

Southwest Utah Board of Health

Festival Hall Rooms 5 & 6
105 N 100 E
Cedar City, Utah
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Celeste MeyeresKane County
Commissioner Victor Iverson.....Washington County
Dr. Kenneth Snow.....Washington County
Mr. Kent Peterson Iron County
Commissioner Paul Cozzens.....Iron County
Mr. Scott Symond.....Beaver County

Members Not Present:

Mr. Nick Reynolds.....Garfield County
Ms. Jerica BauerKane County
Commissioner Jerry Taylor.....Garfield County
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead.....Beaver County

Others Present:

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

Commissioner Celeste Meyeres called the meeting to order at **10:04 a.m.**

Minutes Approval	Commissioner Paul Cozzens made a motion to accept the minutes from August 2025 . Mr. Scott Symond seconded the motion. Motion unanimous.
Financial Update <i>by Logan Wrigley</i>	67% of the way through the calendar year. Revenues at 62% of annual budget. Expenses at 52% of annual budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With government shutdown we are still being told to move forward business as usual with WIC.• 60% of our budget is federal.• Plan to hold on the new building (maybe indefinitely) until we get a better understanding of where funding will be in the future. Mr. Scott Symond made a motion to accept the financial update as presented. Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion Motion unanimous

Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation <i>by Logan Wrigley & Dr. Blodgett</i>	<p>Commissioner Victor Iverson made a motion to suspend regular board of health meeting and open into the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation meeting Commissioner Paul Cozzens seconded the motion. Motion unanimous</p> <p>Logan Wrigley presented balance sheet and profit and loss for the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing a small net loss for the foundation • Revenue and expenses are usually pretty closely match • Plan to expand the role of the foundation but have not had the resources. <p>Commissioner Victor Iverson made a motion to accept the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation financial report as presented. Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion. Motion unanimous</p> <p>Commissioner Paul Cozzens made a motion to move out of the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation meeting and back into regular board of health meeting. Mr. Scott Symond seconded the motion. Motion unanimous</p>
Flu Shots	Flu shots were offered today.
Legislative Update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing requirements for school exemptions may come up in the upcoming legislative session • Food freedom national movement wanting to remove things in place for food safety • Food truck commissaries out of non-commercial kitchens • When cuts come out how will the fall out happen regarding state and local. Concern the state is oversized, but it is hard to find employees in office. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of support for creating a local entities advisory council regarding legislative issues. • Bring in legislators to show the importance of local funding and what is being done at this level.
Infectious disease update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	<p>Measles update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporadic cases across Utah with most of the confirmed cases reside in the Southwest Health Department area especially near the Utah/Arizona border • Testing is being done on the wastewater in Utah to determine if measles is detected in the sample • 30 cases – 29 were unvaccinated - No deaths - 70% of cases under 18 years old <p>TB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 cases we were tracking, but they moved out of state • Questioned if public health should be the entity treating people infected with TB <p>Pertussis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 cases so far this year, 17 cases for all of last year • Recommended to get a TDAP booster every 8 to 10 years

Other Business
by Dr. Blodgett

- Commissioner Meyeres has asked that future agendas include if motions are needed or action is required.
- EMT is still training the trainers and it is working well to pass the national test
- Brought up ending the meeting a few minutes early as the next group comes in right after. This was dismissed.

Presentation
by Dr. Blodgett

Dr. Blodgett gave a presentation regarding sleep, exercise, and hypertension and a presentation regarding advertising and messaging (implicit/explicit).

Next meeting agenda items

- Next meeting: December 10, 2025 @ Best Western Abbey Inn in St George

Adjournment

Commissioner Celeste Meyeres adjourned the meeting at 12:02pm



Chairman, Board of Health



Secretary, Board of Health

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