

Southwest Utah Public Health Department
Southwest Utah Board of Health

105 N 100 E, Cedar City, Utah
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Celeste MeyeresKane 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. Kent Peterson..... Iron County
Mr. Nick Reynolds.....Garfield County
Mr. Scott Symond.....Beaver County
Ms. Jerica BauerKane 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 Paul Cozzens called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes Approval	Commissioner Meyeres made a motion to accept the minutes from FEBRUARY 2024 . Commissioner Taylor 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 25% of the year complete, the department had received 34% of expected revenues, and spent 25% of budgeted expenditures. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Dr. Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Legislative Recap <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	Isolation and Quarantine Regulation: the revised process now requires approval from the county commissioners before implementation, followed by judicial review. Sharp Survey and Parental Consent: Discussion ensued regarding legislative amendments affecting the Sharp survey, a behavioral health assessment tool administered to students. The board noted that recent legislation mandated parental consent for participation in the survey, despite existing protocols already incorporating parental consent requirements. Regulation of Cold Plunge Facilities: Discussed recent legislative changes concerning the regulation of cold plunge facilities, which involve immersion in ice-cold water for

therapeutic purposes. Legislation exempted cold plunge pools from regulatory oversight, shifting responsibility to users to ensure safety.

Regulation of Electronic Cigarettes: Discussed recent legislation banning flavored e-cigarette products and imposing FDA approval requirements for e-cigarette sales. Concerns were raised regarding potential unintended consequences, including monopolization and increased reliance on unregulated online markets. Moreover, the availability of THC-containing products online raised concerns about public health risks and regulatory challenges.

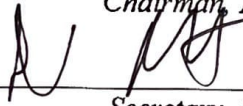
Executive Committee Dr. Blodgett serves on various committees.

Panguitch Facility
by Dr. Blodgett The board engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the potential sale of the Panguitch building in Garfield County. Commissioner Taylor proposed the repurchase of the building and a portion of the land necessary for access. It was clarified that Garfield County only required a specific portion of the land, separate from the public health and behavioral health building. The board discussed the importance of ensuring a fair and transparent process, including the involvement of attorneys and engineers. It was agreed to table the motion until further information, such as drawings and proposals, could be obtained. The board expressed willingness to reconsider a motion based on the outcomes of future discussions and negotiations.

Other Business
by Dr. Blodgett Won Best of State for Publication category for the HEALTH Magazine and for the public health agency of the year. (SW Utah Public Health Foundation)

Presentation
by Dr. Blodgett Discussed Department of Environmental Quality.
Presented on the mortality rates of infectious diseases over the last 100 years, and the cost prevention from the introduction of vaccines.

Adjournment Commissioner Meyeres made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Cozzens seconded the motion.
Motion carried.


Chairman, Board of Health

Secretary, Board of Health

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