

Southwest Utah Public Health Department
Southwest Utah Board of Health
260 DL Sargent Dr, Cedar City, UT 84721
Wednesday, October 11, 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
Mr. Brandon Ray, HR Director.....SWUPHD
Ms. Katherine Soto, Administrative Assistant..... SWUPHD

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

Minutes Approval	Commissioner Cozzens made a motion to accept the minutes from August 2023 . Dr. Snow 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 75% of the year complete, the department had received 79.5% of expected revenues, and spent 76.5% of budgeted expenditures. Mr. Peterson made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Introduce 2023 Budget <i>by Jeff Shumway</i>	Information presented. Commissioner Hollingshead made a motion to approve the county's portion of the 2023 Budget as presented. Dr. Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

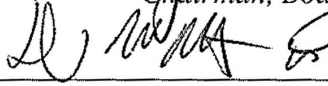
Accident Drug Screening Policy <i>by Brandon Ray – SWUPHD HR Director</i>	In outlining areas, particularly Garfield, Kane, and Beaver, there is often no drug screening available within the community. The new language reads: the department reserves the right to drug screening. The deputy health officer will determine on a case by case basis if testing is feasible. It will be done as much as possible. Commissioner Almquist made a motion to approve the vehicle usage language change. Commissioner Cozzens seconded the motion. Motion carried <u>unanimously</u>.
Legislative Update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	Testified before the health and human services committee during their interim meetings held in St. George.
Department Update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	The department will be adding a new accounting software. It will automate many functions that are now done manually. It should save half a full-time position and give the capacity to drill down into the budget process. Jeff Shumway's responsibilities will expand to include magazine expansion and quality improvement projects. Duane Sullivan will now report directly to Cameron in his role as Facilities Manager. Additionally, and new administrative services division will be created that will house IT and HR. Brandon will chair that division. Ruthanne has been the special projects coordinator and her role has shifted to be the liaison for outside counties.
Other Business <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	Hired Llyod Berentzen for the transition in accounting services, previous health officer. Discussed the septic system approval process. <u>Board of Public Health meeting will remain the same next year.</u>
Presentation <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	Diabetes is a growing problem, accounting for 25% of health care spending. This generation will be the first generation that will live less than their parents. Once you are pre-diabetic, on average, it takes 3-5 years to become diabetic. Currently, giving free A1C for people who fill out a form and score a certain number. Normally it's \$25 to do A1C screening at the health department. Obesity is becoming a problem in 3rd world. The cost of obesity is additional 1800 per year per person with obesity. Certain diets have cardiovascular benefits. Once an individual gets off Ozempic, they gain the weight back. Problems are long term data is lacking, very expensive, rebound, counterfeits and gastrointestinal difficulties.
Flu Shots	Provided, if needed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Almquist made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Peterson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.


Chairman, Board of Health

Secretary, Board of Health

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