



CANYONLANDS HEALTH CARE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Larson Building Conference Room 285 S 400 E, Moab, UT 84532, Online through Zoom

• Thursday Aug 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dan Cook (President), Tawny Knuteson-Boyd (Vice-Chair), Ken Ballantyne (Treasurer), Melodie McCandless, Joette Langianese, Camille Peters, Lou Irby, Debbie Testa (Clerk), Cassie Rose, Colette Lyman (CCC), Garrett Weston, Jason Gatherum (Parkway), Nathan Bronemann, Jeremy Fehrer (Seasons), Jen Sadoff (MRH), Beth Logan, Kimra Berrelez, Kirstin Peterson, William and Roxanne Agee, Seth Olson

I. Called to order at 5:32 PM

II. Approval of the June 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes (5 min) (Action Item)

Motion to approve the June 12, 2025 minutes made by Ken, seconded by Tawny. Motion carried for approval 6-0.

III. Financials (30 min)

a. CHC SSD Financials – Ken/Kimra

1. Review of the Budget vs Actuals June/July 2025

Ken and Kimra presented the financial report covering the months of June and July. June had a net income of \$64,600 and July had a negative income of \$39,000, with sales tax revenue down approximately \$180,000 compared to the same period last year. They discussed the need to amend the budget in the coming months due to higher-than-expected DSH payments.

2. Review of the Fund Balances

\$1,577,496.00 General PTIF Fund, \$340,667.00 Capital PTIF Fund, \$338,981.00 Debt Service Fund, \$164,202.43 Wells Fargo Checking balances are as of July 31, 2025

3. Approval of Bills (Action item)

Motion to ratify July 2025 bills for \$91,148.24 and approve the Aug 2025 bills for \$176,447.55 made by Melodie, seconded by Camille. Motion carried for approval 6-0.

KB informed the board about IRS questions regarding bond payment reimbursement, with DT explaining that the IRS required clarification on some of the submitted information. The bond repayment terms were changed after COVID, but not properly communicated to the IRS. KB noted that she would follow up with them shortly to gather the necessary information after the meeting.

IV. Reports/Presentations (25 min)

a. Parkway and Seasons Report

1. Administrators Report – Q2 2025 Nathan/Todd/Jason

NB reported that Seasons' overall census increased further this last quarter. Revenues from Medicaid sources exceeded the budget, while those from all other sources were under the budget. Total revenues were \$50,000 under budget expectations. Total Expenses were over budget by \$19K. During the quarter, the census averaged 49.0, up from 46.8 in Q1, with the skilled at just 1.6, down from Q1's 2.2. For the quarter, Seasons posted a quarterly profit of \$64K, with a YTD profit of \$166K.

GW for Rocky Mountain Care - Maple Dell reported a census of 51.8 with one pending admission, and highlighted positive performance metrics, including an 83% resident satisfaction score (5% above the national average) and a \$194,848 revenue improvement

over Q1, though operating income remained negative at \$190,000 due to administrative fees.

b. Care Center Administrator's Report – Colette

1. Administrator's Report

CL reported on the CCC facility operations, noting a census of 34 with one death and one admission since the last board meeting. She highlighted successful events, including a pool party, and upcoming activities, such as a casino trip to Tooele in October. The facility has had no COVID-19 or flu outbreaks since February and maintains good quality measures, although it is still flagging issues with falls and anti-anxiety use. Colette announced that Dr. Munger from Moab has accepted the position of medical director. The facility received a civil penalty of \$17,220 from CMS, which could be reduced by 35% if not disputed within 60 days. She also discussed plans for facility improvements, including carpet replacement and bed replacements, intending to complete these by January 31st to qualify for Medicaid rate adjustments

2. Quality Assurance Report

CL notes they need 6 out of 9 to qualify for UPL, and they are meeting this requirement.

JL joins at 6:11 PM

c. Canyonlands Care Center Financials – Cassie

1. Ratify Care Center Bills – May/June (Action Item)

Motion to ratify Canyonlands Care Center May 2025 bills for \$390,053.98 and June 2025 bills for \$594,728.54 made by Ken seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 7-0

2. Review of the Budget vs Actuals – May/June

CR presented CCC budget updates for May and June, noting that while some areas were over budget, overall performance was on track. The board discussed a successful employee retention credit application, which required documentation of COVID-19 related cost increases and operational changes. CL explained that the application was approved due to the facility's status as an essential business, with professional fees covering 15% of the total credit amount.

d. Other Considerations

V. New Business/Discussion/Action Items (25 min)

a. Ratify resolution to the County Commission for a Ballot Initiative to Increase the Rural Health Sales Tax from .5% to 1% (Action Item)

The group discussed concerns about the ballot language for the healthcare sales tax, which currently implies that the district is the long-term care facility. They agreed to propose revised language that clarifies the district's role and the broader range of healthcare services it supports, including operating the Canyonlands Care Center and providing resources for other critical healthcare needs. The team plans to consult with the county attorney regarding these changes, considering the upcoming deadline of 75 days before the election.

Motion to table the ratification until the county commission directs us to the CHCSSD requested changes to the resolution for a Ballot Initiative to Increase the Rural Health Sales Tax from .5% to .1% made by Joette, seconded by Tawny. Motion carried for approval 7-0.

b. Discussion on Annual Grand County 2026 Funding Request Presentation

The group discussed the annual Grand County 2026 funding request presentation. The current agreed-upon split is at 50% for CHCSSD and 50% for EMS. The presentations are usually planned for September, but could potentially be postponed to October to allow more time for coordination between fire, EMS, and other departments. The group also discussed the need to determine funding splits, with Joette and Dan planning to meet with Liz Tubbs and Andy to strategize about both scenarios, whether the sales tax passes or not. The CHCSSD must also present a plan to the commission if the sales tax is increased to 1%.

- c. Discussion and Consideration to Approve a Resolution Expanding the Boundaries of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District (Action Item)

The board discussed a proposal to expand the boundaries of the CHC SSD, which would require approval from multiple county commissions and potentially result in a \$300,000 revenue impact. KP explained the complexity of the situation, noting that it was initially thought to be a straightforward matter but has become more complicated. The board, including JL and TK, expressed concerns about the complexity and potential perception issues, with JL emphasizing that the community might not be supportive of using sales tax money to support other counties' healthcare systems.

The board discussed concerns about their compliance with UPL agreements and boundary expansions, with Seth explaining that if they choose not to proceed with annexing other entities, they will need to review their contracts to determine termination options. Dan shared information from Todd about a 2017 board vote approving boundary expansion, and Kirstin clarified that while the State has approved various aspects, the auditor's office would be the relevant authority for this specific compliance issue.

Motion to table the Resolution Expanding the Boundaries of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District until we have more information from our legal counsel made by Joette, seconded by Tawny. Motion carried for approval 7-0

- d. CHC SSD Purpose and Strategic Direction

- 1. Update on CIB Planning Grant

The board discussed the denial of their CIB grant application for the remaining MAPS campus planning, as CIB preferred funding infrastructure over housing projects. JL and DT reported they would proceed with planning the remainder of the mapped property using their \$50,000 budget, with JL planning to prepare an RFQ and research consultants. The board agreed to review its finances during the upcoming budget process to determine if additional funds could be allocated for the planning grant, rather than waiting until July for potential grant funding. Jen provided information about a healthcare transformation fund that could be available for facility expansion projects.

- 2. Discussion on CHC SSD Board Vacancies

The board discussed upcoming vacancies, with JL confirming her intent to stay on the board and LI confirming her intention to leave at the end of December. DC suggested reaching out to Natasha Black and Tye Shumway as potential candidates, with JL agreeing to contact Natasha while DC would approach Tye. The board agreed to conduct interviews in October for new board members, aiming to have recommendations ready for the Commission's approval.

VI. Other Considerations (5 min)

VII. Closed Session – Reasonably Imminent or Pending Litigation (25 min)

Motion to adjourn made by Tawny seconded by Melodie. Motion passes 7-0.

VIII. Adjourned at 7:35 PM