

Southwest Utah Public Health Department  
**Southwest Utah Board of Health**

Festival Hall Rooms 5 & 6  
105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT  
**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**  
10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Celeste Meyeres ..... Kane County  
Commissioner Gil Almquist..... Washington County  
Commissioner Jerry Taylor..... Garfield County  
Commissioner Paul Cozzens..... Iron County  
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead..... Beaver County  
Dr. Kenneth Snow..... Washington County  
Mr. Nick Reynolds..... Garfield County  
Mr. Scott Symond..... Beaver County  
Mr. Kent Peterson ..... Iron County

**Members Not Present:**

Ms. Jerica Bauer ..... Kane County

**Others Present:**

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

**Commissioner Meyeres** called the meeting to order at **10:03 a.m.**

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<b>Minutes Approval</b>	<b>Commissioner Cozzens</b> made a motion to accept the minutes from <b>June 2023</b> . <b>Commissioner Almquist</b> seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<b>2022 Audit Report</b> <i>by Hafen and Buckner</i>	No findings were reported from the audit. <b>Commissioner Almquist</b> made a motion to accept 2022 Audit Report. <b>Dr. Snow</b> seconded the motion. Motion carried <b>unanimously</b> .
<b>Financial Update</b> <i>by Jeff Shumway</i>	A Revenue and Expense Financial Report was shared with Board Members. The Report showed that with <b>58%</b> of the year complete, the department had received <b>73%</b> of expected revenues, and spent <b>57%</b> of budgeted expenditures.  <b>Mr. Symond</b> made a motion to accept the <b>Financial Report</b> as presented. <b>Commissioner Almquist</b> seconded the motion. Motion carried <b>unanimously</b> .

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**Legislative/DHHS/  
DEQ Update**  
*by Dr. Blodgett*

Issuing septic permits in Brain Head: There continues to be questions about when water hauling is allowed as the basis for issuing a septic permit. It is only allowed for properties considered seasonal, meaning that they have access for less than 180 days a year. A subdivision is not seasonal if it has a county plowed road into the subdivision whether the subdivision itself is plowed or not.

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**SWUPHD  
Foundation Business**  
*by Jeff Shumway*

**Commissioner Almquist** made a motion to leave the SWUBOH meeting and to open the **SWUPHD Foundation Meeting**.  
**Dr. Snow** seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously

Sleep Magazine being sent out to majority of households.

Presented Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. Have received a few donations from St. George Marathon.

Discussed potential appeal to TRCC funds if 2% relates to tourist.

**Commissioner Almquist** made a motion to close the SWUPHD Foundation Meeting and resume **SWUPHD Board of Health meeting**.

**Commissioner Cozzens** seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

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**Annual Approval of  
the Policy Manual**

**Added new vehicle accident policy. Updated holiday pay to match time off to the work day.**

Meal reimbursement rate was updated to GSA standard rate, it will be the same for any city travelled to.

**Commissioner Almquist** made a motion to accept policy changes concerning vehicles business use, new standards for accident proceedings, hours of work modification and meal reimbursement. With the recommendation that the policy, be expanded to include drug testing for accidents.

**Dr. Snow** seconded the motion.

**Commissioner Meyers** called for a vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Infectious Disease  
Update**  
*by Dr. Blodgett*

Uptick on number of bats with rabies this year. Rabies happens when in contact with saliva and skin penetration from infected animal.

Brain Eating amoeba claims victim. Associated with water related activities.

Swimmer's itch: Natural part of ecosystem. Cercariae burrows in your skin and dies.

Gets worse after every exposure. Similar organisms in other parts of the world can go into the liver and can cause hepatic cancer.

HAB: Harmful algae bloom. Blue green algae can be harmful. Natural bodies of water can have HABS, Ecoli, and other natural organisms.

RSV has its greatest impact on young kids 6 months and younger. Vaccine for those over 60 is coming out \$300 a dose.

COVID: new vaccine coming out this year. No longer free. Annual COVID shot.

Possibly combined with flu next year. State will purchase vaccine with ARPA funds, we will administer to uninsured with covid dollars.

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**Presentation**  
by Dr. Blodgett

*Presented on anti-obesity medications.*

The incretin effect, take in food, your body secretes hormones causing cascade of things that are good, pulls sugar out of system, increases liver function. Appetite suppressant. Can lose response to the hormones.

Problems: don't have a lot of data, still new and very expensive. Rebound if you stop taking it. Gastrointestinal difficulties such as nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, headache, abdominal pain, possible hair loss and long-term effects.

Weight loss clinics have started to make their own and are not FDA approved. This can cause control quality problems.

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**Adjournment**

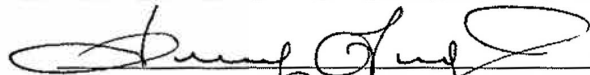
**Dr. Snow** made a motion to adjourn.

**Commissioner Cozzens** seconded the motion.

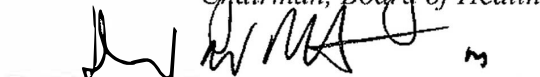
Motion carried.

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Chairman, Board of Health

10/11/23  
Date

  
Secretary, Board of Health

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