

The State of Utah DHHS and Local Public Health Governance Committee Meeting



Minutes

Date: December 15th, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

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Committee Co-Chairs: Heather Borski & Nathan Selin

Presenting Chair:

Heather Borski

Voting Members:

David Litvack, Eric Edwards, Heather Borski, Janae Duncan, Kirk Benge, Nathan Selin

Alternates:

Brian Hatch, Melissa Stevens Dimond

Attendees:

Brian Hatch, Brittany Brown, Chris Smoot, Eric Edwards, Ginny Ambrenac, Heather Borski, James Schow, Janae Duncan, Jerry Edwards, Jill Parker, Julie Jensen, Melissa Stevens Dimond, Nathan Selin

Approve Minutes: December 1st, 2025

1st: Eric Edwards 2nd: Janae Duncan

Motion was approved unanimously.

Grant Reviews:

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
ELC Measles Supplement		
Funding Period: 1/1/2025-7/31/2026	We reviewed the proposal for ELC supplemental measles funding with Chris Smoot (ELC PI). A motion was made to recommend approval of the ELC measles response supplemental funds as proposed (motion by Rachelle, 2nd by Dr. Blodgett). The motion was unanimously approved.	This is a request for funding specifically related to the measles response in Utah. There is no announcement or funding opportunity number associated with this. The funding period is not pre-defined but will start when the NOA is received. This funding will be used by DHHS and LHDs to mitigate the current measles outbreak Utah is experiencing.
Application Due: 12/12/2025		
1 st : Brian Hatch	2 nd : Janae Duncan	
Motion was approved unanimously.		

Rules Review/Discussion:

R388-805	Ryan White Program Rule	Ryan White Program rule (R388-805) which is due for a 5-year review with Tyler Fisher. The program noted that no changes are currently needed in the rule. Melissa motioned to recommend approval of the rule continuing as proposed. 2nd made by Noel, unanimous approval.
1 st : Janae Duncan	2 nd : Eric Edwards	
Motion was approved unanimously.		

Other Agenda Items:

Other Agenda Topic	Discussion Includes	Notes
Expanded Geography Standards		Epi/Informatics Exec reviewed recommendations from the Office of Health Equity with their team to adopt optional, expanded geography standards. A motion was made to recommend adoption of the

		optional 5 tiers as a supplement to the 3 tiers that are already in place for the population/geographic standards, to be used for descriptive epidemiology (motion made by Brian Hatch, 2nd by Dr. Nolen). The motion was unanimously approved.
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Vote not taken. Will coordinate with Health Officers to ensure all entities are in agreement on specifics.

Immunization Grant Measles Funding		Epi/Informatics Exec discussed use of funds available through the Immunizations Grant for measles response with Rich Lakin and Jeff Eason. A motion was made by Jordan Mathis to recommend approval as proposed, with funds allocated to LHDs going through the funding formula, with a plan to revisit spend-down amounts in April to allow for consideration of reallocation, if needed, to expend all available funds. 2nd made by Noel Taxin, unanimous approval.
1 st : Brian Hatch	2 nd : Janae Duncan	Motion was approved unanimously.

Disease Plans:

Plan	Topic
Ehrlichiosis	Epi/Informatics Exec discussed the following disease plans put forward by the disease plan workgroup; a motion was made by Dr. Blodgett, 2nd by Kirk, unanimously approved to approve the plans with the addition of the "important note" language adopted in the hepatitis A outbreak plan:
Anaplasmosis	Epi/Informatics Exec discussed the following disease plans put forward by the disease plan workgroup; a motion was made by Dr. Blodgett, 2nd by Kirk, unanimously approved to approve the plans with the addition of the "important note" language adopted in the hepatitis A outbreak plan:
1 st : Brian Hatch	2 nd : Melissa Stevens Dimond
Motion was approved unanimously for both plans.	

Exempt Grants (These grants have been labeled as exempt during the past two weeks):

Grant Name	Application Due	Description
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening	12/22/2025	The purpose of this program is to enhance the state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) system infrastructure to improve language acquisition for deaf and hard-of-hearing (DHH) children up to age 3.

Next Governance Meeting: January 5th, 2026