

**TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

May 4, 2023

352 E. Airport Way Wendover, Utah

**PRESENT:**

Board: Neil Critchlow, Nando Meli, Devan Clevenger (phone), Anthony Howes, Mathew Jackson, Linda McBeth, Erik Stromberg

Absent: Michael Wells, Pam Bennett

Staff: Jeff Coombs, Jamie Zwerin, Bryan Slade, Brad Gillies, Ericka Jordt, Mamadou Tounkara

Public: Mike Perry

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/FINDINGS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS</b>
Welcome- <i>Chair</i>	Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken. Board members and staff introduced themselves.	
Approve March 23, 2028, Meeting Minutes (Action Item)  Recognition of Devan Clawson's Service on Board (Information Item)  Installation of New Board Member Representing Wendover (Action Item) <i>Vice Chair</i>	Anthony entertained a motion to approve the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes.  Jeff reported that Devan will no longer be serving on the board as she is moving out of state. The group thanked Devan for her years of service on this board.  Jeff reported that the Wendover City Council has selected Christian Pantelackis to fill Devan's position, however Christian was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Christian will be installed as a board member at the next meeting.	Neil made a motion to approve the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes, Nando seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion approved.

<p>Board Member Assignment Reports (Information Item)</p>	<p>Linda reported that the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health Symposium that was recently held was very informative, and the key speakers were great. She encouraged the group to attend next year. Anthony agreed that the presentations were very valuable. Linda suggested the group watch Friends/Grandmas on a Bench (<a href="#">(64) Friendship Bench Grandmothers Tackle Mental Health Crisis in Zimbabwe - YouTube</a>). Jamie felt that they clearly defined what the roles of this board are.</p>	
<p>Health Officer's Report</p> <p>Report on CHIP Stakeholder Meeting (Information Item)</p> <p>Report on COVID-19 &amp; Childhood Vaccination Decline (Information Item)</p> <p><i>Jeff Coombs</i></p>	<p>Jeff reported on the recently held stakeholder event where the Community Health Assessment (CHA) was presented. Jeff thanked those who attended and recognized the great representation from our community including representatives from the following areas: medical, law, fire, emergency response, educators, mental health providers and others. Stakeholders and partners of the community were provided the opportunity to prioritize the health data presented from the Community Health Assessment. An open forum type discussion was held to communicate health concerns and the group was then able to vote for what they felt was the most important health priorities for our county. The group selected obesity, access to mental health services, suicide, and substance abuse as the top priorities. Sub-committees were formed, and attendees were given the opportunity to participate in work groups to create strategies and goals. Jeff strongly encourages participation in these workgroups as they help create the 5-year plan. Jeff commended his staff for their hard work in putting this event together and the reporting. Jamie felt there was great interaction &amp; discussion while voting on health priorities. She added that there is still room for additional participation in the obesity workgroup.</p> <p>Jeff shared the following information packets: Immunizations Coverage Report 2022, What Can We Learn From the COVID-19 Pandemic and The Management of the COVID Pandemic How does the State of Utah Measure Up. Jeff encourages the group to read the packets in their entirety. He talked about the importance of vaccines and herd immunity. He explained that vaccine exemptions can now be requested for personal reasons, not just religious and medical reasons. Mat clarified one of the statistics shows exemption rates of online versus home schooled students. Jeff talked about our statewide response and vaccination rates for COVID compared to other states. Jeff shared some key points and statistics from several of the reports. He commended his staff for their timely and effective response to the pandemic. Jeff noted that the Staff will prioritize addressing declining childhood and adult vaccination rates that we have experienced since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	

<p>Staffing Update (Information Item)</p> <p><i>Jamie Zwerin</i></p>	<p>Jamie provided a staffing update. Since the last meeting the following employees have been hired:</p> <p>Kristin Dorman- Public Health Nurse, filling position vacated by McKenzie Gravidahl          Angie Park- Dental Hygienist, filling position vacated by Marcy Leakehe          Octavia Schubert- Community Health Worker, filling position vacated by Meghan Vonhatten          Daniel Martinez- Micro-Transit Driver, new position          George Brereton- Micro-Transit Driver, new position          The transportation program has increased to providing about 3,000 rides per month.</p> <p>Open positions are one Public Health Nurse and one Meals on Wheels Driver.          Jamie thanked the group for the suggestions and feedback they gave for hiring at the last meeting.</p>	
<p>Financial Update Budget Adjustment (Action Item)</p> <p>Financial Report (Action Item)</p> <p><i>Brad Gillies</i></p>	<p>Brad presented two proposed budget adjustment items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to use \$25,000 additional funds from the PPPHEA Expansion grant to hire a three quarters time Community Healthcare Worker for the Wendover area. This adjustment is only for the six months beginning July 2023. As of now, funding from this grant expires at the end of June 2024. Depending on available funding, this position will be included in the 2024 budget.</li> <li>• Proposal to use \$60,000 of additional funds from the PPPHEA Expansion grant to upgrade Emergency Preparedness capabilities. Includes purchasing new satellite phones, new radios and further updating the Departments’ All-Hazards plan.</li> </ul> <p>Brad summarized the following Financial Report - Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2022</p> <p>REVENUE- Operating revenue was about \$5,100,000 about right at budget. Payments for state contracts and grants were about \$3,900,000. Fees for services were about \$1,250,000.</p> <p>EXPENSES- Operating expenses were about \$6,200,000 or about 91% of the budget. All departments were under budget. Some of this was the result of not being fully staffed at times during the year. Also, COVID related expenses were less than budgeted as activity</p>	<p>Erik motioned to approve the \$25,000 budget adjustment as requested, Mat seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion passed.</p> <p>Mat motioned to approve the budget adjustment of \$60,000, as requested Erik seconded the motion, all voted in favor motion passed.</p> <p>Neil motioned to accept the Financial Report as presented, Erik seconded the motion, all voted in</p>

	<p>related to the pandemic slowed down. In addition, some projected capital expenditures were not made and instead deferred until 2023.</p> <p>NET OPERATING- Net operating shortfall for the year was about \$1,100,000, or about 64% of what was budgeted for the year. Net for the year, including other sources, was a surplus of about \$640,000. Other sources of funds during the year included a County contribution of about \$455,000 and about \$1,200,000 from the health tax levy. This was about \$290,000 more than budgeted. The 2022 budget also included about \$368,000 to be used from the Department’s accumulated fund balance. However, with the reduced expenses and the additional tax levy receipts, we will not need to use any of our fund balance. The surplus for the year will roll into the Department’s 2023 fund balance. It should be noted that the approved 2023 budget calls for about \$800,000 to be used from our fund balance.</p>	<p>favor, there was no discussion, motion passed.</p>
<p>Environmental Health Update</p> <p>Adopt Massage Regulation Changes (Action Item)</p> <p>Adopt Body Art Regulation Changes (Action Item)</p> <p>Electronic Waste Disposal (Information Item)</p> <p><i>Bryan Slade</i></p>	<p>Bryan reported that a 30-day public comment period ended May 1<sup>st</sup> and a public hearing was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> to receive comment on the proposed changes to the Massage Health Regulation and Body Art Health Regulation; no comments were received. Bryan did say that a couple of massage operators did come in to ask questions, but they did not submit any comments.</p> <p>Bryan explained the struggle he has had over the last couple of years in finding a recycler for electronic waste. Local recycler Green Box Recycling also stopped accepting electronic waste. Bryan talked about a misconception that people have that it is illegal to put e-waste in your household trash, this is untrue although it is better to find a place that will recycle it. At this time the options are to take your E-waste to Best Buy, but they do charge a fee or if it will fit, it can go inside your regular household trash bin. The Tooele County Landfill will accept the waste and then sort it and send it to Wasatch Regional Landfill which is a lined landfill. For items that won’t fit in your household trash bin, Bryan is working with the County Council to approve letting our landfill accept the E-waste for a fee and then they can send it to the Wasatch Landfill. Salt Lake County will not accept waste from outside of their county,</p>	<p>Erik made a motion to approve both regulation changes as presented, Mat seconded the motion, there was no discussion, and all voted in favor.</p>

	they also have a permanent, year-round section at their landfill for Household Hazardous Waste collection. Bryan also advised paint can be disposed of in your regular trash, the paint should be dried out entirely either by taking the lid off and letting it dry out or Anthony noted by adding a paint dryer additive to it that is sold at Home Depot.	
Annual Report (Information Item)  <i>Jamie Zwerin</i>	Jamie commended Jamie Andersen and Amy Hoftiezer for creating the report. She explained that the Executive Team came up with a new mission, vision, value statement. A new division was added, Population Health and a new position of Health Equity Coordinator was added under this new division. She highlighted some of the numbers reported for 2022 including saving Tooele residents over \$97,000 on their Medicare costs. Local ridership for the Micro-Transit program in the county has increased from 900-1000 rides a month in 2021 to 3,000 rides a month in 2022. Jamie commended Cissy Morton and the Transportation Staff for their work with this program. Jamie added that the Transportation Program is currently working on having a complete fleet of electric vehicles, this would make us the first county in the state to do so. It was also mentioned that it is the responsibility of this board to report annually on our services. Jeff offered to present the report to any of the city or county council meetings or for the school district.	
Opioid Data Collection from 911 Calls (Information Item) <i>Mamadou Toukara</i>	Mamadou spoke of a new process that can use data collected from 911 calls to pinpoint areas of opioid overdose. This process can be used to create a baseline which can then be analyzed to determine problem areas or trends. Mamadou confirmed we have a data sharing agreement, and the data is only accessible to specific employees.	
Board Member Comments and/or Concerns	Linda asked the group to seek invitations from their communities to be a part of their events and consider attending events in each community.	
Public Comments and/or Concerns	No comments were given.	
Meeting Adjourn	Anthony entertained a motion to adjourn.	Nando made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

