

**FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**September 26, 2023**

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for September was held on September 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:

Kevin Grantham – Commissioner  
Debbie Bell– Commissioner  
Dwayne McFall - Commissioner

**Staff Present:**

Brenda Jackson – 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 August Minutes. Seeing none; Commissioner McFall made a Motion to Approve the August 2023, Minutes; Commissioner Grantham 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. Amy Jamison noted that Rabies did not make it onto her agenda. Paula Buser had a small change to an MOU for RE-2 that needed to be signed. Commissioner McFall made a motion to add the approval of signature for the MOU with RE-2 to the Public Health agenda and to add Rabies to the agenda under Environmental Health, Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Agenda is Approved.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Paula Buser stated that the financial reports look good. Paula noticed that have almost \$20,000 in revenue that they have been invoiced to various grants but have not yet been received. They did not make the August Financials Paula is still learning the crossover between physical years. She's been comparing last years YTD to this years. She noticed in the Food Service Fees that last year they'd collected \$72,000 and this year they've only collected \$25,700. Shawn Sutton was able to show her that it was deferred revenue. Amy explained that they would collect retail food establishment fees in November and December for 2024. Paula stated that they'd had \$33,820 in deferred revenue that goes on a line item that hasn't been posted yet. Shawn told Paula that he was working on having it posted. Paula said that Sydney and Autumn are doing a good job of closing gaps and collecting revenue for billing. Last August collected they had collected \$3,234 and this August collected they've collected \$9,806 with about a 20% increase in service. Paula stated that she feels good about the financials and will be keeping an eye on grants that pay salaries. She has a vision for what needs to be done in the future.

Commissioner Grantham made motion to accept the Financial Report. Commissioner McFall 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**

PH Director requesting formal approval of the 2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan presented last month and edited as requested by BOH.

Commissioner McFall motion to approve the 2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan; Commissioner Grantham Seconded the motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. 2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan Approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Medical Reserve Corp Funding Recommendation Discussion

This is a group of community nurses and local physicians who come together during events to support EOC and ESF functions. The statement of work is \$53,000 for two years and the Medical Reserve Corp State Unit is asking that MRC become the stand-alone response branch. Sarah Miller stated that if she had looked at it closer and had the initial meeting, she would not have recommended that it be signed. They are wanting us to create functional response exercise to emergencies. They want it to be separate from EM. They want MRC to do community drills and community training. Paula spoke to Mykel Kroll who stated this is what EOS already does. Paula believes this is redundant work and is recommending that funding will be rescinded. The funding has not been distributed.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to rescind the approval of accepting the grant. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call to Vote; All Ayes; Request to rescind funding is approved.

MOU with RE-2

Updated how long the Public Health Educator, Michelle Boscia will be working. Originally it was going to be a half day working but will now spend from 7:15 to 3:25 because PE and a few other classes were incorporated.

Commissioner Mcfall moved for Chairman to sign MOU; Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. MOU with RE-2 School District is approved.

## **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

### **Environmental Health Report**

New Establishments – Canon City Oil City, Baileys Big Dog hotdog trailer in Penrose. Amy stated she spoke to someone who plans to move into the old Michael Dean's.

#### Inspections, re-inspections and interventions-

Retail Food- 15 Routine, 3 Re-inspection, 1Pre-Operational, 1 Consultative Visit.

Child Care- 5 Routine and 1 follow up.

Landfill- 1 landfill inspection.

Transfer Inspection- 1 transfer inspection.

Complaints – Amy received a complaint about Alta restrooms. The complaint stated that the restrooms were filthy and never cleaned. Amy stopped by and the restrooms were clean. Amy stated that she took pictures of the restroom, and they were stocked with toilet paper and there were no flies as was listed in the complaint. There was a complaint about Nirvana. The complaint said there was a cockroach on the wall. Amy went and

talked to them and stated that she didn't see any cockroaches. Nirvana stated that they had noticed increased activity. Nirvana had already called a pest control provider and showed her their receipts. They have been removing clutter to aid in cleaning the restaurant. They are making an effort and Amy does not see a concern at this point.

Rabies- Over the last month Environmental Health sent a bat for testing. The person noticed his dog playing with something and noticed it was a bat. He absentmindedly picked up that bat and then realized he had touched it and put it in the refrigerator and sent it to Environmental Health for testing. Amy stated the bat was sent for testing but was ultimately un-testable, so they treated the case and recommended post-exposure Prophylaxis. Environmental Health also had a feral cat from Williamsburg. The cat was too wounded for quarantine and ended up being sent for testing. JJ's Helping Paws was trying to capture the cat and bit a man through his gloves. Since the cat was so injured the vet euthanized it and the cat was sent for testing. Normally the cat quarantined for 10 days. The Humane Society stated that Williamsburg didn't renew their contract and stated that they could not legally house the cat. Amy asked Brenda Jackson if this was a legal issue. Brenda stated that the Humane Society could have housed the cat but had chosen not to and they have the right to say no if they want to since they are a non-profit and not a government. Amy stated that the cat came back negative for rabies.

### Child Care EDT Report

Amy included the comparison of agencies in the BOH folder. Amy spoke to the state about the report. Fremont County had a couple of outliers but there was nothing concerning and the State stated Fremont is doing well. The State said that Amy's follow ups are high. They match the States rate of follow-ups and the State is trying to get theirs lower as well. It was requested that corrections be made on site so that there will be less follow ups. Amy stated that sanitizers are marked high. They are 82.4%. It was discussed that Amy was marking some things incorrectly. If sanitizer is too high she is marking it under sanitizer but it should be marked as toxic under chemicals. Amy stated that the Retail Food aspect of child care inspections is also high. The State has a different line item for retail food items and she has been marking everything in them, but since child care retail food license falls under their child care license some of the violations fall into other categories. The state was not concerned and they suggested to make the recommended changes.

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

### Public Health Manager Program/ Grant Updates

#### CDPHE Communicable Disease Branch COOP

Paula reported that the Communicable Disease Grant had a continuity operation plan to help with COVID- 19 investigations. The plan is going to be demobilize. This means they are transitioning COVID 19 investigations into a routine Public Health function. That is going to be mobilized state wide effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. They will continue to help individual agencies with search support but will not take on investigations anymore. As of October 1<sup>st</sup> Fremont will go to blue and will handle most investigations independently. If there is a need for support they will offer it. Green will be the next level which means you are completely independent. Paula stated that Fremont County has 16 West Nile cases but that is starting to decrease. Paula said she will include more of these investigations on the next report.

#### CDC Infrastructure Grant Submission/ Priorities

Paula said they submitted this last week. The grant is for 5 years and for \$319,000. The focus of the grant is retaining and recruiting staff and strengthening operations and partnerships. Paula wants to focus on employee retention. Paula stated this is a broad grant but is a good grant for where Public Health is at now. Paula stated that this is not a competitive grant. Paula did the work plan for this grant.

### Vaccine Updates

Paula said Public Health placed the order for the new COVID vaccine. There has been a delay in obtaining the COVID Vaccine because the CDC did not have the template to create the standing order. Paula said they have 15 confirmed flu vaccine clinics throughout the community. The city reached out to Public Health to help with their health fair. In February Public Health's RN had to estimate the doses of flu vaccines that would be needed and ordered 400. Paula said they haven't had to refuse to vaccinate anyone but has had to put some people on a waitlist. Paula said Public Health cannot administer RSV. RSV has to be administered through a doctor's order.

### Region 15

Paula is still learning about this funding and found documents for a meeting held in January. There will be a meeting next week to provide updates and to see what Paula can do to reconnect the community group.

### Community Outreach

#### Efforts to enhance PH Involvement

Paula has been to City Council and has reconnected with Echo Council. Paula attended the Sol Vista suicide awareness event. Pam Hamby and Michelle Bosia have been attending events. They have attended homecoming events with RE-2 and will attend Boo at the Bridge, Apple Days, Paula is working on a radio PSA to share information about Public Health. Public Health has made basic updates to their website and more in-depth websites have been passed onto Jon Grayson with IT.

Commissioner Grantham 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 2:41 p.m.