

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:

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| Commissioner Celeste Meyeres | Kane 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:

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| Mr. Nick Reynolds..... | Garfield County |
| Ms. Jerica Bauer | Kane County |
| Commissioner Jerry Taylor..... | Garfield County |
| Commissioner Wade Hollingshead..... | Beaver County |

Others Present:

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| 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.

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| Minutes Approval | Commissioner Paul Cozzens made a motion to accept the minutes from August 2025 . Mr. Scott Symond seconded the motion. Motion unanimous. |
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| 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. |
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Mr. Scott Symond made a motion to accept the financial update as presented.
Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion
Motion unanimous

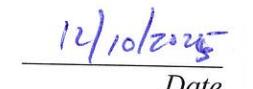
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| <p>Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation <i>by Logan Wrigley & Dr. Blodgett</i></p> | <p>Commissioner Victor Iverson made a motion to suspend regular board of health meeting and open into the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation meeting Commissioner Paul Cozzens seconded the motion.</p> |
| | <p>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.</p> |
| | <p>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.</p> |
| | <p>Motion unanimous</p> |
| <p>Flu Shots</p> | <p>Flu shots were offered today.</p> |
| <p>Legislative Update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i></p> | <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. |
| <p>Infectious disease update <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i></p> | <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 |

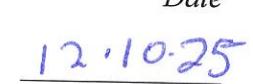
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| Other Business <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Meyeres has asked that future agendas include if motions are needed or action is required. • EMT is still training the trainers and it is working well to pass the national test • Brought up ending the meeting a few minutes early as the next group comes in right after. This was dismissed. |
| Presentation <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i> | Dr. Blodgett gave a presentation regarding sleep, exercise, and hypertension and a presentation regarding advertising and messaging (implicit/explicit). |
| Next meeting agenda items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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



 Date

 12.10.25

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