

**FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**August 27, 2024**

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for August was held on August 27, 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:**

Tony Carochi – County Administrator  
Eric Bellas – County Attorney  
Paula Buser – Public Health Director (by phone)  
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Officer  
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary

I) **Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by BOH Chairman Grantham at 2:08 p.m.

II) **Approval of Minutes from July 30, 2024:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or corrections to the July 30, 2024, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

*Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 30, 2024, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of July 30, 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 July 2024 Budget Reports and Fund Balance Report as of July 31, 2024, were provided and discussed. Paula advised the fund balance continues to grow and is actually ahead of the budgeted revenue. This is partially due to three grants that were received as well as two FTE's that did not get filled that were budgeted for. Those positions may have been budgeted for due to COVID, however, they are not needed and are not included in the new budget.

*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:** None.

VII) **New Business:** None.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

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

- **New Establishments:**
  - **Arby's:** Arby's is open as of August 8, 2024.
  - **Homer's Gumbo Pot Deli and Market:** Amy met with them yesterday and they plan to open within in the next few weeks. They are located where the old Water Hole #1 was.
- **Inspection #'s (including re-inspections and interventions):**
  - **Retail Food:** 18 routine inspections; 3 re-inspections, 1 pre-operational inspection, 1 complaint, 2 consultative visits and 1 non-regulatory inspection of the train.
  - **Temporary Events:** Lucky's BBQ for Outdoorsman Days.
  - **Body Art:** 3 routine inspections.
  - **Other:** 1 transfer station inspection.
- **Complaints:** (Follow up to those complaints reported at the July 30, 2024, BOH meeting).
  - **Hampton Inn:** Amy has now spoken with management about their pest control practices and was provided with their service records showing that Orkin provides monthly pest control.
  - **El Alazan:** Amy performed a routine inspection today and discussed best practices with management.

- **Chelsey's**: Amy stopped in and discussed keeping those areas that are not being used swept and countertops wiped down once a week as a preventative measure.
- **Other**:
  - **Bat**: There was a bat in an individual's home overnight and the bat had contact with the homeowner's dog. The bat was tested, and the results came back negative.

*Commissioner Bell 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 Program Data Report was provided and discussed.
  - There were 39 children vaccinated at the at Harrison School vaccination clinic and Public Health plans to have the clinic again next year.
  - Children returning to school has kept the clinic busy. There were 113 immunizations given in July and an increase in walk-ins at the clinic.
  - Paula and Cheyenne continue to attend the monthly ECHO Council meetings and continue to make helpful community connections.
  - There have been no communicable disease issues reported in Fremont County.
- **Grants/Funding Updates**:
  - The FY25 Grant Spending Report was provided and discussed.
  - The 2025 budget review is completed and Paula provided an update.
  - The Public Health Block Grant will be submitted at just under \$25,000.00.
  - Extra grant funds have been received through the CDC Initiative, which is part of the Safe Sleep Program, and Public Health has been able to provide needed resources to DHS and the community.
  - It has been decided not to fund a second round of the Anti-Stigma Campaign as it was not as effective as was anticipated.
- **Community Outreach**:
  - Paula is on the Co-Design Board for the Delta Dental Healthy Universal Preschool Collaborative and the Project Overview was provided for the Commissioners to review.

- All three of the School District's back to school vaccination clinics went well.
  - There is a Catalyst for Change week-long event currently occurring that engages students on more positive behaviors and interactions. Anna and Hannah are participating in the program today at Canon City Middle School.
  - The Dose of Hope kiosks are gathering more interest. Paula presented on the kiosks at the ECHO Council meeting and PCC is interested in hosting a couple kiosks. There is a Lunch and Learn planned for the Fall to educate the community on the kiosks.
  - Paula will be attending her first Directors Summit the last week in September at the state-wide Public Health of the Rockies Conference.
  - Anna Carochi will be attending the SBLOCK Conference in September, which is the main grant that she oversees. This conference will help provide foundational knowledge and skills necessary to implement a data-driven substance abuse prevention program. It is also a step in her becoming a certified Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist.
- **Staffing:**
    - Anna Carochi is now in her second week at the clinic. Paula has spent several days introducing her to the opioid programs and she is doing great.
    - A part-time Opioid Coordinator has been hired and she will start her employment on September 16, 2024. She is based out of Chaffee County but will be serving all regions/counties.
    - Paula had shoulder surgery on August 22, 2024, and plans to return to part-time work next week, either in the office or from home.
  - **Other:**
    - **H5N1:** Paula has not received any new updates. Commissioner McFall advised that the Agricultural Commissioner has stated that there are still a few human cases, however, no *new* human cases, and most animal cases are in lactating cows.
    - **West Nile Virus:** There has been one individual present in Fremont County who has tested positive for the West Nile Virus. It is unclear if this individual is a resident of Fremont County or visiting. The situation is being monitored by Public Health.

*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.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.