



## SOUTHEAST UTAH HEALTH DEPARTMENT (SEUHD)

### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 24, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Hybrid Virtual & In Person Meeting

#### **PRESENT**

**CARBON COUNTY** *In-person* - Commissioner Larry Jensen, Debbie Peet

**EMERY COUNTY** *In-person* - Kathi Kearney, Vice-Chair, Commissioner Jordan Leonard

**GRAND COUNTY** *In-person*- Breann Davis, Chair, Commissioner Melodie McCandless  
*Virtual* - Rhiana Medina

**EXCUSED** Mark Holyoak, Zak Konakis, Chair

**ADMINISTRATION** *In-person* - Bradon Bradford, Andrew Michaelis, Sara Braby

*Virtual* - Lyn Hansen, Brittney Garff, Hannah Schoon, Orion Rogers, Chet Ingram

#### I. **Call Meeting to Order**

Breann Davis called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM and did a roll call.

#### II. **Public Comment**

Public comment was opened by Breann. Hearing no comment, public comment was closed.

#### III. **Minutes for January 27, 2026 – Review and possible approval -**

There were no comments on the minutes.

**Motion to accept Minutes from January 27, 2026** - Kathi Kearney - Debbie Peet second - Motion passed

#### IV. **Budget**

##### A. **Check Register and Disbursement Listing**

No questions came in for the check register or disbursement listings.

**Motion to accept the Check Register & Disbursement Listing** - Larry Jensen  
- Melodie McCandles second - Motion passed

##### B. **Budget Changes**

Andrew spoke about the budget changes. It consisted of two items that were not on the original budget and one unexpected budget item. Debbie asked about what the infrastructure grant is for. Andrew said it is more about data modernization and making things work more efficiently. There were no further questions.

**Motion to accept the Budget Changes** - Debbie Peet - Jordan Leonard  
Second - Motion passed

#### V. **Legislative Watch**

Brady talked about the legislative session. Public health did pretty good this year. There were 12 house public health bills passed, 6 senate public health bills passed, and MPS funding was protected, which is great. Some other items passed included topics such as raw milk requirements, food safety manager requirements, child care provider prep amendments, scarification amendments, LHD & DEQ coordination, non-nicotine inhalation products, specialized products sales amendment, nicotine amendments, kratom adjustments, along with a few others. Debbie asked if the bills were all signed yet, Brady said likely not, they are likely being reviewed fully. The governor has 20 days to review and sign. No other questions were asked.

#### VI. **DHHS Listening Sessions & UALBOH Annual Symposium**

Brady spoke about DHHS leadership going around the state to talk to key leadership about what is going well and needs improvement. They will be coming to Price on April 2 and to Moab on April 17. It will be set up more as Q&A. He also spoke about UALBOH, noting that it is on April 28-29 and all board members are invited to attend. Debbie said it is a great symposium and very valuable, they pay for almost everything, it is mostly just your time that you have to donate. Registration is still open.

#### VII. **Environmental Health - Soliday Waste Regulation Discussion**

Brady mentioned this is to get the opinion of the board if there is interest in moving forward on this. Orion said the idea here is to create a solid waste regulation. This is somewhat a compilation of other Health Departments. A huge

amount of the waste being disposed of in our area is from out of state. A lot of the waste is composed of e-waste and other contaminated material.

The question would be if we were to charge the out-of-state disposal in our area, what possible things could we use this money for. Possibilities could include household hazardous waste management, proper disposal and cleanup of property that meets certain criteria, etc.

Larry spoke about concerns of if there is extra cost, what that might do to the economy if people were to stop coming to our communities. Brief conversation continued and everybody agreed that Orion should continue to gather information and have the conversations needed. He will come back to a future meeting with updates.

## **VIII. Public Health Report**

**A. Clinical and Family Services** - Sara said they got the PDG grant and they completed a filming session for that last week which was exciting. We have student nurses who come to our offices and there is also recent interest from high school students to come in. There is progress in the PAT program with recruitment and group connections.

### **B. Community Health (Promotion and Education)**

**a. Youth Suicide Ideation Report 2025** - Hannah spoke about the updated board report. Back in September this report was given to the board, and it was requested that the completed final report be brought back once 2025 was over. Some data points that were discussed were that suicide ideation documents who went to the emergency room, counts of suicide ideation event for youth vs adults over time. Kathi asked what the healthcare coalition is doing with this data. Hannah said the CDC employee that is assisting SEUDH is working to create materials to help providers become trained on how to assist youth who are struggling at that time. There was a question about if we look at the SHARP data. Hannah said she does use that data to compare and contrast, but the issue is less and less students completing that survey.

**C. Environmental Health** - Orion talked about fees and after updating them last year we finally broke even last year. Brady mentioned that we feel we are at a very happy medium right now, and is appreciative of the board in approving these. Online forms have been very helpful and people are getting used to the online payments. It did cost a bit of money to get it all going, but late fees alone have paid for it. There are 3 licensed scientists in Moab and 2 in Price. There is also a part time pool sampler in Moab. Everything else is going well with regards to environmental health.

**D. Emergency Preparedness** - Chet spoke about a full day education training that the program recently hosted on pediatric trauma with about 85 people attending. There was great instruction as well as hands-on training which was very valuable. There were such amazing instructors from big hospitals that donated their time to help

educate us. There was also a psychological first aid portion which was very valuable. Several other exercises have been completed throughout the district with different hospitals and clinics.

**E. Public Health Information** - Brittney spoke about ADA compliance, that we are getting close to the April deadline and things are looking good, the departments have come together and made good work on the website and now we are moving to PDF remediation. There was also a brief discussion about HB 491 which is about data privacy. We are working to be in compliance there as well making sure we are collecting only necessary data and that it is collected/held properly. One other big focus lately is documenting the events we do with photos.

**F. Rural Health Transformation Grant** - Brady talked about these funding opportunities, and currently none of these applies to us. We do monitor this and when there is a funding opportunity we do work to apply for them.

As an update on San Juan, Brady said they reached out about contracting to meet their minimum performance standards. There was a letter sent to them recently that stated they have to have a full time health officer, it cannot be part time. He mentioned that there are a lot of requirements because it pushes counties to not pull off and separate themselves from their health district. It is really about upholding the standard across the state.

Brady also spoke about measles. He showed the state website which shows things aren't looking too good across the state. He then asked for the board's opinion and thoughts on school exclusions when it comes to a measles exposure in schools. With a recent case there ended up being no exclusions after an epidemiological investigation. It was asked what issues we hear if we do exclude, it was said we haven't really had to in our community, but in general the idea goes back to covid, if it is an overreach for government authority. Brady mentioned he leans toward targeted exclusion, which would be for example where we know there was the exposure such as lunch room crossover, vs if they had no crossover. This exclusion would only be for non-vaccinated individuals. It was discussed that vaccination rates are pretty good, but there is still some concern. It was explained that the immunization exemption module does state that the student could be excluded. Kathi brought up the fact that it is in the law and that it is our job to protect the public's health, so we need to do that and take that measure when needed. Brady said he appreciated that thought, and he would agree with that and will continue that. He also talked about measles wastewater testing, which is being completed in Carbon & Grand counties. It has been showing up in our water quite a bit recently, which is concerning.

## **IX. Closed Session - if necessary**

No closed session was needed.

## **Board Comments**

There was a discussion about if we needed to change the May meeting date, due to it being the day after Memorial Day, it was decided to keep the scheduled date of May 26th and members could attend virtually if needed.

**Motion to adjourn** - Larry Jensen

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.**

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Breann Davis, Board Chair

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Bradon Bradford, Health Officer