



Cheyenne Laramie County Public Health Board of Health
CLCPH Conference Room

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ Noon

Present:

Dr. Tracie Caller, MD, MPH, President
Sue Hume, MS, RN (ret.), Vice President
Dr. Max Silver, DDS, Secretary
Rebecca Marcy, DVM, Member
Brittany Wardle, MPH, Member

Staff Present:

Kathy Emmons, DMgt, Executive Director
Dr. AJ Meares, County Health Officer
Kasey Mullins, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing/Deputy Director
Dalene Frantz, Director of Operations and Human Resources
Jennifer Sewell-Escobedo, Director of Environmental Health

Guests Present:

Commissioner Don Hollingshead, Ex Officio
Tammy Deisch, Laramie County Treasurer

Absent:

City Councilman Tom Segrave, Ex Officio

Ms. Hume called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Consent Agenda: Ms. Hume asked for input or changes to the consent agenda which included the agenda for the February 2026 meeting and minutes from the January 20, 2026, meeting. Dr. Marcy moved to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Silver. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for January 2026: Ms. Deitsch reviewed the treasurer's report for January 2026, reviewing cash in the bank account and the investment account balance. After discussion, Ms. Wardel moved to accept the treasurer's report with Dr. Silver, seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Caller joined the meeting

Financial Reports for January 2026: Dr. Emmons presented the January Revenue and Expense report noting that this is the 7th month of the fiscal year. Nursing revenue is 63.2%, Environmental Health's revenue is 70.67% with total CLCPH department revenue at 55.68%

of the budget. Operating expenses are 48.84% of the budget and total expenses, including payroll, are 50.71% of the budget. After discussion, Ms. Hume moved to accept the financial report with Dr. Marcy, seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Moment:

- Dr. Emmons gave an update on the Legislative session including:
 - For a bill to be heard during the current short session, the bill must have 2/3 majority vote which has allowed some bills to not be heard.
 - Legislature will be working on the budget bill this week.
 - Independent Health Departments could receive funds to offset nursing staff pay increases if the state nursing staff receive an increase.
 - HB0013 – A bill to allow for human Ivermectin without a prescription has not moved forward.
 - HB0003 – Wyoming Pregnancy Center Autonomy bill is on the third reading in the House.
 - HB0004 – Birthing Centers to access Medicaid coverage was referred to the Senate Labor Committee.
 - HB0117 – Stop Harm Bill, which is for informed consent for abortion, is waiting for action.
 - HB0007 – SNAP Program failed introduction.
 - HB0122 – Wyoming Rural Health Transformation Program passed the committee of the whole.
 - SJ0007 – Right of Healthcare and Separation of Powers Bill failed introduction.
 - Seven property tax bills have failed and will not move forward.

Contracts and Agreements:

- None

Official Business:

- None.

Information for the Board: Executive Director report – Dr. Emmons reported the following:

- Currently the Tyler Technologies contract review is with county attorney.
- A DISC assessment which is a personality test as a tool to help improve communication, teamwork, working collaboratively in a more productive manner. In the last month, all staff have taken the DISC assessment and then have been meeting with each team on the results. Our Leadership Team will be meeting on February 25, 2026, and we will go through the DISC results with them.
 - Operations & Human Resources – Ms. Frantz reported:
 - Reviewed the Marketing and Outreach report.
 - Employee Engagement Committee has many events scheduled for Public Health week which begins on April 6, 2026. The team is asking if any board members would be willing to do a 10-30 second video with our Marketing, Communications and Outreach Coordinator on why they wanted to be on our board. If you are interested, please let Ms. Frantz know.

- We currently have an open position in Maternal Child Health for a Registered Nurse.
- Public Health Response – Ms. Frantz reported:
 - Ms. Lentz led the Wyoming Department of Health’s Public Health Preparedness and Response Unit’s Medical Countermeasures and Cities Readiness Initiative (MCM/CRI) workgroup meeting. The workgroup is comprised of PHRCs from around the state. In January’s meeting the group reviewed new planning templates for the Chempack and Medical Countermeasure distribution and management plans.
 - PHRC Lentz and Ms. Frantz reviewed the CLCPH storage facility to ensure the warehouse is compliant with the guidelines in CDC’s Receiving, Distribution and Dispensing Strategic National Stockpile Assets: A Guide to Preparedness, Version 11.
- Environment Health –Ms. Escobedo reported:
 - Reviewed the monthly report provided to the board.
 - Staying caught up on inspections with 126 in January 2026.
 - A well was on the wrong property on an evaluation with a septic system also on the wrong property. Also, a septic system that tied into a system that was not theirs which will need to be redone.
 - The new Hampton Inn hotel has provided a new set of plans but has fired their general contractor and we have not received a complete set of plans.
 - Investigated a sanitation complaint at a childcare facility.
 - Another restaurant that maybe coming to Cheyenne is Café Mexicali by Clean Eats.
 - Quite a bit of Noro virus in the county right now.
 - Working through bad debt collections in Environmental Health.
- Public Health Nursing – Ms. Mullins reported:
 - Working on all the Grants with the completion of the biannual MCH grant.
 - Expended all our state general funds within MCH.
 - In MCH, the state department has a very robust orientation process including mentorship and the last nurse hired can now see patients independently.
 - The Adult team collaborated with the Executive Director of the Pine Bluffs and Burns Senior Centers, to establish a series of ongoing monthly community health presentations at both locations. The first presentation in this series, Brain Fog vs. Memory Loss, took place on February 6, 2026.
 - The Adult Health Team gained access to EPIC CareLink, allowing us to view Ryan White clients’ medical records within Cheyenne Regional Medical Center’s electronic medical record system. For clients who receive care at CRMC, this improves access to lab results and relevant medical information and supports more timely care coordination.

- There were two new HIV diagnosis in January. Both have enrolled in our Ryan White program.
- Hired a new Peer Support Counselor who will begin seeing clients in March.
- In January an active TB case was identified. This resulted in collaborative epi support with WDH. We tested 20 individuals that were exposed. All were negative on the first round of testing. Two rounds of testing will occur in 8 weeks. The active TB case will receive DOT for the duration of treatment.
- Family Planning team was out at East High School presenting education on reproductive health and health relationships.
- Family Planning received their application today for Title X funding starting in April 2026. The Federal Government did provide flat funding for this year.
- Family Planning received the close out letter for the Title X site visit last year.
- Flu B has been very active over the last few weeks.
- Nursing students are back from UW Nursing Program and LCCC Nursing Program for three days and the LCCC LPNs for two days of observation only.

Presentation:

Director Emmons discussed the proposed FY2027 Budget which will be presented to the City and County on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. After discussion, Ms. Hume moved to approve the FY2027 Budget with Dr. Marcy, seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Caller accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m. to Executive Session by Ms. Hume, seconded Dr. Marcy. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular session was reconvened at 1:28 pm by a motion from Ms. Hume, seconded by Dr. Silver. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Dr. Caller adjourned the meeting at 1:29 pm.