

Oct 9, 2024 4:30 PM | 📅 Bear River Board of Health

Location: Bear River Health Department Brigham City Building, 817 West 950 South, Brigham City, UT

Board of Health Attendees: Lee Perry, Cade Palmer, Kevin Hall, Cheryl Atwood, Dr. Yohanna Vernon, Bill Cox

Bear River Health Department Attendees: Jordan Mathis Estee Hunt Joshua Greer
Linda Brown Spencer George Grant Koford Farrin Wiese Alicia Toscano Jordan Miller

Others in Attendance: Stan Summers (Box Elder County Commissioner), Jeris Kendall (Cache County Attorney)

Virtual Attendees:

Attached files: 📎 BRHD BOH packet 10.09.24

🔴 Bear River Board of Health Meeting– 2024/10/09 16:10 MDT – Recording

Bear River Board of Health

Transcript

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Summary

The Bear River Health Department meeting covered several key topics. The Board discussed the need for a reimbursement letter from DEQ for expenses related to a trailer park incident, highlighting the lack of a clear reimbursement process. They also reviewed the Community Health Improvement Plan, focusing on access to care, suicide prevention, poverty, education, and housing. The Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Vernon and Kevin Hall for another three years. They considered a proposal from Acadia Help for a mobile medically assisted treatment unit, requiring potential adjustments to the Brigham City property. The meeting concluded with a closed session to review Jordan's performance as health officer.

Action Items

- [] Provide the open meetings training video and certificate link to board members who have not completed it.
- [] Schedule a finance committee meeting in early November to review the current year-end finances and the 2025 budget proposal.
- [] Send out a calendar invite for the finance committee meeting on November 7th.

Outline

Call to Order: Cheryl Atwood

- Cheryl Atwood welcomes everyone to the Board of Health meeting and introduces Commissioner Stan Summers for opening ceremonies.

Opening Ceremonies Opening Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Stan Summers (Box Elder County)

- Commissioner Summers gives a blessing, thanking those who help others and asking for blessings for law enforcement and those in harm's way.
- Jordan Mathis thanks Commissioner Summers for his support and mentions his proactive approach to health department issues.

Today's Agenda & Meeting Minutes Approval (September 17, 2024))

- Cheryl Atwood calls for a motion to approve the agenda, which is seconded and approved by the board.
 - Motion to approve: Cade Palmer
 - Second: Lee Perry
- Cheryl Atwood calls for a motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes, which is seconded and approved by the board.
 - Motion to approve: Lee Perry
 - Second: Dr. Vernon

Public Meetings Training and Open Meeting Requirements

- Jordan Mathis introduces a video from the State Auditor's Office on open and public meetings.
- The video explains the definition of open and public meetings, including public hearings, electronic meetings, and emergency meetings.
- The video details the requirements for closed meetings, including the need for a two-thirds majority vote and the documentation of reasons, location, and attendees.
- Jordan Mathis discusses the importance of recording and maintaining minutes for all open meetings and the process for making minutes available to the public.
- Cheryl Atwood asks if the reason, location, and attendees of a closed meeting need to be stated verbally, and Jordan Mathis clarifies that it should be documented.
- Jeris Kendall explains that recordings of closed meetings are not public records and would require a court hearing to access.
- The board discusses the importance of documenting who is present in a closed session and the need for written minutes.
- Jordan Mathis mentions that the board is required to ensure public notice is posted in time and that agendas are posted at least 24 hours in advance.
- Those in attendance were encouraged to take the test on the State Auditor's Website and submit documentation of the completion certificate as this training can be used for all public bodies they sit on.

Health Officer Update: Jordan Mathis

- Jordan Mathis provides an update on the Community Health Improvement Plan, including the semi-annual meeting and the focus areas of access to care, suicide prevention, poverty, education, and housing.
- Jordan Mathis invites the Board to attend the BRHD December Annual Meeting on December 12th. Special invitation to join for lunch and assist with the awards ceremony.
- Jordan Mathis mentions the awarding of the harm reduction grant for needle exchange and the start of the program at the main Logan office.
 - The board discusses the importance of community partnerships in promoting the needle exchange program and the potential for expanding access to care.
- Jordan Mathis & Jared Bohman highlight the success of the Community Resource Fair. An expansion in connection with the probation department and the benefits of community partnerships.
- Jordan Mathis discusses the denial of the DEQ reimbursement request and the reasons provided by DEQ, including the lack of an MOA and the need for a rule to regulate reimbursements.
 - Jordan Mathis expresses frustration with DEQ's stance and the lack of a clear process for reimbursement.
- The board discusses the potential for legislative action to clarify the reimbursement process and the importance of getting the rule put in place.
- Jordan Mathis mentions the signing of the MOU by Box Elder County and the progress towards a multi-county united health department.
- Building Updates and Community Health Center Expansion: Jordan Mathis provides updates on mental health building progress and the ongoing lease negotiations with Community Health Centers Inc.
 - The board discusses the potential for Community Health Centers Inc. to operate out of the Logan office and the benefits of providing sliding scale services.
 - Jordan Mathis mentions the need for a federal grant for Community Health Centers Inc. to expand services and the importance of supporting their business model.
 - The board discusses the potential for Community Health Centers Inc. to grow and the benefits of providing access to care in the community.
- Jordan Mathis discusses a proposal from Acadia Health to provide mobile medically assisted treatment in Box Elder County and the need for a parking pad at the Brigham City office.
 - The board discusses the potential benefits of the mobile treatment unit, including increased access to care and coordination of services.
 - Jordan Mathis mentions the need for rerouting sprinkler systems and potential utility adjustments for the parking pad.
 - The board discusses the importance of having a clear agreement for the use of the parking pad and the need for oversight to ensure it is not a permanent arrangement.

Board Appointments: Jordan Mathis & Cheryl Atwood

- Jordan Mathis reviews the list of board appointments and the terms of current members, noting the upcoming expiration of Dr. Vernon and Kevin Hall's terms.
- The board discusses the process for reappointing members and the importance of having a diverse and knowledgeable board.
- Motion made to approve the reappointment of Dr. Vernon and Kevin Hall to a 3 year term.

- Motion: Bill Cox
 - Second: Lee Perry

Update on 2024 Initial Budget Presentation: Josh Greer

- Josh Greer provides an update on the 2024 initial budget presentation and the proposal to utilize the finance committee for a deeper dive into the budget.
- The board discusses the importance of having a detailed budget presentation and the need for accurate financial planning for 2025.
- Lunch Meeting scheduled for November 7th with the finance committee.

Closed Session

- The board moves to a closed session to review Jordan's performance as the health officer.
 - Motion: Cade Palmer