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## **MINUTES**

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### **SUMMIT COUNTY**

Board of Health

QUINN'S BUILDING

650 ROUND VALLEY DRIVE, PARK CITY, UTAH, 84060

MONDAY, MARCH 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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Board Chair Alissa Van Wie started the meeting at 4:02 PM

Alissa Van Wie  
Michelle Downard  
Chris Cherniak  
Ilyssa Golding  
Stephen Trapp  
Megan McKenna

Tonja B Hanson  
Phil Bondurant  
Kendra Babitz  
Jennifer Morrill  
Nancy Porter  
Bailey Quinn  
Pamella Bello  
Daniela Moscoso  
Christi Walsh

Derek Moss  
Penci Carreno

\*Absent board member: Megan Holbrook

Work Session (4:02 PM)

Recognition of Tonya Hanson, County Council Member – Phil Bondurant

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Dr. Bondurant presented County Council member Tonja Hanson with a plaque to show the Board's appreciation for her years of service on the Summit County Board of Health as the County Council representative. The Board wanted to publicly thank her for her dedication and the energy she put into attending monthly meetings to discuss public health. Her continued service as the chair of the Summit County Council was also acknowledged. Tonja Hanson expressed her gratitude as well.

New Staff Introductions – Phil Bondurant (4:06 PM)

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Dr. Bondurant introduced Daniela Moscoso, the new Latino outreach coordinator in the behavioral health division. She has a background with the Park City School District and is a long-time resident of Summit County. Daniela expressed her excitement about working with the Latino community on behavioral wellness and prevention. Additionally, Christy Walsh was introduced as the new part-time community health nurse. She brings extensive nursing experience from around the world and will be working under Derek Moss, Nursing Director. Christy Walsh provided a brief background of herself to members of the board. Board members welcomed Daniela Moscoso and Christy Walsh.

2024 Annual Report – Kendra Babitz & Bailey Quinn (4:12 PM)

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Attachment: 2024 Annual Report Final.pdf

Kendra Babitz, Deputy Health Director, and Bailey Quinn, Multicultural Communications and Outreach Specialist presented the 2024 annual report, which is a concise one-page document summarizing the year's highlights for each division and the department. The report includes photos and captions to highlight team members and their work. Key achievements mentioned include the launch of a new website, a balanced budget, epidemiology efforts, health promotion activities, environmental health initiatives, behavioral health contracts, successful vaccination clinics, the Health Equity Grant, the Electron Solar Farm, and Early Intervention services. The report aims to provide a

comprehensive yet accessible overview of the department's accomplishments.

Board members asked follow-up questions and provided comments and suggestions.

Dr. Bondurant expressed gratitude to Bailey Quinn and Kendra Babitz for their work on the annual report. He noted that previous reports were lengthy and often overlooked, but the new one-page format is engaging and sustainable. He appreciated their efforts in creating a document that captures attention and aligns with the department's sustainability goals.

#### Community Health Assessment Report Presentation – Nancy Porter (4:25 PM)

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Nancy Porter, Epidemiologist, presented the Community Health Assessment report. She shared that 1,717 surveys were collected, with 95% from Summit County, representing about 4% of the population. The data is evenly split between the east and west sides, with every zip code represented. She covered the importance of feedback on the draft, the survey data collected from Summit County. Once the community health assessment report is finalized, Nancy plans to create smaller, digestible sections of the report for the Summit County Health Department website, focusing on specific topics like vaccines. Nancy Porter provided clarifying information on the report and outlined the timeline for feedback. Board members were asked to submit their comments by the end of the day on March 10th. A revised document will be sent to the board for review on March 31st. The goal is to have a full understanding of the document by April 7th, and to approve it on that date, so work can begin on the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Board members provided comments and asked follow-up questions to which Nancy Porter answered.

Dr. Bondurant recognized Nancy for her exceptional effort in conducting the community health assessment. He noted that while such assessments can be done simply by using secondary data, Nancy went above and beyond by addressing sustainability and environmental concerns. He thanked her for her compassion and dedication, emphasizing that a valid community health assessment is crucial for making real progress and change in community health.

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#### Disease Dashboard Update – Nancy Porter

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Nancy Porter, Epidemiologist, provided an update on the respiratory disease dashboard. She has created a repository of synopses to

consolidate information, making it easier for people to access. The dashboard shows a double spike in flu cases, which is unusual but consistent with national trends. Flu cases are now decreasing, and the season is returning to pre-COVID patterns. RSV cases are also declining and are in a moderate range. The data includes laboratory-confirmed cases of flu, RSV, and COVID-19. Wastewater data indicates that these diseases are at low to moderate levels. Norovirus cases are leveling off, with only a few recent cases. The dashboard is updated every Wednesday.

Nancy Porter addressed questions about measles, noting outbreaks in Texas and New Mexico, primarily among unvaccinated individuals. She mentioned that 87% of school-aged children in their area are immunized for MMR, with the state average at 91%. She emphasized monitoring health symptoms and finding vaccination records, suggesting contacting doctors or public health departments if records are missing. Nancy Porter also discussed herd immunity, which is 95%, for measles (Summit County is currently below herd immunity for measles), and the importance of having vaccination records for exposure tracking. Summit County hasn't had a measles case in a long time, but they remain vigilant.

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#### Consideration of Approval by the Board

New Board of Health Chair Selection and Possible Approval – Alissa Van Wie, Board Chair

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Board Chair Alissa Van Wie led the discussion about the approval of a new health chair and vice chair. Additionally, board members discussed new possible meeting times and addressed issues with in-person attendance.

Bailey Quinn, Multicultural Communications and Outreach Specialist, raised a question about the format of meetings with closed sessions. Having attended only a few meetings, Bailey observed that sometimes there is a wait time during closed sessions. Bailey suggested that it might be more efficient to handle the staff-required part first before the closed session.

Board Chair Alissa Van Wie, opened nominations for the board chair position. She stated that traditionally, it's assumed that Michelle Downard, the current vice chair, would step into this role. However, board chair Alissa Van Wie wanted to confirm if everyone is okay with this or if there are other nominations.

\*Vice Chair selection was tabled for the April board of health meeting.

**Megan McKenna made a motion to Appoint Michelle Downard as board chair effective March 4,th 2025 March. – Alissa Van Wie, Board Chair. Ilyssa Golding seconded, and all voted in favor, (6-0).**

Approval of February 03, 2025, Board of Health Meeting Minutes – Board of Health (5:19 PM)

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Attachment: BOH 02-03-25 MM Draft.pdf

**Michelle Downard made a motion to approve February 03, 2025, Board of Health Meeting Minutes – Board of Health. Chris Cherniak seconded, and all voted in favor, (6-0).**

Public Comment on non-Agenda Items (5:22 PM)

Board chair Alissa Van Wie opened the meeting for public comment at 5:22 P.M.

No public comment was offered.

Board chair Alissa Van Wie closed the meeting for public comment at 5:23 P.M.

Director and Board Final Comments

Health Department Director's Comments

Dr. Bondurant shared updates on the public health accreditation process, which is being led by Penci Carreno, Administrative Assistant, with assistance from Tabitha Allred, Health Educator. They held a kickoff party and submitted the public health accreditation registration. The next meeting will be March 19th, where domains will be assigned to the leadership team. Progress reports will be given regularly at board of health meetings. Additionally, the department has been selected for an audit by the Utah Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Bondurant will participate in a public safety management panel on March 10th, alongside other esteemed colleagues.

Board member Chris Cherniak provided an update on the Utah Association of Local Board of Health (UALBOH) agenda for the upcoming annual conference, the theme is "Talking Health," focusing on the book "Talking Health: A New Way to Communicate About Public Health." One of the keynote speakers will be an editor of the book. The agenda includes a legislative update, discussing topics like the banning of fluoride in public water systems, social media's impact on youth, AI's effects on public health, and challenges faced by health officers. The next board meeting is on April 7th, where more information will be shared.

Dr. Bondurant provided an update on funding, noting that there is no new information due to widespread budget cuts affecting various agencies, including the National Forest Service, Health and Human Services, and the CDC. The department is under a purchasing freeze, limiting spending to essential items. Dr. Bondurant hopes to have more clarity on funding by mid-April, as the federal funding cycle progresses. The department continues to operate based on current funding, with most programs receiving state-filtered funds. They are closely monitoring the situation and will continue public health programming despite potential funding cuts.

Board member Chris Cherniak asked follow-up questions about the

audit process and for an update on the impacts of recent changes to immigration policy on the Hispanic community's involvement in local services and programs, as well as any changes in clinic visit numbers. He inquired about the impact of these policy changes on participation and engagement. Dr. Bondurant replied.

#### Board Member Comments

Board Vice Chair Michelle Downard requested updates on legislative matters, including specific bills, key developments, and impacts. Dr. Bondurant replied.

Board chair Alissa Van Wie asked whether the fluoride program that used to be conducted in schools before COVID was managed by the Health Department or by school nurses. She wanted to know if it was a Health Department initiative or a separate program. Dr. Bondurant answered.

Council member Megan McKenna asked about the health impacts of the two counties that currently add fluoride to their water. She wondered how removing fluoride might affect health outcomes. Dr. Bondurant answered those questions.

#### Board Chairman Comments

Board chair Alissa Van Wie expressed her gratitude for the contingency planning and ongoing community support. She looks forward to seeing how things progress.

Dr. Bondurant thanked Alissa Van Wie, board chair, for her service and highlighted key accomplishments, including formalizing the review process to provide beneficial feedback and direction.

#### Meeting Adjournment (5:50 PM)

**Michelle Downard made a motion to approve Meeting Adjournment. Ilyssa Golding seconded, and all voted in favor, (6-0).**