



MINUTES

SUMMIT COUNTY

Board of Health Meeting

QUINN'S BUILDING

650 ROUND VALLEY DRIVE, PARK CITY, UTAH, 84060

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

Meeting also conducted via Zoom.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Summit County Board of Health will hold their monthly meeting on the above date. The meeting will be held for the public electronically, via Zoom. The meeting will be held for Health Department staff at the Summit County Health Department, Quinn's Building 650 Round Valley Drive, Park City, Utah

(All times listed below are general in nature, and are subject to change by the Board Chair)

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3:00 PM – *Early Intervention Holiday Party
(Held prior to the regular Board Meeting with no minutes taken)

Board Chair Cherniak gaveled the December 2023 Summit County Board of Health meeting at 4:08 PM.

Chris Cherniak
Chris Ure
Tonja B Hanson
Ilyssa Golding
Heidi Gordon
Tonja Hanson
Alissa Van Wie

Phil Bondurant
Jennifer Morrill
Nancy Porter
Michelle Downard
Derek Moss
Brian Craven
Penci Carreno
Betty Morin

Aaron Newman
Derek Siddoway
Jennifer Bateman
Isacc Cortes

* Board member Dorothy Adams joined via Zoom at 4:45 PM.

Work Session

New Staff Introductions – Dr. Phil Bondurant

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Aaron Newman, Mental Health Coordinator, introduced Betty Morin, the new Substance Abuse Prevention Program Specialist, to members of the board. She gave a brief background of herself.

Dr. Bondurant introduced Kendra Babitz, the new Deputy Health Director, to members of the board. She gave a brief background of her work history and of herself.

Board members took turns introducing themselves to the new Deputy Health Director, Kendra Babitz.

Dr. Bondurant added that Ashley Niesporek who was formerly the Grants Coordinator, has been moved to the Operations Manager position. He also shared that Emily Quinton, Sustainability Program Manager will be hiring for the sustainability analyst position after the first of the year.

Presentation of New Health Department Website – Dr. Phil Bondurant & Ken Kullack

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Dr. Bondurant introduced Ken Kullack, founder of Exploration Marketing, to members of the board. Ken gave a brief introduction of himself. Ken Kullack provided a presentation on the new website design for the health department. He explained that they are trying to rebrand the health department and that they need a website where people can go to get information. He emphasized that a branding campaign cannot be successful without a website that reflects the brand. He gave an explanation of the history behind the new design and gave a tour of the website's functionality.

Board members provided comments and asked questions, which Ken Kullack and Dr. Bondurant answered.

Derek Siddoway, Communications and Public Engagement Director, shared that they will be doing an overhaul of the county website in the first part of the year.

Dr. Bondurant stated that the new website design will launch on January 1, 2024.

Board member Alissa Van Wie asked if there would be a mobile version that will work with the new design. Ken Kullack replied.

Winter Respiratory Disease Update – Nancy Porter

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Nancy Porter, Epidemiologist, directed attention to the website summitcountyhealth.org, highlighting the data dashboard on the left side. The dashboard presents seasonal comparisons of COVID, flu, and RSV, allowing users to zoom in and analyze trends. The current season's data, with a bold orange line, reveals 24 COVID cases compared to 142 at the same time in 2020, emphasizing changes in testing methods affecting case counts. The dashboard offers features to download and save charts, providing an easy visual comparison of the current season with the previous one. She discussed the current flu season, noting a delayed start compared to the previous year and a closer alignment with pre-COVID flu seasonality. They mention a slight increase in cases in mid-November but highlight a recent decline. In comparison to the previous year, the flu cases are significantly lower, a trend consistent across the state.

Chairman of the Board Cherniak asked the necessity of a five-year trend. Nancy Porter responded.

Dr. Golding recommended marking the start date of home testing on the COVID graph. She also inquired as to whether wastewater data would be shown on a graph and whether wastewater tracking for RSV or flu was planned. Nancy Porter responded.

Board member Ure asked if the sewer was still being monitored on the east side, to which Nancy Porter answered.

Fees and Public Comment Update – Penci Carreno

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Administrative assistant, Penci Carreno, provided an update on public comments about the health department fees for 2024. She shared that the 30-day comment period for the 2024 fees started on November 15th and will end on December 14th. Public comment is posted on the health department website, county website, park record, Wasatch wave, and the Utah public website. As of December 4th, there were no public comments. There are another 10 days to receive comments, and if there are any comments, they will be discussed at the January meeting.

Budget Update – Dr. Phil Bondurant & Jenn Morrill

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Dr. Bondurant led the discussion on the 2024 budget update. He shared that council reviewed the entire budget and identified three items in the health department's budget: funding for Code Blue, money for the fleet electrification study, and \$300,000 for mental and behavioral health. The County Council asked for a reduction in the requested \$84 million budget, and these three items were identified as potential cuts. The

council has presented and emphasized the importance of these issues, expressing a commitment to flexibility and collaboration to meet budget objectives. Despite potential cuts to specific areas, the overall budget is considered sound and solid. Dr. Bondurant stated that he is confident in the financial support received and believes that, with these efforts, common ground can be found for successful budget management. Additional details were provided by Jennifer Morrill, the Business Manager.

Board Member Tonja Hanson provided more details on the budget.

Dr. Bondurant stated that the board of health will need to hold a special meeting in order to adopt the budget after it has been approved by the county council. The meeting may be attended via Zoom.

Consideration of Approval by the Board

Approval of November 2023 Board of Health Meeting Minutes – Board of Health

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Chris Ure made a motion to approve Approval of November 2023 Board of Health Meeting Minutes as edited in the meeting – Board of Health. Alissa Van Wie seconded, and all voted in favor, (8-0).

Board of Health Appointments Discussion and possible selection of Board Chair for 2024 - Board Chair Chris Cherniak

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Chair Cherniak led the discussion on the selection of a new chair for the Board of Health. Chair Cherniak stated that several board member terms are up and will need to be reapplied for. He shared that the board needs a new person to become chair for the year 2024, which would start on January 8th. Board Member Dorothy Adams asked who was rolling off the board. Board Chair Cherniak and Dr. Bondurant replied.

Board Member Alissa Van Wie expressed interest in becoming the new 2024 chair.

Dr. Bondurant stated that the next step involves a request for board members intending to step down to remain with the board until February. This request is driven by two considerations: firstly, to ensure fairness to new members joining during the fee process and public comment discussions, to have consistent board members present for the adoption of fees, possibly with modifications, in January or February. The aim is to have continuity from those who participated in the public comment period through the processing and adoption phases. The second consideration is that Dr. Bondurant's review is due in February.

Tonja B Hanson made a motion to nominate Alissa Van Wie as Board of Health Chair for 2024. Chris Ure seconded, and all voted in favor, (7-0).

Public Comment on non-Agenda Items

To participate in the public comment portion of the Board of Health Meeting, please follow the instructions as described below.

Board Chair Cherniak opened public comment at 5:22 PM
No public comments were made.
Board Chair Cherniak closed public comment at 5:23 PM

Director and Board Final Comments Health Department Director's Comments

In recognition of the Board of Health members' voluntary service, Dr. Bondurant announced a gift for them. The gift consists of locally sourced items from Summit County businesses. He shared that in the January meeting, the attestation form will be discussed, affirming adherence to public health standards. The public health accreditation presentation is postponed to April to align with the introduction of new Board of Health members. Further, a staff holiday training and party on the 19th will address coping with social pressures, particularly during the holiday season. Pamela, the substance abuse prevention director, will be transitioning to adult prevention next year. He shared that the denial of a septic permit for a smaller lot, based on a hydrogeological engineer's report, will be discussed in January, with the possibility of an appeal.

Board Member Comments

Board member Tonja Hanson shared that she would not be attending the January Board of Health meeting.
Board member Chris Ure brought up the topic of labeling the cars with the Health Department's name. He suggested that the Health Department should pursue this idea. There was a discussion about the benefits of labeling the cars and how it would help with branding.

Board Chairman Comments

Board Chair Cherniak reminded board members that a final budget update will be provided at the end of this month. There will be a vote on supporting the budget, based on the county's recommendation. He shared that he will be meeting with other members of the Board of Health from around the state for UALBO, and he will give an update on that during the January meeting.

PM Meeting Adjournment

Alissa Van Wie made a motion to approve 5:35 PM Meeting Adjournment. Chris Ure seconded, and all voted in favor, (8-0).

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