



SOUTHEAST UTAH HEALTH DEPARTMENT (SEUHD)

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 25, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

Hybrid Virtual & In Person Meeting

PRESENT

CARBON COUNTY *In-person* - Debbie Peet, Commissioner Larry Jensen
Virtual - Zak Konakis, Chair

EMERY COUNTY *In-person* - Kathi Kearney, Commissioner Jordan Leonard
Virtual - Kelly Wilson

GRAND COUNTY *In-person* - Commissioner Melodie McCandless
Virtual - Breann Davis, Vice-Chair

EXCUSED Rhiana Medina

ADMINISTRATION *In-person* - Bradon Bradford, Andrew Michaelis, Sara Braby, Brandon Pierce
Virtual - Brittney Garff

I. *Call Meeting to Order*

Zak Konakis called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and did a roll call.

II. *Public Comment*

Public comment was opened by Zak. Hearing no comment, public comment was closed.

III. *Minutes for January 28, 2025 – Review and possible approval -*

No changes.

Motion to accept Minutes from January 28, 2025 - Kathi Kearney - Melodie McCandless second - Motion passed

IV. *Budget*

A. Check Register and Disbursement Listing

Kathi Kearney had a question on purchases for peer counseling incentive. Brady explained what the program was and explained the purchases went towards backpacks, water bottles, etc that will go towards future teens and such. These were time sensitive funds.

Motion to accept the Check Register & Disbursement Listing - Melody McCandles - Larry Jensen second - Motion passed

B. **Executive Director wage follow up from November 2024 meeting**

Brady suggested if this were to pass, it would have the caveat of COVID funds being taken away early that it could be adjusted to meet the department needs.

Motion to accept the Follow Up - Larry Jensen - Kathi Kearney Second - Melodie McCandles Abstained - Motion passed

V. ***Policies***

A. **Utah Zoonotic Influenza Interagency Response Plan and the 2025 UDAF/DHHS/LHD Info-Sharing MOA**

Brady explained that this Plan and MOA gives us the ability to share data back and forth with The Department of Agriculture. It should make workers feel more comfortable contacting the Health Department and lays out roles more clearly. It was signed last week and is sharing that this interaction did happen.

Motion to ratify the Utah Zoonotic Influenza Interagency Response Plan and the 2025 UDAF/DHHS/LHD Info-Sharing MOA - Larry Jensen - Melodie McCandles second - Motion passed

VI. ***Legislative Wrap-up***

Brady spoke to a few key points. Local Health funding for minimum performance standards will now be secured as a line item and not up to the Executive Director. Fluoride can no longer be added to Utah drinking water. Before declaring public health emergencies the local health officer must notify the chief executive officer of the county. A few other bills were discussed that were provided in the packet. Conversation continued.

VII. ***Public Health Report***

2024 Annual State/Local Public Health Partnership Summit

Health officers met with the state leadership to review and make sure they are on the same page with vision and goals for Utah. It was a great summit

A. **Clinical and Family Services** - None

B. **Community Health (Promotion and Education)** - None

C. **Environmental Health** - Brandon spoke to the body art plan. It is suggested that we remove our local body art rule and adopt the state rule. There were very few differences between state and local rule. This was approved to repeal by the board.

Motion to repeal the local Body Art Regulation - Debbie Peet - Jordan
Leonard Second - Motion passed

D. Emergency Preparedness - None

E. Public Health Information - None

F. Epidemiology - Showed the Utah COVID-19 Health Disparities Study and expressed that it was interesting to review the Rural impact, nothing further was discussed but encouraged the Board to review.

Kathi Kearney asked a question about how the current administration might impact us in public health at a local level. Brady briefly gave thoughts on how investing in public health is vital. He expressed he is trying to remain positive and feels confident in those around him and their abilities, so although unsure about funding and where that might go, he is feeling okay at this time.

Debbie asked an additional question about our rural area - is there a concern if families have layoffs etc if they might forgo vaccines and preventative measures. Brady brought up the vaccines for children's program where vaccines can be given to children no matter the situation. Also talked about our WIC and PAT program which might enhance these families lives and help get them other resources and help benefit them in many ways.

VIII. *Closed Session - if necessary*

Not necessary at this time.

IX. *Additional discussion - if necessary*

No additional discussion

Motion to adjourn - Larry Jensen

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Zak Konakis, Board Chair

Bradon Bradford, Health Officer