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## **FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING January 26, 2021**

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for January was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon Avenue, LL3, Canon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

Debbie Bell - Commissioner  
Dwayne McFall – Commissioner  
Kevin Grantham – Commissioner

### **Staff Present:**

Brenda Jackson – County Attorney  
Sunny Bryant – County Manager/Finance Director  
Kayla Marler – Public Health Director  
Amy Jamison - Environmental Health Officer  
Debbie Ulrich – Legal Assistant/Minutes secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner McFall with Roll Call following at 1:15 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner McFall called for approval of the December 29, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to approve the December 29, 2020 Minutes; Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Minutes are approved.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner McFall called for any changes or additions to the Agenda. Kayla needed to add an MOU between FCPDHE and Chaffee County under New Business. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of the MOU under New Business. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Agenda is approved.

### **CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA – TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None

### **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

#### **Environmental Health Report**

Amy started her report by introducing Susan Gouveria, she is petitioning the BOH for the use of a composting toilet. She owns property in Fremont County and will be putting up a Tiny Home. At this time the tiny home/shed is still in the construction stage and is being built by a shed company. Wyatt Sanders of the Building Department added that; at this time the Building Department hasn't had any Plans submitted for Building Permits. He also added that a composting toilet only operates correctly during temperatures of 60 degrees to 100

degrees. In cold weather the waste freezes and doesn't compost. It was also added that when the Tiny Home is completed Ms. Gouveria will connect to an approved septic system. Wyatt's recommendation to the Fremont County Board of Health is to Not approve this request. Discussion followed. Wyatt explained that the drain water is treated as gray water and can't be used at all. The compost that is created by a composting toilet isn't useable even for plants and still has to be disposed of.

Commissioner Bell stated that based on the information that we have received I make a Motion to deny this request for a Composting Toilet. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; Commissioner Bell, Aye; Commissioner McFall, Aye; Commissioner Grantham, Nay. Motion is passed by a majority vote to Deny the Composting Toilet.

Amy introduced Eric Seifert who is asking for a variance for a Septic System. Their current Septic System is in failure. They are within 400 feet of the Canon City Sanitation/Sewer. To hook into this system will cost approximately \$60,000. At this time Wyatt read the Regulations for OWTS. Mr. Seifert has made application to the Sanitation District. The Sanitation District doesn't offer a "buy back" any longer. Wyatt told the Board that there is plenty of room for a Septic System on the Seifert property.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to Approve the Sewer Variance Request. Commission Bell seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is Approved.

Amy continued her report on the following subjects.

#### New Establishments

There are no new establishments at this time. Amy has two Body Art shops and Morelli's pre-op inspections scheduled for the first week in February.

#### Complaints

Amy hasn't received any complaints this month.

#### COVID 19

No changes for businesses at this time.

#### LICENSE RENEWALS and WAIVERS

Amy explained the bill (SB20B-001) that provides funding to allow FCPH to waive license renewal fees for restaurants and bars. Ice cream parlors/shops do not fall under this category and still have to pay their license renewal fees. As a County we can lower the license fees if there is a problem or hardship where the owners can't pay their fees.

It was noted that someone might open a Restaurant and Market Place in the Somewhere Saloon building. More information when it becomes available.

Commissioner Bell made a Motion to accept the Environmental Health Officer's report. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Report is accepted.

### **Public Health Director**

Kayla Marler, Public Health Director reported on the following areas.

#### Staffing

Kayla informed the BOH that she will be hiring a Part-Time Nurse and an Office Assistant. Both positions will be paid for by ELC funds. She has already received quite a few applications for the Office Assistant position.

#### Financials/Contracts.

Kayla would like to participate with Otero Junior College's Nursing students and their Internship program. This will be done by Contract. Commissioner Bell suggested that she send the Contract to Brenda for review and the BOH will approve the Contract with the contingency of Brenda's review and approval.

Shannon Espinoza presented the MOU for Peer Empowered Recovery Community Solutions Inc. (PERCS) This will be a stigma reduction campaign. It is something that FCPH wants to be a part of. This needs an MOU for FCPH to work with PERCS.

Commissioner Bell made a Motion to Approve the MOU between FCPH and PERCS. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote, all Ayes. Motion is approved.

## Coronavirus – COVID-19

Kayla reported that Safeway has received 300 doses of the COVID vaccine. FCPH will help with advertising that they have the vaccines. Mako will be here through mid-summer. The COVID vaccine clinic will be held at Harrison School with the inside being utilized as well. Kayla expressed her appreciation of this school and their help

## Flu Clinic

Kayla reported that there is still Flu vaccine available.

## Community Collaborative Update

The Collaborative meets every Tuesday. Kayla discussed that FCPH is also working on an MOU with Valley Wide to use FCPH facility on Fridays.

Kayla that the link for the FCDPHE Web Design Project is now up and live. Commissioner Bell asked if there was a counter on the link. Yes, there is a counter. Kayla also gave kudos to Sara and Michelle for their hard work on this project.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to accept the Public Health Directors report. Commissioner Bell seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. The Public Health report is accepted.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

Kayla discussed an MOU between Fremont County Public Health and Chaffee County Public Health regarding a Grant that covers Opioid Overdose Prevention. Chaffee County still wants to participate in this. It is effective from February 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Commissioner Bell approved the MOU between CCPH and FCPH.

Meeting is adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

