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SUMMIT COUNTY

Board of Health

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650 ROUND VALLEY DRIVE, PARK CITY, UTAH, 84060

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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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4:00 – 5:00 PM Closed Session (Personnel)
(Held prior to the regular Board Meeting with no minutes taken)

Board Chair Alissa Van Wie started the meeting at 5:03 PM

Alissa Van Wie
Michelle Downard
Chris Cherniak
Tonja B Hanson
Ilyssa Golding
Stephen Trapp

Phil Bondurant
Jennifer Morrill
Derek Moss
Penci Carreno
Katie Rodriguez
Nancy Porter
Derek Siddoway

Megan Holbrook
Megan McKenna

Work Session Items

New Board of Health Member Introductions – Dr. Phil Bondurant

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Dr. Bondurant introduced Megan McKenna, she is the new Board of Health County Council liaison. Megan is, replacing Council member Tanya Hanson, who has become the County Council chair and left the Board of Health. Megan McKenna is a new Council member with a background in environmental science. She gave a brief background of herself to members of the board.

New Staff Introductions – Dr. Phil Bondurant

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Dr. Bondurant introduced Katie Rodriguez, the new Administrative Assistant in the Kamas office. Dr. Bondurant explained that Katie is the first friendly face visitors see when they come in for any service, whether it's clinical or WIC. Katie Rodriguez gave a brief background of herself to members of the board.

Derek Moss, Nursing Director, mentioned that Katie will be the primary contact for vital records in the Kamas office. He praised her quick adaptation to the role and expressed excitement about having her on the team. Derek Moss shared that Christi Walsh, the new Community Health Nurse, was not able to make it and will be introduced to board members in the March Board of Health meeting.

Legislative Update – Dr. Phil Bondurant

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Dr. Bondurant led the discussion on the legislative update. He shared that there are 21 bills being tracked on various topics, including tobacco, electronic cigarettes, micro enterprise kitchens, and raw milk. Three key bills are currently progressing, with Senate Bill 172 being the most notable. Sponsored by Senator Sandall, this bill aims to amend Title 19, which governs the relationship between local health departments and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The bill seeks to clarify funding responsibilities and enforcement of environmental issues. Dr. Bondurant shared that House Bill 294, presented by Representative McPherson, aims to amend infectious disease procedures by removing the authority to issue orders of constraint, such as stay-at-home orders, from state statute. This change is influenced by experiences during COVID-19. The bill retains the authority for orders of restriction for individual cases, such as tuberculosis, but eliminates broad orders of constraint without due process. The bill has been supported by the Utah

Association of Counties and the Health Officers Association. Senate Bill 104, proposed by Senator Musselman, aims to expedite lot and boundary line adjustments in cities and counties. The Health Department is involved to ensure these adjustments consider individual wells, wastewater systems, and drinking water systems to avoid non-compliance with state requirements. Senator Musselman agreed to include these considerations in the expedited review process. The Health Department is collaborating with the building and planning departments on this issue. Additionally, there are many other bills related to sustainability and behavioral health being tracked. Board members asked follow-up questions. Dr. Bondurant answered those questions.

Health Equity Grant Results – Derek Siddoway

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Attachment: 2024 Rural Health Equity Grant recap.pdf

Derek Siddoway, Communication Director, provided a presentation on the Health Equity Grant. The Health Department received a \$50,000 grant from the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Omni Institute. The grant aimed to support rural and frontier health departments and racial and ethnic minority groups in the county, focusing on preventing and controlling COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. The team audited communication channels to improve outreach to rural and Spanish-speaking communities, using lessons learned during the pandemic. He stated that their efforts primarily focused on launching and marketing a WhatsApp channel for the Spanish-speaking community. They launched the channel without a special government account, allowing for two-way communication in Spanish without requiring personal information. This channel evolved from an emergency broadcast tool to one for sharing services and events. The Summit County Health Department is the first in the state to use WhatsApp this way, drawing inspiration from New York City's large WhatsApp channel. Additionally, grant funds were used to send direct mailers to Summit County residents, particularly on the east side, based on insights from a community visioning effort. The county has been actively communicating with residents through various channels, including emergency alerts, the SC Fire Info channel, and the "Summit in 6" podcast. The communication department placed ads on the Kamas billboard and wrapped High Valley transit buses with promotional material. They also updated English and Spanish service pamphlets for the Health Department and used paid social media to promote their platforms. Additionally, they launched "Text My Gov," a service allowing residents to receive non-emergency text alerts and automated responses for common inquiries. This service includes a database of over 9,000 cell phone numbers for targeted messaging, such as vaccine clinic notifications.

Board member Megan Holbrook congratulated Derek Siddoway on the funding. She suggested the Community Action Service, which operates food banks in Coalville and Oakley, as a way to disseminate information via WhatsApp. They might be an excellent resource and could reach a

large portion of the Hispanic-speaking population.

Board member Chris Cherniak asked if the new Federal immigration policies and procedures might create challenges for the Spanish-speaking community in signing up for, attending, or engaging in government-related activities. Derek Siddoway replied.

2024 Annual Report – Kendra Babitz & Bailey Quinn

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Attachment: 2024 Annual Report Final.pdf

Board chair Alissa Van Wie stated that the 2024 annual report would be tabled for the meeting in March.

Respiratory Disease Dashboard Update – Nancy Porter

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Nancy Porter, Epidemiologist, provided information on the respiratory disease dashboard. She stated that flu cases have been steadily increasing over the past few weeks and most of January, reflecting a nationwide second spike. RSV cases are also rising, though not as high as in previous years, likely due to increased vaccine uptake. Recent RSV cases are mostly in adults aged 18 and older. COVID-19 cases remain low, both in laboratory tests and wastewater data, which shows a plateau in Summit County. Nationally, COVID-19 wastewater levels are slightly higher. Norovirus cases are steady locally but remain high nationwide, especially in the Midwest and Northeast, with a 21% positive test rate. Weekly updates are provided on the dashboard, including new sections on Norovirus and wastewater data for COVID-19.

Board members asked follow-up questions to which Nancy Porter.

Board member Chris Cherniak asked follow-up questions about Norovirus, bird flu and tuberculosis. Nancy Porter and Derek Moss, Nursing Director answered those questions.

Consideration of Approval by the Board

Approval of January 06, 2025, Board of Health Meeting Minutes – Board of Health

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Attachment: BOH 01-06-25 MM Draft.pdf

Chris Cherniak made a motion to approve the January 06, 2025, Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Michelle Downard seconded, and all voted in favor, (7-0).

*Approved as edited in the meeting.

Public Comment on non-Agenda Items

Board chair Alissa Van Wie opened the meeting for public comment at 6:02 P.M.

No public comment was offered.

Board chair Alissa Van closed the meeting for public comment at 6:02 P.M.

Director and Board Final Comments

Health Department Director's Comments

Dr. Bondurant shared that the leadership team is participating in a crucial conversations training on February 13th. Fifteen team members will engage in simulations with professional actors to practice handling sensitive topics. This hands-on training aims to improve their communication skills. In six months, they will revisit the Leadership Institute to reinforce their learning. He stated that the department faced a tough week due to executive orders affecting federal funding. This led to a temporary pause on purchasing and specific directives on handling interactions with federal immigration agents. Despite these challenges, the staff has shown resilience and engagement. The leadership is grateful for their patience and commitment during these difficult times.

Board member Chris Cherniak asked about the impact of executive orders and policy changes on people's engagement with the Health Department. He inquired if there is a way to monitor the number of people seeking services, beyond just counting the number of walk-ins. Dr. Bondurant replied.

Board member Dr. Golding recalled from budget discussions that about 50% of the department's funding comes from grants. She asked how much of this funding is federal and potentially affected by the recently issued and then retracted memo, suggesting it might indicate future trends. Dr. Bondurant replied.

Board member Stephen Trapp asked if any departmental policies have been changed to align with executive orders, specifically those related to determining character or similar characteristics. Dr. Bondurant answered those questions.

Board Member Comments

No board member comments were offered.

Board Chairman Comments

Board Chair Alissa Van Wie concluded by expressing gratitude for everyone's hard work in the department, acknowledging the emotional toll it takes. She emphasized the importance of community during uncertain times and recognized the department's central role in it. She encouraged everyone to stay strong.

Dr. Bondurant mentioned the upcoming Utah Association of Local Health Departments public health event at Thanksgiving Point on April 8th and 9th, themed "Talking Public

Health.” Board member Chris Cherniak, who is on the planning board, noted that there are no updates this month, but the state committee will meet later in February to finalize speakers and topics. More details will be available at the March Board of Health meeting. Dr. Bondurant distributed postcards and extend meeting invites to those online, encouraging them to reach out with any questions about attending the event.

Meeting Adjournment

Michelle Downard made a motion to approve Meeting Adjournment. Chris Cherniak seconded, and all voted in favor, (8-0).