

Southwest Utah Public Health Department
Southwest Utah Board of Health

Festival Hall Rooms 5 & 6
105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT
Wednesday, August 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Gil Almquist.....Washington County
Dr. Kenneth Snow.....Washington County
Mr. Kent Peterson Iron County
Ms. Jerica BauerKane County
Mr. Nick Reynolds.....Garfield County
Commissioner Paul Cozzens.....Iron County
Mr. Scott Symond.....Beaver County
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead.....Beaver County

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Jerry Taylor.....Garfield County
Commissioner Celeste MeyeresKane County

Others Present:

Dr. David W. Blodgett, Director/Health Officer.....SWUPHD
Mr. Cameron Mitchell, Deputy Director.....SWUPHD
Mr. Brandon Ray, HR Director.....SWUPHD
Ms. RuthAnne Watt, Administrative Liaison SWUPHD
Mr. Lloyd Berentzen, Consultant.....SWUPHD

Commissioner Paul Cozzens, President called the meeting to order at **10:04 a.m.**

Minutes Approval	Commissioner Gil Almquist made a motion to accept the minutes from JUNE 2024 . Commissioner Wade Hollingshead seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Financial Update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	Shared the financial report based on roughly 58% of the calendar year. The report showed the department had received 55% of expected revenues and spent 54% of budgeted expenditures. Questions regarding Medicare insurance payments. Commissioner Gil Almquist made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Legislative/DHHS/DEQ Update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	Legislature Spent time at the legislature during the interim to discuss public health concerns and information being dispensed to the legislative bodies. We want to make sure the correct information is getting to both the public and the legislature.

DHHS

LHDs and DHHS meet at the table to work on grants/contracts to hopefully more fairly divide the funding for public health.

Have set things up so that as COVID dollars are pulled back the health department will be able to continue on without much issue.

DEQ

Still in discussions with how the funding comes from DEQ to the local health departments. Clearly defining lines of work the LHDs will agree to and streamline the process. Health Officers are working together to address this issue.

**Southwest Utah
Public Health
Foundation**
by Dr. Blodgett

Suspend regular meeting and move into Southwest Public Health Foundation discussion
Commissioner Gil Almquist made the motion to suspend.
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Shared the financial report for the Foundation and options for moving forward.
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead Motion to approve financial report for Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation.
Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Commissioner Gil Almquist motion to return to regular board of health meeting
Nick Reynolds seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

**Annual approval of
the policy manual**
by Brandon Ray

Presented updates to the policy manual to correct verbiage to make the intentions of the department clearer to employees.
Commissioner Gil Almquist made a motion to approve revisions to the policy manual
Jerica Bauer seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Other Business
by Dr. Blodgett

Better education for public health awareness and needs to lead people toward a healthier life. Help empower the public toward better health choices. Include charts/videos with social media posts. Would like to see more education classes for better health.
Are there other programs the board feels would be helpful to expand in the department?

Presentation
by Dr. Blodgett

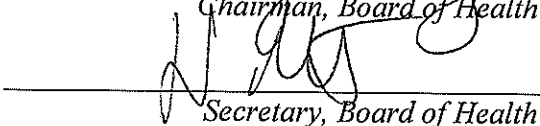
Presentation regarding Alzheimer's/Dementia given by Dr. Blodgett
Asked Dr. Blodgett to send the BOH members this presentation.

Adjournment

Chair declared meeting adjourned at 12:06pm


Chairman, Board of Health

10/16/24
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Secretary, Board of Health

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