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Board of Health

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

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 both in person and electronically, via Zoom. The physical location for this meeting is 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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Board Chair Alissa Van Wie commenced the September 9, 2024, board of health meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Alissa Van Wie
Chris Cherniak
Tonja B Hanson
Ilyssa Golding
Michelle Downard
Byron Ames
Phil Bondurant

Kendra Babitz
Nancy Porter
Derek Moss
Penci Carreno
Brecklyn Murdock
Isaac Cortes
Emily Quinton
Megan Nick

*Absent board member: Stephen Trapp

Work Session

Public Health Outreach Efforts at North Summit County Fair – Derek Moss & Brecklyn Murdock

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Derek Moss, Nursing Director, introduced Brecklyn Murdock, Clinical Assistant, to members of the board. Brecklyn Murdock shared that the main goal was to increase public awareness by participating in the Summit County fair with a float themed “helping your herd stay healthy.” The float featured blow-up farm animals and a balloon arch. The team included staff from various offices, and they handed out flyers about their services. The event led to a significant increase in inquiries and calls.

Nancy Porter, Epidemiologist, provided board members with Community Health Assessment (CHA) favors that were handed out at the parade.

Board member Tonja Hanson provided positive comments and thanked the staff.

Board member Chris Cherniak and board chair Alissa Van Wie asked follow-up questions about the CHA survey numbers. Nancy Porter responded.

Respiratory Disease, Vaccine Report, & Drive Through Clinics Update – Derek Moss (4:06 P.M.)

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Derek Moss, Nursing Director, led the discussion on the drive through clinics update. He provided information on the location, date, and hours for the vaccine drive through clinics. The vaccines being administered are Covid-19 (Moderna) and influenza.

Board member Michelle Downard asked how they were promoting the clinics, to which Derek Moss answered.

Board member Dr. Golding inquired as to whether vaccinations would be provided for free or on a sliding scale for uninsured. Derek Moss replied.

Nancy Porter, Epidemiologist, presented information from the Summit county data dash board on influenza, Covid-19 and Respiratory syncytial Virus (RSV). October is recommended for getting the flu vaccine to ensure protection during the first wave of the flu season. Due

to inconsistent testing, it's hard to track COVID-19 trends. People who had COVID-19 during the summer wave are advised to wait 4-6 months before getting vaccinated to utilize natural immunity. Nancy Porter shared that hospitalizations associated with RSV were reduced by 75% for those vaccinated, leading to a lower RSV season. The RSV vaccine will not be offered at drive-through clinics. She stated that a fall 2024 vaccine guide has been added to the dashboard.

Board members asked follow-up questions to which Nancy Porter and Derek Moss responded.

Dr. Bondurant clarified that the timing recommendations provided are general guidelines for the community and should not override a primary care physician's advice. Individuals should always follow their physician's recommendations if they differ from the general guidelines, ensuring the safest approach for their specific situation. The Health Department's intent is to support the community without conflicting with personal medical advice.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions & Upcoming Speaker Series Event – Emily Quinton & Megan Nick (4:26 P.M.)

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Emily Quinton, Sustainability Program Manager, introduced Megan Nick, Sustainability Analyst to members of the board. Emily Quinton shared that the sustainability team last presented to the Board of Health on greenhouse gas emissions inventory at the end of 2022. She shared brief background information on the Sustainability Division work and goals. Megan Nick led the discussion on the annual greenhouse gas emissions inventory for government operations. She provided information on the 2023 inventory results, changes, and projects anticipated to impact 2024. The inventory serves two main purposes: tracking progress towards the county's goal of reducing emissions by 80% from 2016 levels by 2040, and informing the sustainability work plan. Data is collected from various sources, including landfill waste, energy usage, and employee commutes.

Board members asked follow-up questions, to which Megan Nick and Emily Quinton answered.

NALBOH Conference Update – Alissa Van Wie & Michelle Downard (4:57 P.M.)

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Michelle Downard, vice chair of the board, discussed her highlights from the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH). She shared that they discussed efforts to modernize and share data in a way that is understandable to the public, focusing on translating scientific findings into practical policies. They highlighted Utah's strong representation at the National conference, noting that about 20% of attendees were from Utah. One breakout session emphasized coordination and collaboration among health departments, while another contrasted Utah's approach with West Virginia's varied Board of Health structures. Michelle Downard stated that they spoke about the

importance of leveraging the strengths and knowledge of Board of Health members to maximize efficiency and collaboration.

Alissa Van Wie, Board chair, shared that the session focused on governance and planning for the Board of Health, emphasizing the importance of focusing on overall results rather than individual programs. Core values were highlighted as a guiding principle for decision-making. The discussion also covered the culture of planning, suggesting a three-year cycle for setting goals.

Kendra Babitz, Deputy Health Director, shared that she appreciated the emphasis on policy and the systematic approach the Board could take in working with the health department in the community. She values this focus due to her background and believes that combining this with strong communication can lead to significant accomplishments.

Dr. Bondurant spoke about the highlights and takeaways from the NALBOH conference. At the conference they discussed the different approaches to public health across the U.S., noting that while Utah and Summit County may not always get it right, they generally do a good job. This was particularly evident during the COVID-19 response, where Utah consistently ranked in the top three states. He highlighted the importance of coordination among health departments and the unique strengths of Summit County, including aligned leadership, resources, and a passionate staff.

UALBOH Front Line Training – Kendra Babitz (5:09 P.M.)

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Kendra Babitz, Deputy Health Director, shared that the deputy directors' affiliate group with Utah Association of Local Boards of Health has been working for the past six months to develop a frontline staff training program for local health departments across the state. The training will include topics such as de-escalation techniques, conflict resolution, and the importance of data collection and vital records. She stated that the program will be piloted as a one-day, in-person training with breakout sessions, and multiple sessions will be held in different regions.

Board members had no questions or comments.

2025 Summit County Health Department Budget Update – Dr. Bondurant (5:12 P.M.)

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Dr. Bondurant provided an update regarding the 2025 budget to members of the board. He shared that the Health Department's budget remains mostly intact, with minor reductions in travel and training. The anticipated budget is around \$10.5 million, with a 4.26% increase, excluding mental and behavioral health funding. The budget includes a \$1.2 million request for behavioral health to maintain services with the University of Utah. The budget has been well-received, and the department remains committed to fiscal responsibility and advocating for public health resources.

Board Vice Chair Michelle Downard asked if the proposed budget is

based off the assumption that the sales tax is approved or not. Board member Tonja Hanson replied.

Consideration of Approval by the Board (5:18P.M.)

Approval of August 05, 2024, Board of Health Meeting Minutes – Board of Health

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Chris Cherniak made a motion to approve the August 05, 2024, Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Michelle Downard seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).

*Dr. Ilyssa Golding abstained

Public Comment on non-Agenda Items (5:20 P.M.)

Board Chair Alissa Van opened the meeting for public comment at 5:20 P.M. No public comments were made. Board Chair Alissa Van closed the meeting for public comment at 5:20 P.M.

Director and Board Final Comments

Health Department Director's Comments (5:21 P.M.)

Kendra Babitz, Deputy Health Director, discussed the creation of the Summit County Health Department information pamphlet detailing community health services. The pamphlet is available in both English and Spanish and will be distributed at events and through various teams to increase public awareness of health services. She stated that the Summit County Health Department is the first department to complete the pamphlet and that it is being used as a model for other health departments to create their own.

Dr. Bondurant thanked Michelle Downard and Alissa Van Wie for attending the National Association of Local Boards of Health conference in Nashville. He shared that staff members, Jennifer Morrill and Derek Moss, will be attending a 4-day public health training. Previous attendees, including Kendra, Nate Brooks, and Jenny Bateman, found the training life-changing both professionally and personally. More staff will attend next year to build leadership capacity. Dr. Bondurant stated that he is proud of the staff's accomplishments over the summer, including participation in parades and a well-attended Safe Kids Day event in North Summit, Colville.

Board Member Comments

Board member Dr. Golding brought up her concern about the E-bike regulations and raised questions regarding what the Health Department can and cannot do as well as its role in the situation. Dr. Bondurant responded.

Board member Chris Cherniak gave a brief update on the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health annual symposium. He shared that the main focus of the recent meeting was the upcoming annual symposium. The theme for this year will be "Talking Health," inspired by Brian Castrucci's book on communicating public health effectively. The symposium will explore better

ways to communicate public health topics, whether verbally, in writing, or through video. The 2025 symposium will be held in Price, Utah and efforts are being made to have Brian Castrucci as the keynote speaker. More details to come in the January 2025 board of health meeting.

Board Chairman Comments

Board Chair Alissa Van Wie stated she will reach out to members of the board mid-month to see if there are particular subjects or areas of interest they want to ensure are included on the agenda.

Meeting Adjournment (5:38 P.M.)

Tonja B Hanson made a motion to approve Meeting Adjournment. Chris Cherniak seconded, and all voted in favor, (6-0).