



Cheyenne Laramie County Public Health Board of Health
CLCPH Conference Room

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ Noon

Present:

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:

City Councilman Tom Segrave, Ex Officio
Commissioner Don Hollingshead, Ex Officio
Tammy Deisch, Laramie County Treasurer

Absent:

Dr. Tracie Caller, MD, MPH, President

Ms. Hume called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Consent Agenda: Ms. Hume asked for input or changes to the consent agenda which included the agenda for the March 2026 meeting and minutes from the February 17, 2026, meeting. Ms. Wardle moved to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Marcy. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Financial Reports for February 2026: Dr. Emmons presented the January Revenue and Expense report noting that this is the 8th month of the fiscal year. Nursing revenue is 69.44%, Environmental Health's revenue is 80.46% with total CLCPH department revenue at 69.36% of the budget. Operating expenses are 54.67% of the budget and total expenses, including

payroll, are 57.82% of the budget. After discussion, Ms. Wardle moved to accept the financial report with Dr. Marcy, seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Emmons also discussed moving funds from the checking/money market account to the investment account and will be meeting with Ms. Deisch soon to discuss this option.

Public Health Moment:

- Dr. Emmons discussed the article that a federal judge stuck down some of the decisions that Mr. Kennedy imposed including:
 - Over 100 organizations have brought a suit against the Trump Administration over their vaccine policies.
 - June of 2025, Mr. Kennedy fired all 17 members of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) which is the committee that approves vaccinations. He then appointed a new group of people which are not using the appropriate science to make decisions and do not have the correct credentials or experience to make vaccination decisions.
 - Reduce the number of vaccinations of childhood diseases.
 - The panelists appointed by Mr. Kennedy to the ACIP lacked the qualifications to recommend vaccinations and the decisions endangered the health of Americans.
 - Blocked the decisions over the last year and rescinded all decisions made by the panel appointed by Mr. Kennedy.
 - Ms. Mullins stated that we have not changed any vaccine schedule based on the recommendation from Dr. Harrist to follow the American College of Pediatrics and FDA's recommendations. Insurance is paying based on the FDA vaccination schedule.
 - Dr. Meares discussed using 2017 guidelines and holding fast to these guidelines. We do not do anything without consent as Ms. Mullins said.

Contracts and Agreements:

- Tyler Technologies software agreement for installation and configuration of the Tyler Technologies Environmental Health system and the annual service fee. After discussion, Dr. Silver moved to approve the Tyler Technologies software agreement with the additional indemnification recommended by the County Attorney, with Dr. Marcy, seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Official Business:

- None.

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

- Over the last month we have been following the Legislature and feel much better with the outcome.
- Dr. Emmons and Ms. Frantz met with the Mayor and County Commissioner President presenting our budget for FY2027.
- We held a Leadership retreat beginning work on our strategic goals for the next three years.

- Environmental Health is working closely with our Medical Biller to get old accounts and current accounts paid.
- Currently, Flu B is active in our staff.
- Environmental Health is working with the business that has been impacted by the potential city annexation, on current complaints in addition to educating the owners of the business.
 - Operations & Human Resources – Ms. Frantz reported:
 - Reviewed the Marketing and Outreach report. There were half a million hits on cottage cheese recall and currently 641,000 views of this article.
 - Continued discussions with Trane and Laramie County Maintenance regarding the replacement of rooftop condensing units and associated air conditioning infrastructure. Currently, Trane is conducting a formal structural validation of the facility's roof to ensure load-bearing capacities.
 - Employee Engagement Committee has many events scheduled for Public Health week which begins on April 6, 2026. The schedule will be provided to the Board as soon as finalized, which includes great community activities in addition to celebrating staff.
 - We currently have two open positions, one in Adult Health for a Registered Nurse and one in Environmental Health for an Environmental Health Specialist.
 - Public Health Response – Ms. Frantz reported:
 - PHRC Lentz and Director of Operations and Human Resources Dalene Frantz conducted fit testing for the staff to ensure a properly fitting respirator.
 - PHRC Lentz held a Health and Public Preparedness Initiative (HAPPI) meeting for the first time in many years. HAPPI meetings allow CLCPH and other response partners to work together on emergency planning and public health education. We had participation from CRMC, Cheyenne Laramie County Emergency Management, Southeast Wyoming Healthcare Coalition and Wyoming Air National Guard.
 - PHRC Lentz provided staff training about the Continuity of Operations Plan. A small number of staff will be participating in a Continuity of Operations exercise in the coming months.
 - Environment Health –Ms. Escobedo reported:
 - Making progress with the Hampton Inn hotel as they have a new contractor and have provided a new set of plans for the spa.
 - February had about 100 inspections.
 - The Mall is looking at possibly opening a commercial kitchen to be rented out to the community.
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes is opening soon and is located close to Ross on Del Range.

- Many data centers are coming to the county and city. We are working with those centers in the county septic systems.
- Working on optimizing efficiencies looking at policies and processes.
- Public Health Nursing – Ms. Mullins reported:
 - Flu B accounts for 60% of Flu cases with Flu A on the decline.
 - RSV had a large spike over the last 8-10 weeks but is also declining.
 - Any not used flu vaccine will be returned to the manufacturer at the end of March.
 - Still performing direct observation for the TB patient and will be completing the second round of vaccinations over the next two weeks.
 - Nine cases in Broomfield, CO, of measles in unvaccinated children at a high school. Currently in the United States, there are 50% more measles cases than all cases in 2025.
 - School vaccine clinics will be the week of April 6, 2026, in District 1 and 2 providing all age-appropriate vaccines and TDAP.

Presentation: Mr. John Goetz, RN, Adult Health Nurse Manager

- Discussed the presentation that the Adult Health team is presenting out in the community on Brain Fog vs. Memory Loss.
 - Brain fog means your thinking feels slower or fuzzy.
 - Memory Loss needs medical attention. Warning signs include getting lost in familiar places, repeating the same questions often, trouble managing bills or medication, forgetting close family or friends, and large changes in mood, behavior or judgement.
 - The presentation also included a recall exercise using the Mini-Cog and clock drawing exercises.
 - Gave six tips to protect your brain which include:
 - Drinking Water
 - Get enough sleep
 - Move your body
 - Use your brain (puzzles, reading, learning)
 - Stay socially connected
 - Review medication with your provider
 - In addition, Adult Health has given presentations on sun safety, medication safety, and colorectal screening.
 - Adult Health team will be teaming up with the State Disease Intervention Specialist out in the county with a 6–8-week program on Blood Pressure safety.

With no further business, Ms. Hume adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.