



Cheyenne Laramie County Public Health Board of Health
CLCPH Conference Room

Tuesday, April 20, 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:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Don Hollingshead, Ex Officio

Dr. Caller called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

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

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

Financial Reports for March 2026: Dr. Emmons presented the March Revenue and Expense report noting that this is the ninth month of the fiscal year. Nursing revenue is 78.86%, Environmental Health's revenue is 91.59% with total CLCPH department revenue at 73.44% of the budget. Operating expenses are 65.62% of the budget and total expenses, including

payroll, are 66.5% of the budget. After discussion, Ms. Wardle moved to accept the financial report with Ms. Hume, seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Moment:

- Dr. Caller discussed:
 - The potential impact of the shingles vaccine with dementia. Research shows that most countries around the world are seeing the same impact. Ms. Mullins stated that Shingrex was added to state VUA for the uninsured.
 - New lipid guidelines that advocate for earlier screening as lipid levels can also be detected by genetics.

Contracts and Agreements:

- None

Official Business:

- None.

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

- We had a wonderful public health week and thanked the Board for their participation.
- During our Quarterly Staff meeting, quotes were shared with one quote from C. Everett Koop, John Cleese, Herbert Hoover, and Hillary Clinton.
- Juvenile Justice Joint Powers Board was formed to build the juvenile detention center. The Director of Public Health is on this committee. Judge Jeffreys has a committee that is working on the ordinances around juvenile justice making sure they are all encompassing to meet the needs of the juveniles in Laramie County.
- The mayor sent an email last week that our budget has been approved as proposed. The budget will now go through the council readings for final approval.
- We have had 2 cases of chicken pox identified, one an adult and one a child, in the County in the last month
- There has been an increase in Freedom of Information requests from the public requesting information about anything from septic systems to Food Freedom issues.
- Dr. Emmons will be out for two weeks beginning next week on medical leave.
 - Operations & Human Resources – Ms. Frantz reported:
 - Reviewed the Marketing and Outreach report. Naming the MRU event on social media, during Public Health Week, had good response with two news organizations making articles about the event. The winning name was LUCY (Let us care for you).
 - During public health week we had a community Yoga session, the mayor read a proclamation for Public Health Week and one of our Environmental Health Specialists read the Governor's proclamation for Public Health week in addition to a coffee truck morning for staff, breakfast during the quarterly staff meeting and ice cream bars at the end of the week.

- Trane has been at the building 1 or 2 times per week as the second-floor unit's fan fails and turns off the unit. They are working to find the issue in control programming.
- We currently have hired two positions, one in Adult Health for a Registered Nurse and a front office receptionist. We are still recruiting for the open position in Environmental Health for an Environmental Health Specialist
- The shed at the back of the building has been resided with Laramie County Maintenance paying for half due to a very aggressive woodpecker.
- Public Health Response – Ms. Frantz reported:
 - PHRC Lentz and Director of Operations and Human Resources Dalene Frantz, and Tiffany Fernandez, Communications, Outreach and Education Coordinator met with the Director of Operations at the Laramie County Senior Center to discuss preparedness planning for seniors including resources and education.
 - PHRC Lentz attended the Wyoming Readiness Conference in Riverton to discuss safety and preparedness goals for the coming year.
 - PHRC Lentz is in the final planning stages for two exercises that are happening in April. The Administrative Preparedness Plan Exercise (APP) and our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).
- Environment Health –Ms. Escobedo reported:
 - Project Jade, which is a large data center, is currently on hold.
 - Iron Guard is trying to install a large man camp of about 5,600 employees and 800 units with temporary septic systems for three years until they hook up to city sewer. This will require engineering design.
 - Completed 141 routine inspections.
 - A plan review has been received for the Dun Bar ballpark concession stand.
 - Approved a Homeowner installation for a septic system after many challenges.
 - White Antelope Barn, a wedding venue, has provided a plan review and has part of the septic system installed.
 - Bit-O-Wyo has run into an issue with a right-of-way that they are working through.
- Public Health Nursing – Ms. Mullins reported:
 - Highlighted the positive comments from the Maternal Child Health satisfaction survey with our nurses.
 - We have received informal notification that we will have Title X funding at the current level.
 - Started the HIV support group with Kylie Wagner, RN, Care Manager spearheading the support group and attended the first meeting.

- Wyoming Public Health Lab's interface has been implemented with our electronic health record, CureMD, which was paid for by the State.
- Received notification from the WIC state office that the FY2027 budget has been approved.
- This is the slowest trend down of Flu in several years. Our extra Flu vaccine will be returned at the end of this month for a refund, and then we can order next year's vaccine.
- Delta Kappa Gamma contacted us and donated a wagon of books for our MCH patients and older children during their annual used book sale.
- Wrapped up the fifth and sixth graders vaccines with about 5 more children and about 40 more vaccines compared to last year.
- The annual vaccine report card shows our numbers are consistent, but we have identified opportunities for improvement for second dose of vaccines for high school children. Sports physicals are a requirement, and we will offer sports physicals this year and hopefully get those second doses administered. We will start on May 1, 2026, with a \$20 fee for the high school and junior high students. We will work them in our regular schedule and will be completed by Dr. Meares and Lindy Gray, NP.

Presentation: Jennifer Escobedo, Director of Environmental Health

- Discussed the Wyoming Food Freedom Act including:
 - The Wyoming Food Freedom Act began in 2015 and had changes in 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022 and again in 2023.
 - Allows homemakers to make non-meat food out of their home and sell legally.
 - Homemakers can legally sell baked goods, raw milk, poultry, eggs and canned goods such as jams, jellies and salsa.
 - The Wyoming Food Safety Rule allows producers who raise their own meat to sell (raw) meat such as beef, bison, lamb, and goat if the meat has been processed, packaged, and labeled at a state- or federally inspected meat plant.
 - If a farm stand sells meat from a producer, the farm stand must be licensed.
 - The Wyoming Department of Ag oversees the Wyoming meat program.
 - There is an act that states if a traditional private event or fundraiser has food, we cannot regulate them but can help answer questions.

With no further business, Dr. Caller adjourned the meeting at 1:18 pm.