

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 30, 2025

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for September was held on September 30, 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 – Commissioner
Kevin J. Grantham – Commissioner

The following staff were in attendance:

Tony Carochi – County Administrator
Shawn Sutton – Assistant County Administrator
Eric Bellas – County Attorney
Richard Gutierrez – Public Health Director
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary
Autumn Dever – Public Health
Michelle Boscia – Public Health

I) Roll Call:

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

II) Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2025:

Chair Bell called for any changes or corrections to the August 26, 2025, Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 26, 2025, as drafted; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Fremont County Board of Health Minutes of August 26, 2025, are approved.

III) Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Bell called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda. No changes or additions were suggested.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Agenda is approved.

IV) **Consent Agenda:**

1. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on CDPHE Purchase Order.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Consent Agenda is approved.

V) **Approval of Financial Reports:**

The budget reports for August 2025 were provided and discussed. Autumn advised that June services provided but not yet reimbursed total \$12,878.00 for two grants that ended at the end of June, and it always takes longer during grant close-out to receive funds. July services have all been paid. August services were just invoiced so those are not yet paid. The current fund balance is \$2,593,442.33 which is \$24,000.00 over July's balance.

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.

VI) **Citizens not already scheduled on the Agenda may address the Board at this time:**

None.

VII) **Old Business:**

None.

VIII) **New Business:**

1. **Fremont County Impaired Driving Gallery Data Walk - Michelle Boscia:** Key findings and recommendations and power point presentation by Michelle Boscia was provided to the Board. Michelle requested to present to the BOCC in December for Impaired Driving Awareness Month. It was decided by general consent that the presentation and Proclamation will be scheduled for the second BOCC meeting in November (November 25th). Michelle will coordinate that with Kathy Lutz so that it gets on the Agenda.
2. **Approval and Signature on Memorandum of Understanding for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) - Michelle Boscia:** SADD and Public Health will partner to establish and support a Teen Action Board in Fremont County during the Fiscal Year 2026. The Teen Action Board will consist of Fremont County youth who will focus on traffic safety, tobacco, impairment, and alcohol and drug misuse for the purpose of raising awareness, taking positive actions, and sharing solutions to keep themselves and their friends safe. Attorney Bellas reviewed and approved the MOU and the Board advised that they would like to see all three local high schools involved.

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve the MOU and authorize Chair Bell's signature on the same; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The MOU for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is approved for signature.

IX) **Directors' Reports:**

1. **Environmental Health Report – Amy Jamison (written report submitted):**

• **New Establishments:**

- **MoMo's**: Their food truck plans have been approved.
- **Antithesis**: (Restaurant in the Robinson Mansion). Their plans have been approved. They might do limited events this year, but opening will most likely be pushed to next year.
- **Boudreaux**: Their plans have been approved, and their second location will be at the VFW in Penrose. Opening planned for October 1, 2025.
- **Dickie's BBQ**: Their plans have been approved, and they will be located at the old Toreros in the Justice Center complex. Opening planned for October 1, 2025.
- **Pizza Madness and KFC**: Both establishments have been reassigned to Environmental Health. Amy's relatives previously worked for Pizza Madness and the past Public Health Director owns KFC. Amy has a relative that is now working for Harding on Main and the State is assigned Harding on Main and still has The Owl as well.
- **Pho USA**: Has reopened in the Justice Center complex.
- **Closures**: Greener Pastures Meats (on Main Street), The Market (on County Road 3A) and Sugarbush Snack Shack (mobile unit in Howard). The Hampton Inn closure details and conditions for reopening were provided to the Board. Mr. Sutton advised that the Hampton Inn is under contract.

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

- **Retail Food**: 28 routine inspections; 5 re-inspections; 1 closure; 1 onsite food safety training; 2 consultative visits and 3 temporary event inspections.
- **Child Care**: 3 routine inspections.
- **Schools**: 3 high risk inspections; 1 low risk inspection. (High risk inspections for schools with labs and vocational programs, required every year. Low risk inspections for all schools, required every 3 years.) The Inspection Report Forms were provided for the Board's review.
- **Body Art**: 1 consultative visit.

A Completed Inspections Report was provided to the Board.

- **Complaints:**

- **Arby's (on Royal Gorge Blvd.):** There was an FBI complaint made by an individual who became ill within 30 minutes of eating the sandwich which renders FBI unlikely. No other complaints have been received, and they are due for inspection in October, so Amy will inform them of the complaint at that time.

- **Program Updates/Other:**

- Amy is attending the Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA) annual education conference this week.
- **Childcare and School Program:**
 - The new Local Assistance Program (LAP) for childcare/schools, which is similar to retail food, requires quarterly check-ins with required joint inspections with the State, five times per year for both schools and childcare. Amy's inspections are assessed in writing and feedback is provided to her.
 - The Inspection Assessments (feedback forms) for Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery, Canon City Middle School and Harrison School were provided to the Board.
 - Amy provided her written comments on the Inspection Assessments for the Board's review.
- The State is working on updating the school regulations with a possible implementation date of July or August 2026. One of the proposed changes is to combine the inspection reports, so there is just one report, and schools are not receiving different reports.

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:**

- **Clinic and Program Updates:**

- The BOH Program Data Report was provided and discussed.
- The new Public Health Director, Richard Gutierrez, started work yesterday.
- Off-Site flu clinics start tomorrow through November 4, 2025, and so far there are 19 are scheduled.
- Traffic in clinic continues to rise over last year. October and November are always busy months in the clinic.

- The clinic has been vaccinating a lot of babies with the baby boom that occurred in July and August.
- Colorado has 27 confirmed measles cases, which is more than any year since 1995. There are no measles cases in Fremont County.
- With respiratory season starting, Public Health has free home COVID tests available for anyone in need.
- RN Grillion starts TB training with CDPHE today. When his training is completed, he will be able to assist RN McGinniss with reviewing cases and seeing TB patients.

- **Grants/Funding Updates:**

- The August Fund Balance Report was provided and discussed.
- Emails from CDPHE regarding the EH and OPHP grant funding reductions were provided to the Board and discussed. EH was cut \$6,036.00 and OPHP was cut \$34,430.00 for a total of \$40,466.00.
- Public Health received updated funding for the ICSP grant in the amount of \$64,856.00 which consists of \$51,717.00 in State funding and \$13,139.00 in Federal funding.
- Public Health received the additional 25% funding of the PHEP grant which is now funded at \$71,582.00.

- **Program Highlights:**

- STEPP Program Coordinator Update:
 - Presenting to local schools (Cotopaxi, CCMS, Harrison and CCHS) on the Catch My Breath campaign due to the uptick in vaping starting in the 4th grade. The campaign focuses on e-cigarettes and vaping prevention by providing resources to students and the schools have been very receptive and supportive.
 - Working on recruiting students for the Teen Action Board.
 - Working with DHS to distribute Quit Line Kits.
 - Working on getting certified to educate for cessation and implementing the Baby and Me program.
 - Working with Full Circle Restorative Justice in the schools to assist students who get caught smoking or vaping by providing education and resources.
 - Attending ARC meetings to discuss ways to support individuals who have some form of addiction.
 - Attending the Rural Veterans Group at Loaves and Fishes at the end of each month.

- PDD Program Coordinator Update:
 - Prepared the Fremont County Impaired Driving Galley Data Walk power point presentation and provided it to the Board for review.
 - Building a DUI Task Force in Fremont County.
 - Creating the Hotspot Map which is anticipated to be completed this month.
 - Submitting a proposal for the virtual Collective Action Conference.
 - The LifeSavers Conference will be held in April 2026 in Baltimore, and a presentation proposal was submitted jointly with the El Paso County PDD grantee for the conference.
 - Presented at the Traffic Safety Summit in August.
 - Attend the CTC Coalition meetings in Colorado Springs in an effort to assist in creating the Youth Action Board and gain insight into how to facilitate coalition meetings.
- SBLOCK Program Coordinator Update:
 - Preparing the end-of-year reports.
 - Applying for a new, very competitive, grant that is due on November 4, 2025.
- The STEPP and PDD program coordinators completed the Policy 101 Toolkit.
- All three program coordinators are participating in The Dish - Serving Up Real Talk and Food for Parents. Each program coordinator will have their own day and a guest speaker with a subsequent Q&A each day.
- The last Narcan kiosk was just delivered to RMBH. A total of ten kiosks have now been distributed in the community.
- It is hoped that the Vital Records Clerk will return next week.
- All those in the Assessor's Office were very gracious guests in the Public Health building during their stay.

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 2:46 p.m.