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

Utah Department of Health & Human Services

Minutes

Date: May 18th, 2026 Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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Committee Co-Chairs: Heather Borski & Eric Edwards

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:
Amy Nance, Brian Hatch, Christopher Furner, David Litvack, Duncan Smith, Eric Edwards, Heather Borski, Janae Duncan, Jerry Edwards, Kirk Benge, Laurie Baksh, Melissa Stevens Dimond, Nathan Selin

Approve Minutes: May 4th, 2026
1st: Kirk Benge 2nd: Eric Edwards
Motion was approved unanimously.

Grant Reviews:

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
MCH Block Grant Funding Period: 10/1/26 – 9/30/2027 Dollar Amount: $6,319,510 Application Due: 7/13/2026 Grant Status: Needs Review	Individual Public Health Services (IPHS) reviewed this grant application. Laurie Baksh presented the information. A motion was made and passed recommending approval of this grant application as proposed. (motion: Marc Watterson, 2nd Melissa Dimond, unanimous approval)	The Title V MCH Services Block Grant Program is authorized under Title V of the Social Security Act to ensure the health and well-being of women, mothers, infants, children (including children with special health care needs), adolescents and their families. Originally authorized in 1935, Title V is the oldest public health program in our Nation.
1st: Janae Duncan 2nd: David Litvack Objection by Nathan Selin regarding roles and responsibilities between the state and local health departments.		

Grant Title	Executive Committee Review	Description
WIC Grant (LHD Funding Formula and Award Amounts) Funding Period: 10/1/26 – 9/30/2027 Dollar Amount: $12,500,000 Application Due: 7/13/2026 Grant Status: Needs Review	The WIC team met with local health officers, on May 7th, to discuss and finalize the DHHS/LHD WIC funding formula for Federal Fiscal Year 2027 (Oct 1, 2026 – Sept 30, 2027).	WIC provides nutrition and breastfeeding services, and supplemental foods to pregnant women, mothers, infants, and children up to their 5th birthday. We offer nutrition education, personalized breastfeeding support, and referrals to other public health programs that may help your family.

1st: Kirk Benge	2nd: Nathan Selin
Motion was approved unanimously.	

Rules Review/Discussion:

Rule #	Rule Name	Description

Disease Plans:

Plan		Topic
COVID-19 Disease Plan		Epi/Informatics Exec. reviewed the COVID-19 disease plan. Brian Hatch made a motion (Brian Hatch) with a 2nd (Jeff Eason) and unanimous approval to recommend approval of this disease plan and accompanying form changes. This should be listed as a consensus item; it shouldn't require discussion unless anyone has questions or concerns.

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
Ryan White Part B Supplemental Grant	6/2/2026	Individual Public Health Services (IPHS) reviewed this grant application. Tyler Fisher presented the information. A motion was made and passed recommending approval of the grant as exempt for this and future cycles if the grant only covers direct services for clients; the program will only need to return to IPHS Exec if the program is recommending that funding will be used for contracts. (motion: Noel Taxin, 2nd Dorothy Adams, unanimous approval)

Next Governance Meeting:

June 1st, 2026