

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 28, 2021

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for December was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration building, 615 Macon Avenue, Room 207, Cañon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

Dwayne McFall – Commissioner
Kevin Grantham – Commissioner
Debbie Bell – 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 – Minutes Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner McFall at 1:15 p.m. Roll call followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McFall called for approval of the November 15, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes and the November 23, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to approve both the November 15th Minutes and the November 23rd Minutes; Commissioner Bell 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. Commissioner Bell stated that under New Business instead of None, there should be #1- Board Reorganization. Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to accept the Agenda with the one change made. Commissioner Bell seconded the Motion. Call for vote: All Ayes. Agenda is accepted.

CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA – TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Board Organization – The current Board needs to decide who will be the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Board of Health for 2022. After a brief discussion Commissioner Bell made a Motion that Commissioner Grantham serve as Chairman for Board of Health for 2022 and Commissioner McFall will be Vice Chairman. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

Amy Jamison, Environmental Health Officer reported on the following items:

New Establishments

Mage Tower, a game and hobby store on Main Street. They are also wanting to add a candy store to their game store.

Hitching Post has new owners. They are aiming for an opening date of April. This will be a bakery/general store.

Pig-N-out Foods. This is a Lemonade Stand at festivals; now operating as Big Lou's Lemonade.

Inspections, Re-inspections and Interventions

Amy stated that she had 29 Retail Food Establishment (RFE) and 1 Child-care facility.

Complaints

Amy received a complaint about Jimmy Johns from a disgruntled ex-employee regarding handwashing. Amy also received a complaint regarding High Temple Tattoo. There was a report of a drunk tattoo artist and a dog in the facility. Amy reminded all, that the tattoo artist is not licensed it is the facility that is licensed. 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 subjects:

Staffing

Kayla stated that she recently offered a position for LPN/RN to someone and that person had already taken another position. Kayla added that she will have a new LPN; Kendra Groves starting on January 10th.

Coronavirus – Covid-19

Kayla reports that in the last 7 day count, the numbers have gone down. Two hundred individuals were tested yesterday. This is an expected spike from the 110 the week before. Holidays and school closures usually generate a spike. 60 individuals tested positive. 12 are hospitalized from Fremont County. The Omicron variant has not been confirmed yet in Fremont County. Fremont County is only doing the nasal kind of testing. There are outbreaks in all of the RE-1 schools, including the preschools. All Nursing Homes have had outbreaks also. Kayla informed the BOH that there are new Quarantine and Isolation guidelines. FCDHE doesn't go by what the CDC says but has to go by what the CDPHE says. Isolation is no 5-10 days, followed by 5 days of masking.

Community Collaborative Update

FCPHE is still working with Centura/St. Thomas More Vaccine Hesitancy Project –FCPHE is still working on a Grant/ARBA funding. Their great media plan will include PSA's which will consist of 3 videos/mini clips from local doctors with a virtual Q & A with the doctors. Three doctors have been working with FCDHE. The mini clips will contain information regarding the Safety of Vaccines, Vaccinations for Children; including one of the doctors personal experience of having her daughter vaccinated. She falls in the age group of 5-12. FCDHE will be able to use all 3 videos and can also use still of the doctors with quotes from them.

Vital Records

Michelle Boscia is now on the Vital Records report.

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.

Meeting is adjourned at 1:52 p.m.