

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
December 26, 2023

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for December was held on December 26, 2023, 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

Staff Present:

Brenda Jackson – County Attorney
Eric Bellas- Assistant 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 November Minutes. Seeing none; Commissioner McFall made a Motion to Approve the November 2023, Minutes; 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. No changes being necessary; Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the Agenda, Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Agenda is Approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Paula reported that they are doing well with their tracking. They have two grants ARPA and CDC Infrastructure Grants that are still at 100%. Those grants will replace a few of the others once that are over. The immunization revenue is up. Total revenue is up about 18% and expenses are down.

Commissioner McFall made motion to accept the Financial Report. Commissioner Bell 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

31 Werner Road - The EPA will start Demolition January 17th

NEW BUSINESS

Health Disparities and Community Grant Program (HDCGP) – The funds are intended for projects that create and/ or launch foundation changes to public systems that influence underrepresented communities. Fremont County is considered underrepresentation due to being rural and our socioeconomic conditions. The funding is up to about \$190,000 a year to improve the infrastructure of our health outcomes and is a three-year cycle. Public Health will focus on healthcare access and quality. This program will fund a Health and Community Resource Navigator. The position will help walk people through the process of obtaining services. There will not be a lot of program costs and the funding will mostly cover salaries. Paula has been engaging community members and service providers and has received support for the program. The grant is competitive and 18 will be awarded.

Updated Public Health Signage Request – Paula presented a sign concept to replace the sign on the front of the Public Health Building. The current sign contains the names of departments that are no longer housed in the building. It was mentioned that the signs on the buildings are standardized across Fremont County. It was decided that a new sign should be made for the building that keeps the standardization that is currently utilized throughout the County. Paula stated it would be about \$600 for a new sign.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

New Establishments- There will be Pho USA that will be opening near the movie theater. There is plan review for a new food truck called Mr. Dees that will be in Florence. La Cucaracha turned in their paperwork. Amy received the Plan Review for the new Arby's that will be opening on HWY 50.

Inspections #, including re-inspections, and interventions.

Retail Food- 14 routine, 3 re-inspections, 1 preoperational.

Childcare- 3 routine and 2 follow up.

1 Landfill and 1 transfer station inspections.

Complaints- There were no complaints.

Amy has received 105 renewals to date. 195 were sent out.

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

Public Health Director

Program Updates-

Clinic- In September and October they had over 20 TB tests and then it dropped to 8. Paula asked her staff the reason and it is because students going into nursing must have TB tests in the fall before school starts. The COVID shots that have been administered have been through VFC (Vaccines for Children). VaxCare is going well. They have expanded vaccines and have ordered COVID but have not received it yet.

Communicable Disease- There has been hand foot and mouth going around the daycare centers. They reached out to Sarah in Public Health and asked if they would need to close. She told them Public Health would not require them to shut down and gave them advice on how they can sanitize their facilities. There was a case of measles in the state. It was an international traveler. The last confirmed case was 2019. Arapaho County Health has been investigating the case. Public Health has received their blood drive dates for 2024. The first one is scheduled for January 15th.

Vital Records

Other

Granting/Funding Updates- Antistigma Campaign- The program has been started slowly but they have about 4 people who are willing to be featured. A few of them are from Fremont County. They should have the campaign up and going in January.

Community Outreach Updates- Paula attended Shop with a Cop, the DOT Christmas Party, Echo Council, Health Advisory Committee for Head Start and Spin. Paula met with Heather Evans of UAACOG and they spoke about the navigator position.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 2:36 pm.