

Mar 13, 2024 | 📅 Bear River Board of Health

Board of Health Attendees: Lee Perry, Cade Palmer, Kevin Hall, David Zook, Randy Williams, Blake Rose, Cheryl Atwood

BRHD Attendees: Jordan Mathis Estee Hunt Joshua Greer Linda Brown Spencer George
Holly Budge Grant Koford

Others: Mary Kate McQuire, Pavlyna Suhlz, Harriet Koball

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📎 BRHD BOH packet 03.13.24 📎 March 2024 BOH Sign-In.pdf

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Transcript

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Action Items

- [] Plan board retreat as an overnight event on September 17th in Garden City.
- [] Set a public hearing date on proposed regulation changes.
- [] Reach out to an attorney to determine if the retreat can be structured as a non-public meeting.
- [] Notify the board of the bill signing event with the youth coalition and Representative Peterson if scheduled.
- [] Update wording in the annual report regarding the vehicle repair/replacement program to clarify it is pending approval, not already approved.
- [] Remove behavioral health client numbers from the annual report due to inaccuracies from switching to the new database.
- [] Make edits to the annual report based on feedback and send the final version to print.

Outline

Call to Order: Cheryl Atwood

Opening Ceremony: Tremonton Mayor Lyle Holmgren

Adopt Agenda & Meeting Minutes Approval (Jan. 10, 2024)

- Motion to adopt the agenda: Lee Perry
 - Second: David Zook
- Motion to approve the January 10, 2024 Minutes: Cade Palmer
 - Second: Commissioner Lee Perry

Public Comment: Cheryl Atwood

- No Public Comment

Emissions Regulation Recommended Changes: Jonathan Robison

- We need to change the current emissions ordinance because of the expansion to allow mobile vehicle emissions testing stations. The Board can approve this change to the emissions regulation, but that change will need to be ratified by the Cache County Council. Then, it will need to be reviewed and approved by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality—Air Quality Division and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Changes needed are listed here:
 - Definition Change: To allow for permanent Mobile emissions program. I/M Program Station: A ~~stationary~~ vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Station that qualifies and has a valid permit, issued by the Department, to operate as an emissions inspection and maintenance station in the I/M Program.
 - Emergency Vehicle Exemption:
 - 6.4 Vehicle Exemption. The following vehicles are exempt from these emissions testing requirements:
 - 6.4.1 An implement of husbandry as provided in Section 41-1a-102 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended;
 - 6.4.2 A motor vehicle that meets the definition of a farm truck as provided in Section 41-1a-102 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, and has a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,001 pounds or more;
 - 6.4.3 A vintage vehicle as defined in Section 41-21-1 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended;
 - 6.4.4 A custom vehicle as defined in Section 41-6a-1507 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended;
 - 6.4.5 A pickup truck, as defined in Section 41-1a-102 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,000 pounds or less that meets the requirements provided in Section 41-6a-1642(4)(f) Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended;
 - 6.4.6 A motorcycle as defined in Section 41-1a-102 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended;
 - 6.4.7 A motor vehicle powered solely by electric power;
 - 6.4.8 Any gasoline or non-diesel based Alternative Fuel powered vehicle of model year 1995 or older;
 - 6.4.9 Any gasoline or non-diesel based Alternative Fuel powered vehicle, with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds, and of model year 2007 or older;
 - 6.4.10 Any gasoline or non-diesel based Alternative Fuel powered vehicle, with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds, and of model year 2008 or newer;
 - 6.4.11 Any vehicle that is less than six years old on January 1 based on the age of the vehicle as determined by the model year identified by the manufacturer;

- 6.4.12 Any diesel or diesel based Alternative Fuel powered vehicle 1997 and older;
- 6.4.13 Any diesel or diesel based Alternative Fuel powered vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds; and
- 6.4.14 Any vehicle that qualifies for exemption under Section 41-6a-1642 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended;
- 6.4.15 Any current use “Authorized emergency vehicle” as defined by Section 41-6a-102 Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended
 - Two existing waiver options
 - \$200 Repair Waiver
 - Failed emissions test from within last 30 days
 - Receipts for repairs (parts/labor) totalling at least \$200
 - “Not Ready” Waiver
 - Failed emissions test with no codes present
 - Two weeks and at least 200 miles of driving, secondary test.
 - Two additional weeks and at least 200 additional miles, third test, from manufacturer station.
 - Parts Waiver - Pending EPA Review: A vehicle owner may be eligible for a “Parts” Waiver when their vehicle is unable to pass an emissions test with a valid error code and the following conditions are met:
 - The vehicle is not subject to a modified OBDII test because of OBD deficiencies;
 - The vehicle has an official test, performed within the prior 30 days, showing a failing status.
 - The MIL is functioning properly. Pending and/or permanent codes are stored in the vehicle’s computer.
 - A written, signed statement is provided from an ASE certified, currently licensed I/M station stating the part(s) are unavailable for a time exceeding six (6) months
 - A second, separate I/M Station meeting the above criteria issues a written and signed statement detailing the part is unavailable for a time exceeding six (6) months.
 - At least one of the statements must come from the vehicle manufacturer’s dealership repair station. This statement must indicate that the part is either backordered or out of production. The dealership must also document that the vehicle’s computer is up to date and functioning properly. The computer must be updated if required or recommended by the manufacturer.
 - Discussion and questions concerning the changes and how to proceed.
 - A motion is made to approve changes to an ordinance and hold a public hearing on it in Cache County by David Zook at the May meeting.
 - Second: Lee Perry

Preliminary 2023 Year-End Financial Update: Linda Brown

- Linda provides financial updates and addresses upcoming audit.
 - Met with audit committee this past week. We have no concerns going into the audit.
 - Everything is going really well financially.
- No questions from the group.
- No motion needed. Just information.

Annual Report Presentation: Estee Hunt

- Estee Hunt highlights the 2024 annual report, including Jordan's letter and a QI project focused on customer service.
- The report features local artwork by William Phelps on the front and back cover, showcasing the health department's commitment to community partnerships.
- Estee discusses a new chip initiative starting in 2023, with strategies to be implemented in 2024 and beyond.
- The annual report highlights a community partnership with health care providers, showcasing the new dashboard created by Tanesha (the BRHD Epi), which provides easy access to community services through a QR code.
- Estee Hunt mentions that the report is different from previous years because it provides more meaningful information and answers questions from the public.
- Holly Budge mentions that the scorecards are being updated based on feedback from the retreat and conversations with the Board of Health.
- Drug court graduation rates and infographics.
- Randy Williams asks about the graduation rate for drug courts and is told it's a 20-year average, not applicable to just 2022.
- In 2022, the team switched to a new electronic health record system, resulting in lost numbers of clients, particularly those with mental and substance abuse issues.
 - It was suggested that this data be removed from the annual report since it is not accurate.
- Motion to accept the Annual Report with the suggested changes by Dr. Vernon
 - Second: Kevin Hall

Public Health Hero Nominations: Estee Hunt

- Public health hero nominees include Cache Community Food Pantry, Agent Kolter Cottle (probation officer), Shellie Heryrand (CAPSA), Judith L. Sims (environmental health researcher).
- Participants discuss creating awards for different service areas in public health, with suggestions including "Public Health Heroes" in conjunction with each service areas award. i.e. "Environmental Health Award."
- Four Service areas = 4 Public Health Awards
- Motion to accept the Public Health Hero Nominees and present awards at an upcoming Cache County Chamber leadership meeting by David Zook
 - Second the Motion: Randy Williams
- Estee Hunt shared with the group that BRHD is working on changing its domain name from brhd.org to brhdut.gov (as per Utah law).
- Plans to transition from .org to a .gov domain for BRHD website are underway, with email system overhaul to follow.

Health Officer Update: Jordan Mathis

- Suicide prevention efforts in a school district.
 - Department has been making efforts related to suicide prevention, including postvention meetings after two young men associated with each other died by suicide.
 - Jordan Mathis and David Zook discuss postvention activities and interventions for a traumatic event in a school, involving various stakeholders and resources.
- Board members discuss potential nominees for recognition at the upcoming UALBOH Symposium.
- Public health services and mental health resources.
 - Discussion on essential public health services and mental health resources, including hands-on training and legislative updates.
- Board retreat preferences

- Randy Williams expresses interest in attending the retreat, with board approval needed for travel.
- Board members discuss preferences for a team-building retreat, including location and duration.
- Council members discuss overnight retreat ideas, including location and social activities.
- Team decided to meet on September 17th overnight in Garden City.
- Employee engagement and growth opportunities at the BRHD.
 - Jordan Mathis discusses the organization's employee engagement tool, which evaluates feedback and offers recommendations to improve engagement. The tool is called Culture Amp.
 - The organization benchmarks its engagement score against the civic and social organizations sector, with a positive score of 76% and a high response rate of 95%.
 - Jordan Mathis highlights top opportunity for growth: career development and professional development, despite limited opportunities within the organization.
 - Jordan Mathis emphasizes communication and vision as an area for improvement, with a focus on two-way communication and addressing underperformance.
- Employee recognition and onboarding strategies.
 - Organization aims to improve onboarding process to retain employees.
- Board may revisit local regulations for body art facilities after statewide rule-making authority is established.
- Jordan Mathis highlights the significance of the electronic cigarette amendments, which prohibit the sale of unapproved products.
- Utah lawmakers aim to restrict e-cigarette flavors and nicotine content.
 - Representative Tom Peterson is working to get the governor to sign a bill in Brigham City related to tobacco cessation services that the local Governing Youth Council created.

Endemic - A Post-Pandemic Playbook (Chapters 3 & 4): Board Discussion

- Commission Perry expresses frustration with slow progress on addressing mental health concerns.
- Commission Perry mentions mRNA vaccines and misinformation as a source of hesitancy among board members.
- Cheryl Atwood shares personal experience with COVID loss, criticizes blame and misinformation.
- COVID-19 pandemic's impact on society.
 - Blake Rose highlights the disparate experiences of individuals during the pandemic, from movie stars to starving families and healthcare workers.
 - Randy Williams notes the difficulty in finding a plan that works for everyone, and gaining trust back that has been lost.
 - Blake Rose reflects on his emotional response to reading a book, realizing he had biases and misconceptions that he didn't realize were based on emotion rather than facts.
 - Williams learns from the book that she can't change historical events, but she can change her own feelings and attitudes towards them.
 - Randy Williams discusses the emotional toll of the pandemic on families and the importance of trust in healthcare.
 - Blake Rose shares personal experiences from Washington State, where the pandemic first emerged, highlighting the chaos in hospitals and the need for trust in healthcare.
- Pandemic response, trust, and information overload.
 - David Zook highlights the importance of increasing trust in public health institutions and government after the pandemic, acknowledging mistakes made and the emotional toll on decision-making.
 - Zook reflects on the loss of trust in healthcare and government, citing the pandemic as a catalyst for restoring trust through collective action towards a shared goal of national health and well-being.
 - David Zook acknowledges the pressure public health leaders faced during the pandemic, having to make difficult decisions that could save or cost lives.

- Zook believes the tendency was to lean towards decisions that would protect people more, even if they caused more damage in the long run.
 - David Zook highlights the importance of an open mind in addressing the pandemic, emphasizing that ideas from non-experts should be considered.
 - Speakers discuss the challenge of navigating the vast amount of information available on the pandemic, particularly for younger generations.
- Pandemic response and decision-making.
 - Randy Williams reflects on the pandemic, saying it was a time of flux and uncertainty due to the unprecedented nature of the event.
 - Williams notes that one consistent aspect of the pandemic was the constant flow of new information, which was often inconsistent and difficult to navigate.
 - Randy Williams expresses frustration with the lack of expertise and planning in the initial response to the pandemic, particularly in the absence of vaccines.
 - Williams reflects on the challenges of making decisions without sufficient information, citing the example of the pop-up food pantries that emerged in the early days of the pandemic.
- Pandemic's impact on society, including positives and negatives.
 - Commissioner Perry and Randy Williams discuss the positive and negative impacts of the pandemic on society, including increased compassion and empathy, as well as polarization and the loss of traditional experiences like snow days.
- COVID-19 pandemic, trust, and decision-making.
 - David Zook highlights the accuracy of the movie "Contagion" in predicting the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that creative people can sometimes predict events that others may not consider.
 - Jordan Mathis emphasizes the importance of providing people with the necessary information and tools to stay safe, rather than imposing blanket restrictions with negative consequences.
- Public health measures during the pandemic.
 - Cheryl Atwood emphasizes the importance of meeting people where they are and respecting their autonomy in decision-making, particularly in the context of public health measures like mask mandates.
 - Jordan Mathis notes that the difficulty in enforcing mask mandates highlights the tension between public health's role as a service industry and its need to balance individual freedom with collective protection.
 - Jordan Mathis and Atwood discuss the panic and emotion surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to a lack of grace and understanding towards those who chose to wear masks.
 - Commissioner Perry shares his experience of seeing people wear masks in various situations, including at Disneyland, and appreciates their efforts to protect themselves and others.
- The impact of trauma and scarcity on the brain.
 - Randy Williams discusses how trauma and scarcity modeling can affect behavior and decision-making, with a focus on intergenerational trauma and the importance of acknowledging and addressing these factors to promote healing and self-awareness.

Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Dr. Vernon
 - Second: Cheryl Atwood