

TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 25, 2022

Zoom- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88451579163?pwd=SnB0NkZlV0tsZVZvbnFak1ZZTlISz09>

PRESENT:

Board: Brent Marshall, Anthony Howes, Tom Tripp, Linda McBeth, Mathew Jackson, Michael Wells, Nando Meli, Neil Critchlow

Absent: Pam Bennett, Devan Clevenger

Staff: Ericka Jordt, Bryan Slade, Jamie Zwerin, Brad Gillies, Amy Royal, John Contreras, Leena Chapman, Amy Bate

Public: none

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS
Welcome- <i>Chair</i>	Brent Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken.	
Approve November 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Action Item) <i>Chair</i>	Brent entertained a motion to approve the November 25, 2021, meeting minutes. Brent entertained a motion to move agenda item number seven to the number two item.	Linda made a motion to approve the November 25, 2021, meeting minutes, Anthony Howes seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion approved. Matt motioned to move agenda item number seven to item number two.
Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Action Item) <i>Chair</i>	Brent opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair and then for Chair.	Tom nominated Anthony for Vice Chair, Matt seconded the nomination, Anthony was selected by acclamation. Matt nominated Tom for Chair, Brent seconded the nomination, Matt motioned to cease and select

<p>Selection of new Board Members, COG and Grantsville (Action Item)</p>	<p>Nando Meli took the oath of office and was sworn in as a board member to represent Incorporated Municipalities. Nando was selected by the Council of Governments. Nando is replacing previous member Brian Johnson. Neil Critchlow took the oath of office and was sworn in as a board member to represent Grantsville City. Neil is replacing previous board member, Brent Marshall.</p>	<p>by acclamation, all voted in favor for both nominations.</p>
<p>Board Member Assignment Reports (Information Item) <i>Chair</i></p>	<p>Linda gave an update on the upcoming Symposium to be held March 31- April 1 in Richfield. Ericka has emailed the group information on how to register for the event.</p> <p>Tom gave an update on the Opioid lawsuit. Tooele County joined the lawsuit along with 19 other counties in the state. The settlement funds will be distributed amongst all counties in the state whether they joined the lawsuit or not. There will be incentives for settling if 100% of the complainants agree, if all don't agree it will push back the deadline. Utah would get 100% of their portion but if less than 100% agree they will only get 85% of their portion. Funds will be divided by states by population. States would receive 50% upfront and the other 50% over eighteen years to be used for education and treatment. Utah would receive about \$260,000,000 and Tooele County would receive about \$4,000,000.</p>	
<p>Health Officer's Report</p> <p>COVID-19 Update (Information Item)</p> <p>Quarantine & Isolation Guidance (Information Item)</p> <p>Staffing Update (Information Item)</p>	<p>John presented the BOH COVID-19 Status Report for the State of Utah and Tooele County. State of Utah as of January 24, 2022.</p> <p>Tooele County-</p> <p>Tooele County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19,105 total cases • 609 total hospitalizations • 88 deaths • Averaging well over 100 cases per day (7-day average for state =9677), over the weekend ~580 cases reported. • Highest incidence rate in ages 15-24 & 65+ • Wendover- based on two testing sessions average ~61% positivity 	

John Contreras

- Urgency to develop outreach activities
- Nevada support

We are on an urgent timeline to develop some outreach activities. We have reached out to Nevada to get some support from them. We need to develop and implement models in Wendover as soon as possible.

- Grantsville outreach activities (challenges). Working on models to get more people involved and to get more information out to residents.
- Incidence Growth for State= 1.33
- Test Sites:
 - Tooele City-
 - Park & Ride Monday-Saturday 7am – 7pm (FREE)
 - Premier Diagnostics
 - Walgreens
 - Stansbury-
 - Stansbury Health Center??
 - Grantsville-
 - Grantsville Baseball Stadium Tuesdays and Thursdays & 12pm – 7pm (FREE)

Linda asked how information could be shared to let people know that some of the test sites are free and some charge? John noted the test locations are on the tooelehealth.org website and it includes which ones are free. Amy Bate will post information on the social media sites again and will run some messaging in the Tooele Transcript. Amy reminded that people need to ask before being tested if there is a fee. Linda asked for signs about the test sites to be posted at the senior centers, Amy will update current flyers to include that private companies may charge a fee and then will distribute them throughout the community for those who don't have access to the internet. Matt added that the Tooele County School District has distributed the free and fee test location information to their patrons through various means.

Statewide Hospitalization Status-

- U of U – ICU-87%, Acute- 100%
- IHC- ICU- 101%, Acute- 100%

Tooele Hospitalization Status (Update for Friday 1/21/22)

- Patients:
 - COVID: 5 or less
 - ED: 57 patients seen yesterday (not sure how many were COVID related)

- Staff:
 - Total out/Not at work: ~22

Statewide and Tooele vaccination rates:

- 67.6% of all Utahns received at least one dose, 60% Tooele
- 59.5% of all Utahns fully vaccinated, 53% Tooele (more than 75% is needed to reach herd immunity)
- 73% 5+ received at least one dose
- 64.3% 5+ fully vaccinated

John gave a legislative update. SJR003 passed last week which terminated mask mandates for Salt Lake and Summit Counties. Businesses are free to require customers to wear masks. Proposed House Bill 182 would limit the powers of mayors to enact emergency orders in a pandemic. It would also exempt state facilities from local health orders. Beginning Jan. 31, 2022 House Bill 183 says if a school surpasses a case threshold the local governing board will need to request an application to go virtual or remote by seeking approval from the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the state superintendent of public instruction and in addition to getting approval they must also hold a public meeting. This will be very time consuming and may impede the schools' efforts to try to mitigate an outbreak. These changes have drastically reduced resources available to protect public health.

John explained we are experiencing a significant staff shortage due to the number of staff who are out with COVID or who are experiencing symptoms. Several schools in Tooele have switched to remote in the past two weeks. There are challenges statewide in several schools where staff are out sick, so parents are having to fill in as substitute teachers. Matt

	<p>said the administration decided to move secondary schools online for a couple of days which helped get numbers down. The administration board met with the school board but knowing the legislation changes there were coming they decided not to move to virtual learning for two weeks.</p> <p>John acknowledged that the quarantine and isolation guidelines are confusing. As a rule of thumb stay home for 5 days if test positive then can return if you are not symptomatic and wear a mask for an additional 5 days. If you are symptomatic stay home until your symptoms resolve and hopefully by then you will test negative. If you still test positive but are not symptomatic you should still wear a mask. We do not provide documentation for negative tests for returning to work, check with your health provider or a testing site. If you are exposed at home and are sick isolate at home for 5 days or until your symptoms resolve. If you are exposed but are fully vaccinated including a booster you can leave your house but wear a mask for 10 days. If not fully vaccinated, you should stay home for 5 days and wear a mask for 10 days, get tested if you become symptomatic.</p> <p>John shared a report from UDOH on Influenza as of January 2022. Rates were low nationally last year from Sept. 27, 2020 to April 24, 2021 it is unknown what this year's flu season will bring. He shared some data of Seasonal Influenza associated hospitalizations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-2020= 2.22 per 100k • 2020-2021= 0.00 per 100k • Current 140= 0.89per 100k 	
<p>Financial Report 2022 Budget (Action Item) December Financial Report (Information Item) <i>Brad Gillies</i></p>	<p>Brad had previously emailed the 2022 Budget Summary Report to the group. He noted that this board had approved the report two meetings ago and it has been approved by the County with no issues or objections. He added that the budget was approved with these two additional line items: one being that now each department within the county will be responsible to cover their own expenses related to their facilities. In the past this fell under the Facilities Dept. budget, with the exception of large items. We now have a \$100,000 line item in our budget called Building Maintenance, this will be an additional expense. A second additional expense charged by the county will be for an Admin fee of \$176,000. The fee will cover expenses for services non grant related for IT, HR, Legal services, payroll.</p>	<p>Tom made a motion to ratify the 2022 Budget, Michael seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.</p>

These additional fees will come out of our fund balance. Linda asked about Aging Services paying a portion of Jeff's salary, Brad confirmed this is correct. Brad explained that each employee fills out a time distribution sheet to account for every hour worked so it can be billed to the appropriate program. A formula is used to charge back hours spent to a specific program. Tom advised the report can be viewed on the county website.

Brad summarized the following for the Preliminary 2021 Year-End Financial Report:

REVENUE- Operating revenue through December 31, 2021, is about 93% of the annual budget. State contract payments have not been received for November and December; however, they have been estimated for this report. All money received for COVID has been listed separately on this report. Fees for services should be about 91% of budget. There has been a slight reduction of fees collected for immunization services.

EXPENSES- Operating expenses through December 31 are about 87% of the annual budget. All departments are under budget. All wages and benefits are shown paid in their corresponding divisions. Time spent on COVID is not being reimbursed through regular grants and contracts but is instead reimbursed through separate COVID funding.

NET OPERATING- Net operating shortfall for the year is estimated to be about \$1,250,000 or about 76% of what was budgeted for the year. We had budgeted to take about \$390,000 out of our accumulated fund balance, however that will not be necessary. The shortfall will be covered by other budgeted sources such as the County contribution and the health tax levy.

COVID- expenditures are estimated to be about \$1,286,000 for the year. This includes \$660,000 in direct expenses such as COVID employee wages and benefits, contact tracing, community healthcare workers, computers, and other equipment. Indirect expenses total about \$626,000. This includes wages and benefits for non-COVID employees during the time they've spent on COVID related activities and overhead. All COVID related expenditures have been covered by separate grants and fundings. There is currently COVID funding available for many areas of the response through June of 2024.

Brad reported that we received a report with a "low risk" rating after a recent review of our financial procedures and activities completed by the financial department of the State

	<p>Health Department. This low-risk rating helps increase our chances when applying for competitive grants.</p>	
<p>Aging Services Senior Center COVID Response (Information Item) <i>Jamie Zwerin</i></p>	<p>Jamie reported that due to the high case numbers in the county they have chosen to err on the side of caution and switch back to grab and go meals instead of allowing dining inside of the senior centers. This decision was made on Jan. 13th and will be reviewed after 30 days. While activities are still permitted inside the centers, masks are required, being vaccinated and social distancing is highly encouraged, handwashing, staying home if sick. John and Jamie went to the centers to answer any questions the seniors had. John explained how transmissible the Omicron variant is and stressed the importance of getting vaccinated including getting a booster. Most of the seniors have been supportive of the decision. Also, employees are handling all In Home Services appointments and evaluations by phone for now instead of going inside the client's home. This will continue until the incident rate drops back to pre-peak rates. The state is following the same procedures and exercising extra precautions.</p> <p>The flooring has been installed in the Grantsville Center, so they expect to reopen the beginning of February.</p>	
<p>Emergency Services Update Test to Stay- School COVID Testing (Information Item) <i>Tracy Frailey</i></p>	<p>John explained that Tracy could not attend tonight's meeting. She has worked with Tooele County School District and the state to coordinate the Test to Stay events at the school. They have met challenges of limited testing supplies, logistics, staffing etc. John commended all involved for their hard work in handling these events.</p>	
<p>Board Member Comments and/or Concerns</p>	<p>Nando noted that he would not be able to attend the May 12th meeting as it conflicts with the Stockton Town board meeting.</p> <p>Linda shared the Open Public Meeting Act training that is required annually for each board member. Ericka will resend the information on how to complete the training. Linda expressed her desire to go as a board and visit different areas of the Wendover community, possibly in conjunction with the Board of Health Meeting on May 12th.</p> <p>Tom welcomed the new board members, thanked outgoing board members, and expressed</p>	

	his appreciation for Brent and Linda for serving as Chair and Vice Chair.	
Public Comments and/or Concerns	No comments were given.	
Meeting Adjourn	Tom entertained a motion to adjourn.	Nando made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Attachments: Actual vs. Budget Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021 (Preliminary), 2022 Approved Budget, COVID-19 Update Jan. 25, 2022