

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 27, 2024

The Fremont County Board of Health meeting for February was held on February 27, 2024, 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
Kevin J. Grantham – Commissioner

The following staff were in attendance:

Brenda Jackson – Of Counsel to County Attorney
Eric Bellas – County Attorney
Tony Carochi – County Administrator
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Officer
Paula Buser – Public Health Director
Domoni A. Toler – Minutes Secretary
Cheyenne McGinniss – RN Supervisor, Public Health
Wyatt Sanders – Director, Building Department

I) **Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order by BOH Chairman Grantham at 2:00 p.m.

II) **Approval of Minutes from January 30, 2024:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or corrections to the January 30, 2024 Minutes. No changes or corrections were suggested.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2024 as drafted; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Minutes of January 30, 2024 are approved.

III) **Approval of Agenda:**

Chair Grantham called for any changes or additions to today's Agenda.

Wyatt Sanders, Director, Building Department, advised that Mr. Gill would not be present for today's meeting and that Item #1 was put on the Agenda as a reminder and in error.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item #1 from New Business; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Agenda is approved as amended.

IV) **Approval of Financial Reports:**

No financial reports were provided for today's meeting.

V) **Citizens not already scheduled on agenda may address the Board at this time:**

None.

VI) **Old Business:**

1. **Special Events Food Service Fees Resolution:** A proposed Resolution has been provided for the Commissioners' review, and if approved, will be Resolution No. 2, Series 2024.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2, Series 2024; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. Resolution No. 2, Series 2024 is approved.

VII) **New Business:**

1. **OWTS Proposal for Discharge into River:** Removed from Agenda.
2. **Childcare Health Consultation Certification Proposal:**

Paula advised that she learned through connections such as ECHO and DHS that there is a need in the community for additional childcare health consultants and was recently contacted by SPIN for such a service. Paula let them know that Public Health is working on certification and is willing to assist. There are 21 licensed childcare facilities in Fremont County right now. Public Health wants to be an option, not a requirement, as there are several other providers currently fulfilling the need, but there still remains a gap. Public Health will have control over how many facilities they are able to assist.

Every licensed childcare facility is required to have a health consultant available and contracted with them, and that consultant must have an RN license. Cheyenne is supportive of Public Health providing services to licensed childcare providers and does not feel like this position will take up a whole lot of her time and she can absorb the position. Cheyenne also advised that a childcare health consultant trains the childcare facility staff on administration of medications, answers questions about grey areas, advises on what policies should be put in place, educates staff on immunizations that are required by the State and advises staff on the principles of

decreasing communicable diseases. A childcare health consultant strictly consults with staff and does not provide medical services.

The childcare health consultant is required to make a visit to the childcare facility at least one time per month. For any needs in between visits, most can be accomplished with a phone consultation. There are not ever any emergencies, the childcare health consultant is not “on call” and can take care of most issues at the monthly visit to the facility. The childcare health consultant makes sure to charge the childcare facility for all of his/her time spent at \$40.00 to \$50.00 per hour, which will hopefully eliminate anyone taking advantage of the childcare health consultant’s time.

The legal liability of a childcare health consultant with Public Health was discussed, and governmental immunity applies. It was also discussed that Public Health will need an MOU drawn up for any governmental entity and a Contract drawn up for any private licensed childcare facility it provides services for.

Paula believes this gives Public Health an opportunity to engage with the providers, parents and children and provide resources and education to the community and childcare directors.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the proposal to provide childcare health consultation certification services; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The motion is approved.

3. **Omni Institute Contract and MOU Approval:**

Omni Institute is the only group that responded to the RFP focus group conducted for the Community-Based Impaired Driving Prevention Grant. Omni is going to partner with Public Health to create focus groups and implement actions to prevent impaired driving in accordance with the Grant requirements.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve Omni Institute’s Contract and MOU; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The motion is approved.

4. **2024 RFE License – Failure to Renew:** Cold Stone Creamery, El Alazan Mexican Restaurant and Taco Bell have not renewed their Retail Food Establishment Licenses. Renewals are due at the first of the year and notices were sent out in November, 2023. A Notice of Violation was mailed to all three on February 8, 2024, and they were given until February 29, 2024, to pay the renewal fee. Amy sent email reminders and Cold Stone Creamery and El Alazan have responded with a promise to pay by tomorrow. That leaves just Taco Bell to pursue if the other two do pay tomorrow.

Public Health’s assessed late fee policy of \$250.00 up to \$1,000.00 was discussed and a non-renewal assessment was agreed upon, to be imposed if the license fee is unpaid as of March 1, 2024.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve an assessment of \$500.00 for non-renewal; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The motion is approved.

5. **Perry Park Investments, Inc. approval of a holding vault for sanitation, Fremont County Airport Hangar 9B:** Wyatt Sanders reported that Terry Mandel, Owner of Perry Park Investments, Inc., is requesting approval to use a 1500-gallon vault to accommodate the restroom facility at Fremont County Airport, Hangar 9B, due to the lack of space to accommodate an OWTS. The only issue is separation between the OWTS and the waterline that Florence has at the Airport. Relocation of the vault is necessary as this portion of the airport was not sectioned off for room for an OWTS like across the taxiway to the East. Wyatt Sanders and the Building Department recommends approval to accommodate this restroom facility.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the holding vault for Perry Park Investments, Inc.; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The motion is approved.

VIII) **Directors' Reports:**

1. **Environmental Health Report – Amy Jamison:**

- **New Establishments:**
 - Chips Y Salsa: Wine bar in Florence.
 - Pour Things Mobile: Mobile coffee cart.
 - Sally's Bakery: Plan review has been approved.
 - Carol and D Catering: Plan review has been received.
 - Sugarbrush Snack Shack: Plan review has been received.

- **Inspection # (including re-inspections and interventions):**
 - Retail Food: 18 routines, 1 pre-operational, 2 consults, 1 food safety basics class.
 - Childcare: 3 routines.
 - School: 2 follow-ups.

- **Complaints:** No complaints have been received during this reporting period.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to accept the Environmental Health Report; Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Environmental Health Report is accepted.

2. **Public Health Report – Paula Buser:**

- **Program Updates:** Public Health has now administered 35 COVID vaccines with 5 remaining and have been ordering ten doses at a time, but the season is coming to an end. Paula is working with Cheyenne to make services more robust and one of those services is the vaccination clinics in the Fall. Public Health is working with the School District to do their staff clinics and to give parents and children access to vaccinations between school registration and when school starts; as well as maybe setting up a school-based clinic.
- **Grants:** Public Health applied for an Expanding Vaccine Access Grant for zero to five-year-olds but did not receive it. A nice email was received saying they were competitive and thank you. It was a national-level Grant, and fourteen other public health entities received it. Public Health is still looking for ways to support that work and the Grant really would have helped pay for salaries to do that. Ending Grants will be worked through as time goes on. Fiscal year draft budgets were provided for the Commissioner’s information only at this time.
- **Community Outreach:** Paula is still attending the ECHO council once per month and Cheyenne is going with her. The anti-stigma campaign is up and running and the new bright white sign has been installed on the building and looks very nice and is very visible.
- **Staff/Other:** One of their employees is experiencing a life-changing personal event and has been approved for tele-work for three weeks. Public Health has been supportive of the employee, and she is doing well considering what she is going through.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to accept the Public Health Report; Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Call for vote, all Ayes. The Public Health Report is accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.