

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 31, 2023

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for September was held on October 31, 2023 at 2:04p.m. in the Fremont County Administration building, 615 Macon Avenue, Room 208, Cañon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

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

Staff Present:

Brenda Jackson – County Attorney
Eric Bellas- County Attorney
Tony Carochi - County Manager
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Officer
Paula Buser- Public Health Director
Rachel Miller – Minutes Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Bell at 2:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for any changes or corrections to the August Minutes. Seeing none; Commissioner McFall made a Motion to Approve the August 2023, Minutes; Commissioner Grantham 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 changes being necessary; Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Agenda, Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Agenda is Approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Paula stated that she has been working with the Office Administrator to answer audit questions. Public Health has 65% of their expenses unspent. They have a large COVID grant that expired but a large amount of the funding is still showing up in the budget, so it is difficult to get an accurate picture of expenses and revenue but overall she is comfortable with where the budget is at.

Commissioner McFall made motion to accept the Financial Report. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Financial Report is Accepted.

CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA – TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

VaxCare Proposal – Public Health got rid of Vaxcare in 2021. The previous director brought CureMD on and no longer used VaxCare and although they are systems that work together, they do two separate jobs. Cure MD is the electronic Medical System that allows Public Health to schedule appointments and perform billing. VaxCare is an information technology company that manages vaccine inventory. Vaxcare manages and replenishes CDC recommended vaccines. VaxCare allows the nurses to scan vaccines as they use them, and the information goes to VaxCare and they automatically replenish stock. The total cost of the system is \$25 a month. VaxCare should be able to provide Public Health with the COVID-19 vaccine. VaxCare will also help increase capacity and allow Public Health to bill Tricare and Kaiser which they cannot currently bill to. Once VaxCare is in place and the necessary revenue is generated, Public Health would like to enhance their CureMD platform so that patients can make online reservations.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to approve the proposal for VaxCare stating that the approval of the Chair's signature will need to be approved when the documentation is obtained . Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call to Vote; All Ayes; VaxCarre Proposal is approved.

Public Health Holiday Schedule- Paula requested to close at 3 pm the day before Thanksgiving Wednesday November 22nd and to open at 9am the day after Christmas Tuesday December 26th.

Commissioner Bell proposed they table the proposal. Commissioner McFall and Commissioner Grantham agreed. No action taken at this time.

Canon City Dialysis Services and Salida Heart of the Rockies request- Fresenius Dialysis in Canon City is going to be closing on November 4th. The lead nurse of Heart of the Rockies in Salida reached out to Paula because patients are having to drive to Salida, Pueblo, or Colorado Springs to receive dialysis three days a week. Heart of the Rockies has someone who can provide dialysis in Canon City, but they need a space where they can provide services. They need a space where they can have three recliners and they will bring their own equipment and will offer services on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Heart of the Rockies is willing to pay to rent space in the Public Health building. Paula asked them what the timeline would be and they asked to reevaluate in 6 months to 1 year. They are targeting to be up and running by December 1st.

Commissioner Grantham Motioned to authorize the Public Health Director to start discussions with Salida Heart of the Rockies. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. All Ayes; The Motion is approved.

Ratification of the Board of Health Order for the clean up and abatement of the property located at 31 Werner Road, Penrose, CO- Attorney Brenda Jackson stated that the signature needs ratified for the Board of Health Order. They are ready to move forward with the clean up and abatement.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Ratification of the Board of Health Order for the clean up and abatement of the property located at 31 Werner Road, Penrose, CO. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. All Ayes; The ratification is approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

New Establishments- Bright Beginnings Child Care who used to be called the Ark. Cindy Adams is the new Director. Rise and Grind Coffee Bar is at Michael Deans old building off HWY 115. The Abbey Winery is a new establishment. There was a misunderstanding with some of the winery's thinking they could serve charcutier board without a license. The Abbey is currently licensed to serve food.

Inspections #, including re-inspections, and interventions- Retail food- 10 routine, 3 reinspection, 1 consultative, 1 temporary, and 1 preoperational. Schools- 2 low risk and 2 high risk inspections were completed. Childcare- 2 routine, 1 follow up, and 1 proportional.

3rd quarter violation rates- We still have similar numbers to the state. Amy stated her childcare EDT report had a high violation report on sanitizers. Amy sent out an email to establishments about how they can reach out to her with questions about sanitizers. She said she will be sending another email blast to provide guidance documents and offer help.

Complaints – 2 complaints about The Well over the last month. The first complaint was about their restrooms. Amy stated the restrooms are clean and all their toilets flushed. The second complaint was about a toddler was there on a swimsuit option day. The complainant called the Sheriff's Office and when they wouldn't do anything about it, she called Amy. She also stated there was feces in the pool but stated she didn't tell The Well. Amy called them about the feces at the pool. They stated that they drain the pool every week and Amy discussed how they clean and disinfect.

She also received a complaint about Safeway's deli table stating it wasn't keeping the correct temperature. The complainant couldn't be reached for more information. Amy did go and check, the wings were not holding temperature correctly and corrective action options were discussed such as making wings in smaller batches. Amy noted that a portion of the wing case wasn't holding its temperature correctly, but the deli was.

Penrose Pizzeria Complaint- The person stated they are allergic to meat and the person ordered pizza without meat but was given meat and sent it back. They said the staff picked the meat off and gave it back to them. The complainant later had hives. Amy called Penrose and they said they were not told he was allergic, and it is allowable to pick off meat if it is going to the same person. They discussed clarifying with the customers that if they don't want something that it's not due to allergies.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to Accept the Environmental Health Report. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; All Ayes. Environmental Health Report is Accepted.

Public Health Manager **Program/ Grant Updates**

Clinic- The focus of the clinic has been getting Vaxcare put together and rolled out. They have been steadily busy. The nurses have been busy. The nurses questioned if they would need another nurse.

Communicable Disease – They had one hantavirus case. The state took over the investigation. They found that the virus likely did not happen on the property but most likely on a hunting trip. The couple had spent time in Florida as well. She did not want to give Public Health access to her house, but they provided her with guidance.

PHEP-Received an email about excess PHEP funds. They responded that they would be interested in receiving extra funds. Would help with salaries. They should get back about it on the 30th. Could potentially make a contract amendment or budget letter.

Vital Records – Paula had increased traffic due to Penrose. The State said to pass things on to them. Paula has been doing well with what is going on. Data report will allow Paula and BOH to start seeing trends.

Other -Paula sent out a job satisfaction survey. The focus of one of their grants is on employee retention and building resilience and Paula wants to continue to invest in ensuring high employee satisfaction. Over 80% stated that they had high satisfaction with their job. The same percentage was satisfied or highly satisfied with leadership. Paula has a few things to address and is focusing on training opportunities.

Community Outreach

Updates on efforts – Paula stated Public Health has been getting good exposure and currently has a radio PSA. They updated their brochure. Paula has participated in multiple community events. Sydney has been updating the Public Health Facebook page and they are trying to utilize it more.

Commissioner McFall made a Motion to accept the Public Health Report. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. All Ayes; The Public Health Report is Accepted.

Meeting is adjourned at 3:11