

Meeting Minutes from the TriCounty Board of Health Regular Meeting July 31, 2024

LOCATION

TriCounty Health Department - 133 S 500 W - Vernal

ATTENDEES

Chairman Dr. John Mathis, Commissioner Randy Asay, Commissioner John Laursen, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Shanna Wheeler, Jodi Tinker, Keith Goodspeed, Kim Harding, Emmett Duncan, KayCee Asay, Madeline George, Ashley Linshoten, Director Kirk Bengé, Bruce McKee, Raima Colledge, Darrin Brown, Joe Hadlock, Jon Stearmer.

EXCUSED

Dr. Richard Jolley, Sydnee Lamb

AGENDA

Call to order

12:09 p.m.

Approval of July 31, 2024 Minutes

John Laursen made a motion to approve the July 31, 2024 minutes. Tracy Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates

- NALBOH
 - Utah was well-represented at the conference with 20% of attendees coming from Utah. Jill and Kristie made a presentation about UALBOH which inspired great questions from boards of health (BoH) from other areas. Utah BoH relationships are very positive, which is rare in other areas. The role of the BoH is very important, and the goal is to be active in the decisions of the TriCounty Health Department (TriCHD). The experience was very worthwhile and we should consider budgeting to send a few members every year.
- Active Pertussis Case(s) Updates:
 - TriCHD has seen a small outbreak with 4 confirmed cases - all were immunized. TriCHD has sent letters to local providers encouraging them to be vigilant.
- Update on ESRI (GIS Wastewater Database):
 - The program is ready to be made available to the public. Over 9000 wastewater systems have been digitized and uploaded into ESRI. It will be used as a repository of historic systems and a database for current. An announcement of its availability to the public will be made in the coming weeks.
- Duchesne County Water & Subdivision Issues:
 - Fruitland doesn't have any more permits for water. Duchesne City will not have any more at the first of the year. The Duchesne County Commission put a moratorium on all new subdivisions in Duchesne County to figure out how to move forward with all the requests. Anything in the queue

that has been paid is grandfathered in, but they need water rights and proof of drinkable water in order to build. This will require those seeking rights to apply for a grant to get water from Hanna.

Director Kirk Bengtson turned the time over to Rob Grove to present an overview of TriCounty Health Department's Preparedness programs.

- Review of local trends in causes of death
 - TriCHD's point of dispensing plan will vaccinate every resident in the tricounty area in 48 hours. All employees and all TriCHD vehicles have a 72 hour kit. All TriCHD employees are considered essential employees in an emergency. TriCHD will not directly handle mass fatality management or laboratory testing. Slides included.

Approval of Check Register

Bruce McKee reported the check register for July through August of 2024.

Kim Harding made a motion to approve the check register as presented. Keith Goodspeed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

- Bruce McKee presented the current financial report which included; all bank accounts, health department cash and cash equivalents, federal and state revenue vs total expenditures and the operational budget report.
 - The 2025 Fee Schedule was also put forth and reviewed by the Board.

John Laursen made a motion to approve the fee schedule with the exception of wastewater fees. Kim Harding seconded the motion. Keith Goodspeed and Tracy Killian opposed. The motion passed.

2025 Proposed Budget

The Board reviewed the budget with no action being taken. It was agreed that the budget will need to be adopted at the next meeting on December 4, 2024.

New Contracts

Director Kirk Bengtson went over new and amended contracts.

DHHS Contracts

- HIV Prevention 2023 A3
- 2025 MOA TriCounty Safe Kids Utah
- SDOH Plan and Implementation A1
- CSHCN Care Coordination A2

Other Contracts

- University of Utah Poison Control

Consideration of Creating a Local Fatality Review Committee

- TriCounty Health Department has been collaborating with Northeastern Counseling, UBH and Ashley Regional about creating a committee that will close the gap of what could have been done to prevent fatalities and advising prevention methods. Need to make sure safeguards are in place to protect anonymity. Fatality review committee couldn't conduct next of kin interviews like the medical examiner does. Next steps to work with John Stearmer. No objections from any present board members.

Additional Updates & Discussion

- Manila Clinic Construction: Building design has been finalized and will include office spaces for TriCounty Health Department and Northeastern Counseling.

Adjourn

Shanna Wheeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. John Laursen seconded.

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