

**FRUITA CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 15, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The workshop of the Fruita City Council was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Mayor Matthew Breman. City Council members present were Jeannine Purser, James Williams, Rich Parrish and Andrea Downs. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Hancey and Councilor Amy Miller were excused absent at the time of roll call; however, Councilor Miller arrived at the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

City Staff present were City Manager Mike Bennett, Assistant City Manager Shannon Vassen, Communications & Engagement Specialist Ciara DePinto, City Clerk Deb Woods, Parks and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso, Public Works Director Kimberly Bullen, Finance Joe Zaher, Executive Assistant Kaydee Lucero and Planning & Development Director Dan Caris.

Also in attendance was the CEO of Family Health West, Dr. Korrey Klein.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION – DR. KORREY KLEIN, M.D. AND CEO OF FAMILY HEALTH WEST (FHW) WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING FHW’S PROGRAMS AND HOW FHW INTERACTS WITH OTHER RELATED LOCAL AGENCIES

Dr. Korrey Klein, MD provided an overview of Family Health West’s (FHW’s) Behavioral Health Services which include:

- Integrated Behavioral Health – Primary Care
- FHW Behavioral Health
- Emergency Psychiatry Telehealth
- Senior Life Solutions

Dr. Klein provided the Council with handouts containing information such as provider and Senior Life Solutions Program statistics and a 2024 referral summary. He reviewed topics such as the current mental health provider shortage, access to care challenges, youth mental health concerns, older adult mental health.

Dr. Klein also shared information regarding:

- Plans to address the FHW Board of Directors about how FHW needs more child and adolescent psychiatric services
- Career laddering at FHW has been very successful
- RN, CNA and other training is available to FHW employees
- Changing the designation of FHW from rural to urban
- Partnering with the City of Fruita in applying for grants
- FHW employees are reimbursed for any mental health services costs
- FHW works with the Food Bank of the Rockies (Doctors can write prescriptions for food for the food insecure)

- FHW wants to start a backpack program
- Mesa County suicide statistics

The was also some discussion about the successful partnership between the City and FHW and the City Council urged Dr. Klein to let them know if there is anything the City can do to help.

OTHER ITEMS

No other items were discussed.

4. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Woods
Deputy City Clerk