 - Arby's: A pre-operational inspection was done today and passed. Arby's will open on August 8, 2024.
 - Other: Amy is expecting 3 plan reviews, 2 food trucks and a bakery in Howard.

- Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):
 - Retail Food: 23 routine inspections, 1 re-inspection, 2 pre-operational inspections, 5 consultative visits and 12 temporary event inspections.
 - Childcare: 1 follow-up inspection, 1 routine inspection and 1 pre-operational inspection.
 - Body Art: 6 routine inspections.
 - Other: 1 landfill inspection. Amy has observed more trash on the fences, and she discussed this with the owner/manager.

- Complaints:
 - Hampton Inn: Complainant found a beetle in his bed, and it was reported to the front desk clerk who just said, "Oh yeah, we have those." Amy intends to talk to management about their pest control.
 - El Alazan: Complainant and a child found bones in their chicken. Amy intends to have a conversation with management about this, however, it is hard to find complete fault with El Alazan about this particular issue.
 - Taco Bell: Complainant advised that the employee at the drive-through window had blood running down his/her arm. Amy spoke to the manager who was not aware of this. The manager then checked their cameras and found that the person working the drive-through had splattered red sauce on his/her arm, not blood. Amy discussed first-aid and cleanliness issues with the manager.
 - Chelsey's: Complainant advised that behind the bar is dirty and the tables are very sticky, but the food is really good. The back dining and bar area is the location of the complaint, and that area is not being used. However, with the past pest issues, Amy intends to remind management to keep those areas that are not actually being used clean as well.
 - Michael Stahl Home Tattoo: Last year at this time a complaint was received, and Code Enforcement attempted to contact Mr. Stahl. The original complainant has now sent Amy a screenshot of a post on Mr. Stahl's Facebook page with a post saying he has an opening today if anyone is interested. The post is unclear as to context, and not enough to

confirm that the opening is for tattooing. Mr. Bellas advised that the post is not enough to initiate an investigation.

- **Other:**

- **Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor Training:** Amy passed the lead inspector/risk assessor certification state exam. The State has just created their own program to be able to do this testing and it was discussed that it might be more cost effective to let the State do the investigations and testing.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to accept the excellent 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 provided and discussed.
- Today was the first day of the school-based vaccination clinic which was well received. Public Health had an issue with their cooler, but it was handled and hopefully the next two days are issue-free.
- There has been increased traffic in the clinic.
- The Child Care Nursing Consultant position for Head Start is going well and keeping Cheyenne very busy. Cheyenne may also be helping with the ECHO dental screenings.
- A Dose of Hope kiosk will be installed at the Penrose Library, DHS and Loaves and Fishes and those kiosks should be arriving soon. Public Health is getting info out to law enforcement to help spread the word.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The Grant Spending Report was provided and discussed. Paula commended her staff for the good work being done managing and tracking these programs.
- The Fremont Opioid Prevention Funds FY25 Report was provided for the Commissioners to review.

- **Community Outreach:**

- There will be a Public Health booth at the County Fair on Family Day, August 2, 2024.

- Public Health has been making a lot of connections through the ECHO Council meetings with places like the hospital and Star Point.
 - All three School District's back to school events will be attended by Public Health. There will be two on August 7, 2024, and one on August 8, 2024.
 - National Night Out is coming up on August 6, 2024, at Pathfinder Park.
 - The Legislative Symposium will be held on August 29, 2024.
- **Staffing:**
 - Paula Spurlin in Vital Statistics and Kris Corey, RN, will be retiring this year.
- **Other:**
 - **Statewide Mandatory Bulk-Tank HPAI Testing:** The Order of the Commissioner of Agriculture was provided and discussed. All CDPHE-licensed dairy cow farms in the state of Colorado must submit weekly bulk-tank samples for testing per that Order. There are 51 Colorado dairies affected as of last Friday with 10 confirmed human cases in north-east Colorado who are being treated with Tamiflu.
 - **Air Quality:** There have been multiple air quality advisories due to the many wildfires lately and Public Health has posted those advisories on their social media.
 - **Vital Records Reorganization Recommendation:** Vital Records Actual and Estimated Future Operating Ratio Report and the BC/DC Counts Report were provided and discussed. Paula advised that with the upcoming retirement of one staff member in that department she is looking into some restructuring of that position's work hours, while not changing the job description, for budget purposes.

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.

Commission Grantham requested that if Public Health or any of its peers or others in other counties have legislation that BOCC needs to be aware of to please let the BOCC know.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.