

**FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
November 24, 2020**

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for November was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon Avenue, Room 207, Canon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

Debbie Bell - 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
Christina Taylor – Public Health/Grant Project Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Bell with Roll Call following at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner McFall is absent from the November meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for approval of the October 27, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the October meeting. Commissioner Bell 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. Kayla added a request for early closing for a Public Health Christmas Party. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to approve the Agenda, with the one addition. Commissioner Bell 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 reported on the following subjects.

New Establishments

Amy updated the BOH on the new establishments: Mose has now completed their kitchen and will be serving salads, soups, a variety of sandwiches and hotdogs/kielbasa. Commissioner Bell asked if there has been any news about what's going on with K-Bobs? Amy hasn't heard anything.

Complaints

Amy had a complaint regarding public accommodations (hotel). A woman (guest) walked into the room she had paid for and it was a dirty room. She did not notify the staff and stayed in the room anyway. Amy didn't move forward on this complaint.

Amy received complaints from three staff of Itos. Amy followed up with a Complaint Inspection.

COVID 19

Amy reported that she hasn't heard anything more regarding Quincy's since what was discussed at the October Board of Health meeting. They are currently in compliance.

LICENSE RENEWALS

The new Healthspace transition is running late. The State has turned off the old system but hasn't turned on the new system yet. Amy had training on the new system last month. This will affect the License renewals, making them later than normal.

ZOONOSES

There was a bat reported in an apartment building. The bat was caught and placed in the freezer until it could be tested. The bat tested negative for Rabies.

Sunny Bryant noted that Ed Norden from KRLN says that Fremont County still has air time available with KRLN for advertising.

Commissioner Bell made a Motion to Accept the Environmental Health report; Commissioner Payne 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 stated that they have an Interim Medical Officer; Dr. E. Stein Bronsky. He has been great but doesn't want to take the position full time. She needs to have the signature ratified on the contract with Dr. Bronsky as Interim Medical Officer. Kayla has received Medical Officer recommendations including from Dr. King. Kayla noted that she will be hiring Dr. Timothy Bresnahan, he is an M.D. and also has a Masters in Public Health with rights at St. Thomas More Hospital. He is going to reach out to his Insurance company re: Malpractice Insurance as Medical Officer for Fremont County Public Health. Brenda Jackson stated that he would have Governmental Immunity as long as he's doing County business. It was determined that at the December Board of Health meeting a Ratification of Signature would be done on the new Medical Officers contract with Fremont County Department of Public Health.

Financials

Kayla stated that Fremont County Public Health is needing approval and a signature for an MOU between FCDPHE and Fremont RE-1. Kayla would like to use \$4000 of the Cares Act monies to work with Mental Health to create a voucher system to use for transportation services to and from appointments. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Payne made a Motion to Approve and sign the MOU with RE-1. Commissioner Bell seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

Programs

Kayla announced that they have now received the Rapid Tests for COVID. Results are within 15 minutes. The Curative tests are the ones that use a swab and then send it to a lab. After December 30th the State will no longer accept this type. Kayla stated that there are 524 active COVID cases in Fremont County. Kayla expressed

her concern with the rising numbers and will be increasing Community communication. She noted that “we have to get it under control”. Kayla plans on lots of saturation with information and education.

Kayla stated that FCDPH will be getting a new refrigerator for vaccines. It takes about 800 Flu vaccines to vaccinate all who participate, and to service the rural areas. The cost of the refrigerator will be coming out of the Colorado Cares money.

Kayla made a request to BOH to be allowed to close FCPH on December 17th from 12:30 to 2:00 for a Christmas party and staff meeting. A brief discussion was held and Sunny Bryant commented that Fremont County wasn't going to be able to have their regular employee Christmas Party at the Administration Building this year because of COVID. They will be giving County Employees an extra 2 hours of Floating Holiday Pay to use when they want to. Upon hearing this solution Kayla determined that it was a great idea and was sure her employees would appreciate the extra vacation time. The Christmas Party at Public Health was scratched.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Christina Taylor, Substance Abuse Block Grant Project Coordinator presented a report on the Grant. Shannon Espinoza is Christina's part-time assistant for this Grant. Christina explained that FCDPH will be receiving \$200,000 per year; for the next 5 years. Christina reviewed the informational packet that she had provided to the Board. FCPH will be using the five stages of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to prevent and address substance abuse, misuse and related behavioral health concerns. Christina is planning on implementing the five stages of substance abuse prevention activities. These are Assessment, Capacity Building, Planning Implementing and Evaluation. She discussed how FCPH will be achieving this and the 5th year outcome overview. She wants to increase the Middle and High School students perception and understanding of daily substance use. FCPH would like to decrease the use of marijuana and alcohol by at least 5%. The last item is working with parents for favorable attitudes. Christina also noted that CTC and S Block Grant are working together.

Kayla noted that this Grant was in place when she came to FCPH. Kayla wants to study it all and look at the two programs, possibly changing CTC.

Meeting is adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

