

**FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
October 27, 2020**

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for October was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon Avenue, LL3 Conference Room, Canon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

Debbie Bell - Commissioner
Dwayne McFall – Commissioner
Tim Payne – 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 Bell with Roll Call following at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for approval of the September 29, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Bell noted that there was an incomplete thought/sentence in the minutes. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the September meeting with the correction/addition being made. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Minutes are approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bell called for any changes or additions to the Agenda. No additions or changes to the Agenda were necessary. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the Agenda, Commissioner Payne 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 Jamison, Environmental Health Officer went right into her report with a Request for Use of a Chemical Portable Toilet. The Havens house in Penrose at 550 Illinois burned down and they are currently living in a travel trailer/overhead camper and are in the process of working with the Building Department for the Permit and have also spoken to Planning and Zoning. After a brief discussion, Commissioner McFall made a Motion to Allow the Portable Toilet Permit. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

New Establishments

Amy updated the BOH on the new establishments: Mose is now open on Main Street. The “This and That B.B.Q. Shack” is hoping to open soon in Penrose.

Complaints

Amy had a complaint regarding an apartment building on North 5th Street which is experiencing backed up sewage/broken water pipe. It has affected 6 apartments, especially the carpet. The owner is working on it and stated that this problem has occurred before. Kayla asked what is the Public Health’s responsibility? Brenda asked if Public Health wants to get involved? Is the sewage on the ground? If the problem is inside the apartments/building then it’s the owner’s responsibility. This would be a civil case between the Landlord and Tenant. Kayla asked if they could tell the tenants about the free Legal Aid? Yes, they can share that information.

COVID 19

Amy reported that Restaurant capacity is still at 50%. Winter will not be as comfortable with outside seating. Amy is offering pre-emptive education and suggestions such as outside heaters, etc. Restaurants already have people not sitting outside. Commissioner Bell stated that complaints will need to be dealt with on a complaint by complaint basis. She then asked about Quincy’s. A Cease and Desist Order is being prepared and this will let them know what’s coming from the Court. Brenda Jackson noted that she has written to the Florence Attorney but hasn’t heard anything yet from their Attorney. Brenda also stated that the Order doesn’t require them to do anything in Court at this time. She will be attaching all of the Order’s from the State to the packet for a total of 26 pages. Brenda reported to BOH that Amy noted that Quincy’s Liquor License is also coming up for review. Kayla stated that FCPH did receive another complaint regarding Quincy’s.

Commissioner Payne made a Motion to Accept the Environmental Health report; Commissioner McFall 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 reported that she has hired a COVID-19 Public Health Educator; Michelle Masur. She started on October 19th. FCPH also hired a COVID-19 Response Specialist; Dani Santilli. The position of Part-Time RN, has also been posted with a deadline of October 29th.

Kayla stated that she has received a resignation notice from Dr. Victoria King. Sunny Bryant checked her contract with FCPH and it requires a 30-day notice, she wants to leave in 2 weeks. Discussion followed including noting that it seems Dr. King is unable to separate her personal and professional feelings. This would make it hard for her to represent FCPH in the best possible way. Commissioner Bell will contact Dr. King; Kayla should contact CDPHE. Brenda suggested checking with the Hospital/Centura Health and Valley Wide for possible replacements.

Financials

Kayla didn’t have anything to report on this subject at this time.

Programs

Kayla stated that MAKO is here at this time and testing lots of people. FCPH will be going to Southern Peaks on October 28th to test the kids. Staff is being referred to FCPH for testing. Kayla stated that she has sent the Commissioners an email recently recommending to take us to a Level 2. No one wants to get to Level 3.

On the Community Collaborative Update, Kayla added that she has been in contact via Zoom with the City of Canon City officials.

CTC Retail Program Standards Grant – the RFA is due in November.

Amanda Apodaca presented a summary on STEPP for Tobacco Cessation and Education. She distributed packets containing information about the program and reviewed it all with the BOH. Amanda noted that the document changes; and that they re-do it about once a year. It shows all that they are working on. The STEPP Grant funds regionally with Custer County mostly. The STEPP programs foundational activity is showing different providers how to do things faster and more efficiently. They have gone into Schools, Boy Scouts, etc. with youth prevention information. There is also the Colorado Quit Line; which has helped many quit smoking and/or using tobacco.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting is adjourned at 2:06 p.m.