

Present:

Dr. Gary Alexander, Chair
Brandon Hatch, Vice Chair
Scott Zigich, Immediate Vice Chair
Commissioner Lorene Kamalu
Mayor Joy Petro
Troy Wood
Dr. Ryan Stewart
Neal Geddes, Attorney
Brian Hatch, Director of Health

Excused:

Dr. Colleen Taylor

Davis County Health Department Staff:

Dave Spence, Deputy Director, Health
Rachelle Blackham, Deputy Director, Senior Services
Stephanie Spens, Assistant to the Director
Jay Clark, Environmental Health Division Director
Sarah Willardson, CD/Epi Division Director
Diana Reich, Administration Division Director
Ivy Melton Sales, Community Health Division Director
Matt McCord, CD/Epi Epidemiologist
Logan Hyder, Health Strategy Bureau, Epidemiologist
Isa Perry, Health Strategy Bureau Manager
Loye Nelson, CD/Epi Intern

Welcome

The meeting of the Davis County Board of Health was held Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m. by the Board of Health Chair, Dr. Gary Alexander. Dr. Colleen Taylor was excused by Dr. Alexander.

Minutes (Action)

The minutes from the February 14, 2023 Board of Health meeting were presented to the members and reviewed. *Dr. Gary Alexander presented a motion to approve said minutes. Ms. Joy Petro motioned for the minutes to be approved. Dr. Ryan Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.*

Re-Appointment of Dr. Gary Alexander (Action)

Mr. Brian Hatch informed the Board of Health members that Dr. Alexander's term as a member of the Board of Health will come to an end June 30, 2023. Mr. Hatch continued to inform the board members that the Executive Committee has met and would like to put forward as an action item to the Davis County Commissioners to reappoint Dr. Gary Alexander for another term on the Davis County Board of Health. *Mr. Troy Wood presented this motion for approval. Ms. Joy Petro was second to approve this motion. All were in favor, the vote was unanimous.*

Communicable Disease Annual Report (Information)

Mr. Matt McCord, an Epidemiologist from the Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Division provided a review of the division's 2022 annual report. Mr. McCord covered the disease reporting summary, highlights, and social determinants of health. Ms. Lorene Kamalu asked what an enteric was? Mr. McCord answered Ms. Kamalu by stating an enteric is typically a foodborne illness in the gastrointestinal tract. Mr. Troy Wood asked if there is an estimate of individuals that had this type of illness and didn't get treated, therefore didn't get recorded? Mr. McCord stated that is a possibility. The information provided is based upon diseases and illnesses that are reported. Mr. Brian Hatch directed a comment towards Mr. Wood stating that a lot of these illnesses go undiagnosed and unreported. The reporting does stay consistent and trends are very stable.

Mr. McCord reviewed the top 20 of the most frequently reported diseases. Ms. Kamalu was curious about the number of the latent tuberculosis cases. Mr. McCord stated there has recently been a higher influx of immigrants and refugees. This number has been lower the last couple of years due to COVID and the inability to travel. Mr. Troy Wood asked if there was an outbreak? Mr. McCord explained that latent tuberculosis is not transmittable. The disease lays dormant in the body and when the individual goes to the doctor for health check-ups, refugee health, or pre-mission check-ups the disease is found and reported. Mr. Wood then asked if there have been missionaries that have gone and came back with the disease. Mr. McCord said there have been a handful of those cases. Mr. Hatch continued saying latent is usually when an individual has been exposed to an active case. This is where it becomes a preventative focus for the Health Department.

Mr. McCord gave a brief overview of the Monkeypox outbreak and the vaccination efforts that took place. Ms. Joy Petro asked if the health department charged for the vaccine? Mr. Hatch answered her stating there was no charge for the vaccine, funding was available to cover the cost.

Mr. McCord continued with the review of the top 20 most frequently reported diseases and asked by Ms. Kamalu if COVID is now considered endemic? Mr. McCord responded back yes, and continued stating that the health department's primary focus is on hospitalizations, deaths, and outbreaks and no longer on case investigation.

Mr. McCord then reported on highlights of the year including the weekly disease report now including COVID, along with RSV and influenza; and a new clinic room.

Mr. McCord finished his review by explaining how social determinants of health affect the Communicable Disease and Epidemiology division.

A copy of the full report can be found on the Davis County Health Department's website.

Request for Public Hearing (Action)

Ms. Sarah Willardson provided a brief history and then an overview of the proposed changes to the Animal Rabies Prevention and Control Regulation.

Regulation was originally adopted by the Board of Health in November, 2013. Regulation has provided the following outcomes:

- Removed the need for city approvals
- Provided a single document where information and guidance can be obtained
- Facilitated a better collaboration between public health and animal care

Current regulation was adopted by the Board of Health in November 2018.

- Updates from the *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control*:
 - Quarantine length changed from 6 months to 4 months for unvaccinated animals with an exposure
- Quarantine locations may be determined between the Health Officer and Animal Care

Updates to Regulation

- Added a section regarding *Enforcement Authority*.
- Renamed *Animal Control* to *Animal Care of Davis County*.
- Separated regulations regarding *Animal Care* and *Human Care* into two separate sections (previously had been combined).
- Reworded to have consistency in phrasing quarantine terms, i.e. “*placed in a 6-month quarantine*” as opposed to “*held in*” or “*confined in a strict quarantine*.”
- Defined custodian
- Made overall formatting and grammatical changes

After no further discussion or questions Dr. Gary Alexander entertained a motion to hold a public hearing for the review of proposed changes to the Animal Rabies Prevention and Control Regulation. *Dr. Ryan Stewart was first to approve the motion and Ms. Lorene Kamalu was second to approve. All were in favor, the vote was unanimous. Dr. Gary Alexander volunteered to be the hearing officer at the public hearing.*

2023 Davis4Health Community Health Assessment Presentation (Information)

Ms. Logan Hyder, an epidemiologist at the Health Department, provided the Board of Health members an overview of the recently completed 2023 Davis4Health Community Health Assessment (CHA).

Ms. Hyder began her presentation by acknowledging the previous editions of the CHA were built upon for this current version. Then recognized and thanked all the staff and community partners that contributed to the final document.

Purpose of the Assessment:

- Synthesizes multiple data sources to tell the community story & provide a foundation upon which to improve the health of the population
- Outlines data & resources for informed decisions, grant writing, program planning, policy, etc.
- Requirement of Public Health Accreditation
- Essential step in the Take Action Cycle

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Model

- Population health model that emphasizes the many factors that, if improved, can help make communities healthier places to live, learn, work, & play
- Chapters loosely organized around this model, similar to past iterations
- Community policies, programs, & resources identified throughout

New Features in CHA 3.0

- Utah Healthy Places Index
- In-depth data on 2019 CHIP priorities
- Demographic breakdowns (equity lens)
- List of data gaps & cross-cutting concerns
- Community supports & policies
- Updated resource lists by topic

New Data Topics in CHA 3.0

- *Culture of Health*: Quotes from underserved/underrepresented residents
- *Demographics*: LGBTQ+, national origin & citizenship, ancestry, disability
- *Outcomes*: COVID-19, COPD, TBI, PTSD, birth outcomes, well-being
- *Behaviors*: Sleep, screen time, family planning
- *Clinical Care*: Leading prescriptions & claims, high-deductible plans, preventable stays, telehealth, quality scores, medical cannabis
- *Social & Economic*: Wealth & pay gaps, hate crimes, caregiving, childcare, volunteerism, resilience
- *Environment*: Zoning, broadband, industrial emissions
- *Appendices*: Youth risk & protective factor heatmaps

Ms. Hyder shared with board members that if they were to read anything from the 300 page assessment read the three executive summary pages and page 294, the Hot Topics Chart, would be the recommended pages to start with.

Contents

- What is a Community Health Assessment?
- What is Health Equity?
- About Davis County
- Culture of Health
- COVID-19 Pandemic
- Health Outcomes
- Health Behaviors
- Clinical Care
- Social & Economic Factors
- Physical Environment
- Conclusion
- Appendices
- Navigation Index

Next Steps

- The CHA provides the information Davis4Health partners will use to prioritize issues, choose strategies, & direct resources to improve the health of the population and environment
 - May 17: Davis4Health Steering Committee & COG presentations
 - Ongoing offer of community presentations & data consults
- Train staff on the CHA in support of the Strategic Plan & data-driven programs
- Continuous assessment & following the Take Action Cycle
 - Begin writing 2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Mr. Brian Hatch concluded this portion of the meeting by commenting on the immense amount of time and effort that has gone into this assessment. A large investment in the community has been made to understand the health in the community; and the need for more and more information to guide us in days of limited resources of what will have the biggest impact is necessary. Mr. Hatch provided a big thank you to everyone involved, especially to the team that put the assessment together, impressive work.

A copy of the full report can be found on the Davis County Health Department's website.

Budget Report (Information)

The budget report was distributed to the board members.

UALBOH Report (Information)

Mr. Scott Zigich deferred his report on the UALBOH Symposium to another member due to his inability to attend because of a family emergency. Mr. Zigich proceeded to inform the board that he is retiring and is stepping down from the Board of Health; therefore, this will be his last meeting. He went on to express that serving on the board has been a joy and a great experience for him. He continued to say he is appreciative of the association of the members of the board and the employees at the Davis County Health Department. Mr. Zigich applauded everyone for the continued involvement with the school district and thanked everyone for the work that has been done.

Dr. Gary Alexander thanked him for his words and expressed that he would be missed.

Mr. Brian Hatch spoke for those that were able to attend UALBOH Symposium. Mr. Hatch stated it was well done and more concise. Attendees had a good time, learned a lot, and many great topics were discussed. Mr. Hatch mentioned that Mr. Zigich is currently serving on the steering committee and a replacement will need to be found to fill that open position.

Director's Report (Information)

Mr. Brian Hatch mentioned that the Legislative session is over and done. There were some impacts on public health including the bill regarding isolation and quarantine authority among the health officers. Another was a committee bill that came out of Human Services that required reporting in regards to additional funding. Health departments now have to submit a report showing the county's contribution. Many bills got tabled this year and will be continued to be worked on and monitored. Mr. Hatch stated that if any of the board members have any questions about the legislative session to please reach out and he would be happy to answer their questions.

Mr. Hatch's final remarks were directed towards Mr. Zigich's retirement. Mr. Hatch commented what an asset Mr. Zigich has been to public health. Mr. Zigich has always been health and safety minded and has made a tremendous difference. Mr. Hatch continued saying it is difficult to see a friend and colleague leave. Mr. Zigich has been on the board for over 12 years and his work is much appreciated. Mr. Zigich has created a great collaboration between public health and the school district.

Chair's Report (Information)

Dr. Gary Alexander stated that attending these meetings and UALBOH amazes him to see all the work that is done at the health department. Dr. Alexander commented that while attending UALBOH he observed that Davis County is a leader among the other health departments in the state and that it is a really comfortable place to be. He thanked everyone for all that is done to make Davis county the leader in the state.

Commissioner's Report (Information)

Ms. Lorene Kamalu stated that Mr. Brian Hatch and Mr. Brandon Hatch have both heavily been involved with the new law recently passed in the most recent legislative session. This law now requires all counties to have a winter overflow plan for sheltering for those experiencing homelessness. Davis county is required to have a plan ready by August 2024. Mr. Troy Wood asked if having the Teen Centers at the High Schools help fulfill

this requirement? Ms. Kamalu was not sure if that would be able to or not. Everything is currently at the beginning stages and there is a lot of work to be completed.

Adjournment

Mr. Scott Zigich entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brandon Hatch seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. The Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.