

Agenda

Date: February 17th, 2026 Time: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

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Approve Minutes: February 2nd, 2026

Grant Reviews:

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
<p>Integrated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Supplemental</p> <p>Funding Period: 5/1/26-4/30/27</p> <p>Dollar Amount: \$457,299</p> <p>Application Due: 2/19/2026</p> <p>Grant Status Expedited</p> <p>Grant Manager: Amelia Salmanson</p>	<p>Integrated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Supplemental Funding (BP6): The different approaches taken in this continuation application have great potential to impact acute hepatitis in Utah by focusing limited resources on a key population (those in corrections). We reviewed it and the following motion passed (motion by Kirk, 2nd by Leisha): we recommend Governance approval of this grant application as discussed with the Epi/Informatics Exec committee and local health officers.</p>	<p>While we were anticipating a new 5-year Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), due to the fall 2025 federal government shutdown, the PS21-2103 5-year cooperative agreement has been extended to an additional year (i.e. Year 6). Priorities for the cooperative agreement are unchanged, and funding is anticipated to be level (\$457,299).</p>

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
Birth Defects Surveillance Grant Funding Period: 3/1/26-9/30/26 Dollar Amount: \$241,100 Application Due: 2/13/2026 Grant Status Expedited/Exempt Grant Managers: Teri Bills Stephanie Pocius	Birth Defect Surveillance Grant: Teri Bills and Stephanie Pocius met with us regarding this application, which represents a key opportunity to help Utah Birth Defects Network (UBDN) move away from a MS Access database to integration with EpiTrax, and also an opportunity to pilot integrating automation into UBDN processes in a way that should improve processes, automate reporting, and support national standardization. The following motion passed (motion by Brian, 2nd by Jeff): we recommend Governance approval of this grant application as proposed.	To utilize eCR, UBDN will be partnering with the Division of Population Health's Informatics EpiTrax team. EpiTrax is Utah's national electronic disease surveillance database and are subject matters experts in this area. While UBDN will be the main applicants of this grant, the EpiTrax team will be heavily involved in ensuring funding requirements are met.

Rules Review/Discussion:

Rule #	Rule Name	Description

Other Agenda Items:

Other Agenda Topic	Discussion Includes	Notes

Disease Plans:

Plan	Topic

Exempt Grants (These grants have been submitted to the Governance website, within the past two weeks, as exempt. We would like the Governance committee to confirm this designation before moving forward)

Grant Name	Application Due	Description
Small Hospital Improvement Program	2/13/2026	The Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program is a federal grant program designed to help small, rural hospitals navigate the transition to modern healthcare payment and delivery systems.
Year 5 Statewide Perinatal Quality Collaborative	3/31/2026	The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to enhance Perinatal Quality Collaborative's (PQC) capacity to make measurable improvements in perinatal healthcare and health outcomes statewide.
Improving Adolescent Health and Well-Being Through School-Based Surveillance and the What Works in Schools Program	4/1/2026	This NOFO aims to improve the health and well-being of youth collecting and using school-based surveillance data. The program strategies have been linked to reductions in sexual risk behaviors, experiences of violence, and substance use, and improvements in mental health for students.
State Office of Rural Health (SORH) Program 2026 Competitive Application	3/2/2026	The program provides funding for an institutional framework that links small rural communities with state and federal resources to develop long-term solutions to rural health programs.

Next Governance Meeting:

March 2nd, 2026