

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

July 27, 2021

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for July was held on Tuesday, July 27, 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
Shannon Espinoza – 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 June 29, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to approve the June 29, 2021 Minutes – Commissioner Grantham 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 Grantham made a Motion to accept the agenda with additions to New Business by the Public Health director and by the County Attorney. 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

There are two new licensed establishments: Lola's Old Fashioned Tacos, a mobile food truck, and Gratitude Café, a coffee cart. Timberline Smokehouse is pursuing licensing and Amy will meet with them following this meeting. High Temple Tattoo received a complaint about operating without a license but has since been in touch with Amy and is now operating in compliance.

Complaints

A Cotopaxi Cody Park complaint about trees dying on someone's lot after they sprayed a chemical. It has been referred up to the state – WQCD and Department of Agriculture. A Burger King complaint regarding discolored water and bugs prompted a complaint inspection of the drink area. Royal Gorge KOA and Mountindale campgrounds have both had mice complaints. Both have pizza operations so Amy did inspections. Multiple complaints of no water/burst water line were investigated at a 2401 Central mobile home park. It took a while to fix, but the owner did supply bottled water and blue rooms after Public Health was in touch.

Whitewater

Due to weather, it wasn't as productive as some years, but of the 14 food vendors in attendance, 8 were local.

Public Health Director

Kayla Marler, Public Health Director, reported on the following subjects:

Staffing

The two new employees are doing well and have begun advocating for their grants within the community. Marla works 100% of the time on the SBLOCK grant and Pam works 50% of the time on SBLOCK and 50% of the time on OOPP.

Financials/Contracts

The new electronic health record (EHR) software, CureMD, went live today. Now that it is live, a request has been sent out to the old system, Vaxcare, to end the contract with them. The billing portal Ability will stay in place until all old billing is completed. Rachel should complete this billing in a month and a half.

Coronavirus – Covid-19

Public Health is still vaccinating and testing. They have been keeping an eye on data trends in neighboring cities because the Delta variant is increasing in some areas of the state. CDC guidance now suggests wearing masks due to the Delta variant, regardless of vaccine status, but the various vaccine manufacturers have indicated the vaccines are responding well to the variant. Kayla did indicate that boosters may be suggested in the fall, right around flu season.

Community Collaborative Update

Fremont County and the Fremont County school districts (RE-1, RE-2, & RE-3) are collaborating to create Covid-19 and mask guidance for the area schools. The guidance will have broad language to allow for various approaches in different circumstances as needed and focuses on education for mitigation.

Commissioner Grantham stated that they (Commissioners) have already received questions regarding mask policies and Kayla responded that Public Health will not require mask policies, but the school may require them.

Kayla indicated that bus transportation and mask policies have been a hot topic in the community. She emphasized that public health will not go against federal guidelines for school busses and mask requirements.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Environmental Health

None.

Public Health

Kayla sought approval and signature of the MOU for the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). It allows for the integration of the new EHR system with CIIS. Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to approve the MOU with CIIS. Commissioner Bell seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; All Ayes. Motion is approved.

Kayla sought a signature for updating a continuing contract with Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO). This system allows access to healthcare databases specifically for communicable diseases. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to approve the signature. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; All Ayes. Signature is approved.

County Attorney

Brenda Jackson got a request from the Sheriff's Office for tougher enforcement of rabies. She stated there are two ways to enforce rabies that are common:

Registration and inoculation of pets. According to Brenda, this has been in place within Fremont County before and bogged down the Sheriff's Office operations. Subsequent Sheriffs have not wanted to reinstate a pet registration program.

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A Public Health order. A health order would be enforceable with the Division of Parks & Wildlife, as well as the Sheriff's Office. It would go into effect 24 hours after the order is released and violation is a misdemeanor offense. This type of order could also encompass municipalities. Kayla said that any type of order would need to be clearly laid out. Brenda stated she will create a draft and have animal control attend the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.