

**THE BOARD OF MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION # 05-2020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE SERVICES BY THE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Montrose County is empowered pursuant to C.R.S. 30-11-101 and 107 to adopt resolutions regarding the health, safety and welfare of the County, and to expend funds and otherwise provide in the budget for services to residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, Montrose County is obligated by statute, C.R.S. 25-1-506 to establish and maintain a county public health agency and to provide or arrange for the provision of quality, core health services or determine that such core public health services are being provided by other providers and that the services provided by other providers are sufficient to meet the local needs of residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to make inquiries and determine the availability of public health providers to provide the core services necessary for the residents of the County, including family planning services and immunizations; and

WHEREAS, staff has presented the Board with detailed information regarding the availability of core public health services by other private health providers in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that there are ample public health providers offering family planning services and immunizations to the public at varying costs and rates, and subsidized by federal medical insurance programs that allow health services to be provided to elderly and low income residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the County would need to dedicate significant additional resources to improving and maintaining appropriate facilities for medical services;

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that the costs to the County of duplicating the available health services constitute an unnecessary expenditure of tax dollars that can be better utilized for other public health purposes and for other County needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is unnecessary for the County to compete or otherwise provide these public health services in light of the availability of services from multiple health providers and clinics in the County; and that the public will be better served by other public health providers for these core needs of family planning and immunizations; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds child and adult vaccination services are readily available through other providers within Montrose County and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that the Colorado Board of Health encourages strategic partnerships, engagement of community members and cross-sectoral partners, agencies, and organizations to achieve public health goals, per 6 CCR1014-7, Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the Title X Family Planning Grant offered through Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is available to private providers within the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of County Commissioners for Montrose County, CO hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Director of Public Health shall not make application or otherwise extend the County's participation in grant funds from the federal and/or state government under "Title X" for family planning services beyond June 30, 2020, or make application for state funding, or accept additional funding from the State of Colorado for family planning with deliverables beyond June 30, 2020.
2. The County will discontinue its clinical programs for family planning and the administration of immunizations on June 30, 2020 and will refer existing patients to other local health providers.
3. Staff is asked to continue to monitor the availability of these core public health services, as required by statute, throughout the County, and will inform the Board should staff determine that the core public health services are not being sufficiently met in the community by other health service providers. Staff will update its findings not less than every five (5) years during its periodic assessment of community health and development of the periodic public health plan.

INTRODUCED, READ, and PASSED by the Board of Montrose County Commissioners, Montrose County, Colorado, on this 15th day of January, 2020.

MONTROSE COUNTY, COLORADO

By: x Roger Rash  
Vice Chair Roger Rash

ATTEST:

Tressa Guynes  
Eloise Lentz  
Clerk to the Board  
1-15-2020

