

Southwest Utah Public Health Department  
**Southwest Utah Board of Health**  
Southwest Utah Public Health Department Conference Room  
260 E DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, UT  
**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**  
10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Gil Almquist.....Washington County  
Commissioner Jerry Taylor.....Garfield County  
Dr. Kenneth Snow.....Iron County  
Mr. Kent Peterson ..... Washington County  
Mr. Nick Reynolds.....Garfield County  
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead.....Beaver County  
Ms. Jerica Bauer .....Kane County

**Members Not Present:**

Commissioner Celeste Meyeres .....Kane County  
Commissioner Paul Cozzens.....Iron County  
Mr. Scott Symond.....Beaver County

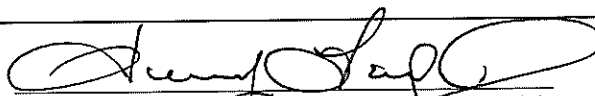
**Others Present:**

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

Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Immediate Past Chair called the meeting to order at **10:08 a.m.**

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| <b>Minutes Approval</b>                                                                             | <b>Dr. Kenneth Snow</b> made a motion to accept the minutes from <b>AUGUST 2024</b> .<br><b>Commissioner Gil Almquist</b> seconded the motion.<br>Motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Financial Update</b><br><i>by Dr. Blodgett</i><br><i>Logan Wrigley</i><br><i>Lloyd Berentzen</i> | Introduction of new financial system. New hire introduced as the Business Manager for accounting system.<br>Presented the financial report – the category dollars may have shifted, but the overall budget remains the same.<br><b>Commissioner Wade Hollingshead</b> made a motion to accept the <b>Financial Report</b> as presented.<br><b>Commissioner Gil Almquist</b> seconded the motion.<br>Motion carried. |
| <i>Ms. Jerica Bauer</i><br><i>joined at 10:32am</i>                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>Introduce 2025 Budget</b><br><i>by Dr. Blodgett<br/>Logan Wrigley</i>                    | 2025 Proposed County Contribution - continuation of \$6.75 per person<br><b>Mr. Kent Peterson</b> made a motion to approve budget as proposed<br><b>Dr. Kenneth Snow</b> seconded the motion.<br>Motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Pool Considerations</b><br><i>by Cameron Mitchell</i>                                    | Presentation regarding public pools versus private residential pools. Regulation regarding public pools that are expanding into other areas that have concerns about safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Legislative/State Update</b><br><i>by Dr. Blodgett<br/>Commissioner Gil<br/>Almquist</i> | One Utah Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brought up concerns about hiring out of rural areas for state remote jobs.</li> <li>State pushing more responsibilities to local health department with no funding coming with it.</li> <li>Feel this meeting was progress in the right direction.</li> <li>Panel discussion regarding public health delivery in rural counties.</li> </ul> Legislature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Box car bill trying to take away health officer authority to quarantine/isolate</li> <li>Bill created a new classification of schools (micro schools) – exempted from school rule requirements</li> </ul> DEQ relationship has not improved. Referring clients that need it to DEQ. |
| <b>Other Business</b><br><i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>                                             | No other business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Presentation</b><br><i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>                                               | How Diseases Spread presentation given by Dr. Blodgett                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Flu Shots</b>                                                                            | Flu shots offered                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Adjournment</b>                                                                          | <b>Dr. Kenneth Snow</b> made a motion to adjourn.<br><b>Mr. Kent Peterson</b> seconded the motion.<br>Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 12:11pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

  
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