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

Utah Department of Health & Human Services

Minutes

Date: April 6th, 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:
Braden Ainsworth, Brian Hatch, Chris Furner, David Litvack, Eric Edwards, James Schow, Janae Duncan, Julie Jensen, Kirk Benge, Melissa Stevens Dimond, Nathan Selin

Approve Minutes: March 16th, 2026
1st: Nathan Selin 2nd: David Litvack
Motion was approved unanimously.

Grant Reviews:

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
Advancing Asthma Control through EXHALE Strategies Funding Period: 9/1/26-8/31/27 Dollar Amount: $520,228 Application Due: 4/20/26 Grant Status Needs Review	This grant application was reviewed by HPAP Exec on April 2nd, 2026, and received a favorable recommendation.	Grant Purpose - This grant is intended to improve health outcomes for people with asthma through increased community partnerships and multi-component approaches to care based on a technical package known as EXHALE.
1st: David Litvack 2nd: Nathan Selin Motion to approve with inclusion to return to executive group and review Utah County. Motion was approved unanimously.		

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
WIC OA Funding Funding Period: 10/1/25-9/30/26 Dollar Amount: $2,200,000 Application Due: N/A Grant Status Needs Review	This grant application was reviewed by the Individual Public Health Services Exec Committee and received unanimous approval for the proposed distribution of funds.	WIC supplemental funding distributed to Local Health Departments.
1st: Nathan Selin 2nd: David Litvack Motion was approved unanimously.		

Other Agenda Items:

Other Agenda Topic	Discussion Includes	Notes

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
Improving Timely Documentation, Reporting, and Analysis of Diagnostic and Intervention Data through Optimization of EHDI Surveillance Practices and Information Systems	4/9/2026	This is one-year cost extension. The purpose of this project is to advance the capacity of the EHDI-Information System (IS) to actively track infants to ensure they receive essential screening, diagnostic, and intervention services by optimizing the existing EHDI-IS and expanding the state's ability to report, analyze, and use patient-level data.

The Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and Sudden Death in the Young (SDY) Case Registry		This grant application was reviewed by HPAP Exec on April 2nd, 2026, and received a favorable recommendation as “exempt”.
1st: Janae Duncan 2nd: Nathan Selin Motion was approved unanimously.		

Next Governance Meeting:

April 20th, 2026