

Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Summit County Health Dept. Conference Room

Park City, Utah

Monday, April 2, 2018

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	<p>Board Members Present: Dorothy Adams, Kim Carson, Heidi Jaeger, Chris Ure, Marc Watterson-Chair, Ilyssa Golding, Dorothy Adams, Absent- Gary Resnick</p> <p>Staff Present: Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Aaron Newman, Cindy Keyes, Shelley Worley, Derek Siddoway, Carolyn Rose, Lisa Yoder, Margaret Olsen, Tim Henney</p>	
Welcome and approval of minutes	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Carson made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 5, 2018 Board of Health Meeting. Board Member Ure seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The minutes for the March 5, 2018 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.</i>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Comment was made. 	
Opioid Lawsuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Attorney Margaret Olsen shared that there was an Association of County and District Attorneys meeting in January when the possibility of suing opioid manufacturers and distributors for damages was discussed. This crisis is causing unique to County damages to the Health Departments, first responders, the criminal justice system and other resources. The Mental Wellness Initiative had just been adopted into the County’s strategic plan, so Attorney Olsen felt comfortable with volunteering to spearhead an effort on behalf of all the counties and District Attorneys in the State of Utah other than Salt Lake, Utah and Wasatch counties. The lawsuit has been filed by Summit County and Tooele County. Several other counties have signed and should be filed soon. The first step is to have every defendant, of which there are several, served. Once the pleadings have been served, discovery will be underway. This is where the local Health Departments come in. The law firms will be working with the various county offices to quantify damages. The hope is to recover the County’s out of pocket costs and there is the possibility of punitive damages to deter future bad conduct by drug manufacturers. There is also the potential for settlement of attorney’s fees, which would augment the settlement and reduce the amount of the overall recovery that the plaintiff’s lawyers take. There is no out of pocket cost to the County, other than the resources it may take for county employees to work with outside lawyers to quantify damages. The County Council will decide how to allocate any monies recovered from the lawsuit. Attorney Olsen believes these monies would be the perfect way to fund the Mental Wellness Initiatives. It is to Summit County’s benefit when other counties file because many of the discovery costs can be shared. The lawsuit has been filed in Summit County’s District Court. Tooele County filed in their own District Court. If all of the separate county cases are consolidated, they will be heard in Summit County’s District Court because Summit County filed first. Several members of the community have contacted Attorney Olsen with constructive ideas and input. The Board of Health has been asked for their input as well. All ideas are welcome. One goal for the monies is abatement efforts through better messaging to the health care providers. Plaintiff counsel will help decide whether it is efficacious to include any health care providers as defendants. Board Member Carson stated that UAC (Utah Association of Counties) has formed a committee to attend UBHC (Utah Behavioral Health Committee) meetings to discuss treatment and intervention. Attorney Olsen has volunteered to present information about the opioid lawsuit to any group who is interested. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The County Attorney shared the details of the opioid lawsuit the County has filed.</i>
Director’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough stated the Health Department is trending on budget. There is an effort to better understand all of the funding sources for mental health. In 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Health Department is</i>

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<p>(Budget)</p> <p>(Personnel)</p> <p>(Highlights)</p>	<p>addition to funding and revenue are the issues of Staff’s allocation of time and responsibilities. Some Staff are tapped out. The goal is to set priorities and have Staff let their supervisors know when they are tapped out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is becoming increasingly difficult to attract and retain employees in Summit County mostly because of the cost of living in the County. There is an important Food Inspector position open, with no viable applicants in the first round. The position will be re-advertised. The women’s health provider position is being recrafted to focus on increased growth of the partnerships with Peace House, The People’s Health Clinic and others. This position has been advertised as a family nurse practitioner. • The Kamas County Services building is now open. There were two WIC (Women Infants Children) clinics held today. • Summit County Health Department has been introduced as one of the most progressive Health Departments in the country. The Board of Health and County Council are a big part of that. • It has been in the news that Park City is looking to purchase some Talisker housing units for transit workers. The Health Department did an inspection of these housing units prior to knowing that Park City was interested in purchasing them. Some health and safety issues were found in these 23 housing units. There is no imminent risk to people living in these units, but they are a nuisance. Bed bugs, cockroaches and mold were found. A notice of violation was issued to Talisker, who has appealed the notice of violation. Dr. Bullough has denied the appeal. A meeting was requested to walk through the mitigation process. Representatives from Talisker have not confirmed that they will attend that meeting. Coming before the Board of Health is the next step in the appeals process. Talisker’s argument is that the nuisances are solely the responsibility of the renter. State Code says these nuisances are the responsibility of the management company and the owner, unless there is a specific agreement that they become the responsibility of the renter. An ad hoc meeting may be required to assess the appeal. 	<p><i>trending on budget.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It is becoming difficult to attract and retain employees. There are two positions open for an Environmental Health Scientist and a Women’s Health Provider.</i> • <i>The Kamas County Services building is now open.</i> • <i>There has been a notice of violation issued for a health and safety nuisance for 23 units currently owned by Talisker. An appeal was made to the Health Director, who denied the appeal. The next step in the appeal process will be to the Board of Health.</i>
<p>UALBOH (Utah Association of Local Boards of Health) Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Adams listened in to the UALBOH meeting. There is a grant available for first-time attendees to NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health). The deadline for that grant application is April 8th. They are looking for presentation ideas for the conference and Board Member Adams believes the Mental Health Initiative could be a good presentation because it is unique to the County. • Board Member Carson stated UBHC discussed money available for more beds at the State Hospital. There is currently a three-month waiting list for beds, so people end up waiting at the local jails to get into the State Hospital. There is a lawsuit against the State Hospital and they will be required to reduce the wait time to 60 days. There will be more beds made available immediately. There is also the need for an additional psychiatrist at the State Hospital. They are hoping the cost of the beds could be covered under Medicaid as a 20% match. <p>UBHC also discussed Behavioral Health funding becoming more evidence-based and outcomes oriented. If there are ideas of priorities for Behavioral Health funding, please share them with Board Member Carson.</p>	<p>Action or Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There is a grant available for first-time attendees to NALBOH. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Bullough. They are also looking for presentation ideas for the conference.</i> • <i>UBHC discussed money available for beds at the State Hospital and priorities for Behavioral Health funding.</i>
<p>County Health Rankings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley Worley shared the County Health Rankings report with the Board. The rankings provide a snapshot of how health is influenced by where we live, work and play. The rankings also show a significant difference in outcomes according to where we live, how much money we make and how we are treated. The report is a good resource for tracking trends year to year. It is also a good starting point to determine what changes could be made. This report is not a good tool for county to county comparison. Some of the data is reflective of the resources that are available in the community and does not reflect the preventative efforts that are occurring. Some highlights of the report were shared and discussed. Alcohol impaired driving deaths are high in 	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The County Health Rankings Report was shared and discussed.</i>

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	<p>Summit County. Even if a person does not live here, if they die in the County it will be included in the report. Park City is a tourist town and that contributes to the high numbers. Violent crimes and injury deaths are fairly high in the county also. There are programs being implemented to address drive time, driving alone time, long commutes and severe housing problems. Oftentimes, programs are dictated by funding. This report gives an opportunity to look at other areas that can be worked on to be more progressive in prevention education. Ms. Worley encouraged the Board to look at the report.</p> <p>Chair Watterson stated that the number of mental health providers reflects the work that has been done by Aaron Newman and the Mental Health Initiative.</p> <p>It takes time to make a change. The Board of Health can help make policies to make an impact.</p>	
<p>Minimum Performance Standard Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough stated there have been minimum performance standards in place since the 1980s. The standards have not been current. The main purpose of the updated standards is to identify the expertise required to run an effective Health Department. These standards are the bare minimum. Every Health Department should expect to be performing well above these minimum standards. <p>There are some requirements, such as presenting to the County Council annually, that the Health Department needs to be more consistent on. Board Member Carson stated that the local Health Department fund should be restricted and separate from the General Fund. There needs to be more conversation about this. If it is found the Health Department is dependent on the County in an emergency, then there needs to be a formalization of that agreement. The timing of the review of the budget needs to be moved up. The County needs an evaluator. There are other parts of the county government that could benefit from an evaluator to put together a quality improvement plan. A county position could probably be funded largely through grants. It could also be a contract position.</p> <p>Board Member Ure stated that County employees need to go out in the public and get to know people. Board Member Adams stated there needs to be a way to track progress. Dr. Bullough answered there is a tool to track progress on strategic initiatives, but it is more difficult to report outcome measures. The best way is to talk to the public. Dashboards will be shared with the Board and programs will be evaluated.</p> <p>The Utah Department of Health has the authority to withhold funds from a Health Department that does not meet the standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Carson made a motion to approve the letter outlined in the packet representing that Summit County Health Department has met the local Health Department Minimum Standards for 2017. Board Member Jaeger seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There was a discussion about the Local Health Department Minimum Performance Standards.</i> • <i>A motion was passed to approve the letter stating the Summit County Health Department has met the Minimum Performance Standards in 2017.</i>
<p>Board Member Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Carson shared that there used to be a designated seat on the Board of Health for Park City municipality. There is no longer an official designated Park City liaison seat and Park City would like to have that seat back. Is there a way to have a South Summit, North Summit, Park City and Snyderville Basin seat, with three at large seats? Board Member Ure stated he would not like to have a designated seat for Park City. There is representation on the Board of Health from throughout the county. Any municipality can have a representative at the meetings but cannot vote. The mayors could rotate a non-voting position on the Board of Health. Board Member Carson will bring that up with the Council of Governments. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Park City Municipal is asking to have their designated seat on the Board of Health reinstated.</i>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. • Board Member Ure made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2018.</i>

