

Southwest Utah Public Health Department
Southwest Utah Board of Health
105 N 100 E, Rooms 5 & 6, Cedar City
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Gil Almquist..... Washington County
Commissioner Jerry Taylor..... Garfield County
Commissioner Paul Cozzens..... Iron County
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead..... Beaver County
Commissioner Celeste Meyeres Kane County
Mr. Kent Peterson..... Iron County
Dr. Kenneth Snow..... Washington County
Mrs. Jerica Bauer Kane County

Members Not Present:

Mr. Scott Symond..... Beaver County
Mr. Nick Reynolds..... Garfield County

Others Present:

Dr. David W. Blodgett, Director/Health Office..... SWUPHD
Mr. Cameron Mitchell, Deputy Director..... SWUPHD
Mr. Jeff Shumway, Business Manager.....SWUPHD
Mr. Brandon Ray, HR Director.....SWUPHD
Ms. Katherine Soto, Administrative Assistant..... SWUPHD

Commissioner Hollingshead called the meeting to order at **10:00 a.m.**


Minutes Approval	Commissioner Cozzens made a motion to accept the minutes from DECEMBER 2022. Commissioner Almquist seconded the motion. Motion carried.
-------------------------	---

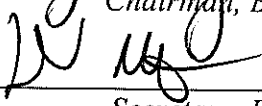
New Board Members, Chair, Co-Chair <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	2023 New Board Member(s): Commissioner Celeste Meyeres & Mrs. Jerica Bauer 2023 New Chair: Commissioner Jerry Taylor 2023 Co-Chair: Commissioner Paul Cozzens Commissioner Cozzens made a motion to take action on new positions. Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. Motion carried.
---	---

Financial Update <i>by Jeff Shumway</i>	A Revenue and Expense Financial Report was shared with Board Members. The Report showed that with 8% of the year complete, the department had received 12.5% of expected revenues, and spent 7% of budgeted expenditures. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
---	--

Legislative Issues <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	S.B. 116 Local Health Department Modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill removes the authority of local health departments to isolate and quarantine an individual; and allows a local health department to <i>recommend</i> that an individual isolate or quarantine. • Used infrequently as there are many restrictions and checks & balances in place to not abuse. H.B. 71 Local Health Department Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill will require the State to discuss with local health department before issuing rule that would affect public health. Food Freedom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not apply to low-risk food
Proposed Updates to Fee Schedule <i>by Cameron Mitchell</i>	30-day notice was provided to the public for comments. No public comments were collected. Commissioner Almquist made a motion to adopt the Fee Schedule Changes. Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Overview Presentation: Environmental Health <i>by Jeremy Roberts, Environmental Health Director</i>	Presented on the various roles the department is responsible for and is paid for by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality to provide services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food establishment inspections • Public pool & water inspections ex. HOA, hotel, motel, splash pads etc. • Onsite waste water permits, if not on public sewer system. • Kitchen school inspections • Body Art permits • Water lab • Tobacco Retail permits Current Staffing 11 Full Time Environmental Health Scientist - licensed by Department of Occupational licensing, need a bachelor's degree in environmental health program or another hard science such as biology, chemistry, geology etc. 1 Full Time Office Specialist – High school diploma, strong computer skills. 2 Full Time Health Educators – Bachelors in public health, health promotion, and strong understanding of tobacco regulations. 2 Part Time Lab Techs – requires high school diploma & 8 hard science college credit hours.
Overview Presentation: Nursing <i>by Mindy Bundy, Nursing Director</i>	Provided an overview of the various programs under Clinical Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab Screenings • Medicaid programs focused on early intervention. • Diabetes Screening. • Vaccine for Children (VFC) providing immunizations at low cost to children ages 0-18 with no insurance. • Travel Clinic • Vital Records • Reportable Diseases • Declaration of Paternity

Continued...	Current Staffing
Overview	6 Full Time & 3 Part Time Public Health Nurses
Presentation:	5 Full Time & 3 Part Time Clerical Support
Nursing	1 Full Time Health Educator
<i>by Mindy Bundy, Nursing Director</i>	3 Epidemiologists
Other Business	Future board meetings will be held in the same Cedar City location.
Meeting Schedule	Dr. Blodgett welcomed new board members from Kane County.
<i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	
Presentation	Presented information update on a COVID19 study by the Cochrane Library that found wearing masks in public places probably makes little or no difference in the number of infections.
<i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	
Adjournment	Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. Motion carried.


 Chairman, Board of Health


 Secretary, Board of Health

4-12-23
 Date

4-12-2023
 Date

