

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



## Minutes

Date: January 5th, 2026 Time: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

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Committee Co-Chairs: Janae Duncan & Kirk Benge

Presenting Chair:

Kirk Benge

Voting Members:

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

Alternates:

Brian Hatch, Melissa Stevens Dimond

Attendees:

Brian Hatch, David Litvack, Heather Borski, James Schow, Janae Duncan, Jerry Edwards, Julie Jensen, Kirk Benge, Melissa Stevens Dimond, Nathan Selin

Approve Minutes: December 15th, 2025

1<sup>st</sup>: Heather Borski 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nathan Selin

Motion was approved unanimously.

## Grant Reviews:

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments (STD PCHD)  Funding Period: 3/1/26-2/28/27  Dollar Amount: \$680,935  Application Due: 1/15/2026  Needs Review	The Epi/Informatics Exec committee reviewed the continuation application for the "Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments (STD PCHD)" cooperative agreement. A motion was made to recommend approval of the application as proposed, and in the next year continue talking with the program about what STI activities should look like in Utah's public health system so that we are prepared for the next competitive cycle to align the application with that conversation.	This is the same grant that the STD Program has had for the past 7 years. This has been coined a "Bridge Cost Extension" by the CDC but is simply another year of funding as a continuing application. The only difference is it is in the 8th year of a 5-year grant cycle. There are no other special exceptions.
<p>1<sup>st</sup>: Janae Duncan                            2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian Hatch Motion was approved unanimously.</p>		

## Rules Review/Discussion:


## Other Agenda Items:

Other Agenda Topic	Discussion Includes	Notes

## Disease Plans:

Plan		Topic

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

Grant Name	Application Due	Description
Intermountain Community Care Foundation	3/1/2026	This grant is funded by the Intermountain Community Care Foundation. The CHARM Program is applying for funding under the Child and Family Mental Well-Being section of the grant with a focus on: 1) prevention and early intervention, and 2) comprehensive programs that include the entire family. We are requesting up to \$100,000 per year for 3 years (up to \$300,000) for the entire project period.

## Next Governance Meeting:

January 20th, 2026 (rescheduled due to the holiday)

Moved to now move all Governance meetings to the following Tuesday, if a holiday falls on the scheduled Monday.