

TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 22, 2022

151 N. Main Street Tooele, Utah

PRESENT:

Board: Tom Tripp, Linda McBeth, Neil Critchlow, Nando Meli, Michael Wells, Pam Bennett, Mathew Jackson, Devan Clevenger (phone)

Absent: Anthony Howes

Staff: Jeff Coombs, Jamie Zwerin, Bryan Slade, Brad Gillies, Ericka Jordt, Amy Royal, Amy Hoftiezer

Public: None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS
Welcome- <i>Chair</i>	Tom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken. Board members and staff introduced themselves.	
Approve September 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes (Action Item) Adopt 2023 Meeting Schedule (Action Item) <i>Chair</i>	Tom entertained a motion to approve the September 27 2022, meeting minutes. Tom entertained a motion to approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule. The group suggested changing the May meeting to the 4 th .	Nando Meli made a motion to approve the September 27, 2022 meeting minutes, Neil Critchlow seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion approved. Nando made a motion to approve the meeting schedule with the change to May 4 th , Mike Wells seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion approved.
Board Member Assignment Reports (Information Item)	Tom gave an update of the Opioid lawsuit. Tooele County has received its first settlement payment; Tom is unsure of the exact amount received. The money will flow in to Human Services and then be divided out. If we received \$567,000 that is a double payment so we would receive half of that next year and on an ongoing basis. He noted that another phase of	

<p>Discussion on Budget Amendment Process (Information Item)</p> <p>Discussion on Data Records for Enhanced Septic Systems (Information Item)</p> <p><i>Chair</i></p>	<p>the lawsuit with new partners will begin soon and gave some background as to why the lawsuit came about. Mike added that health professionals are getting a lot of education on prescribing medication for pain management.</p> <p>Tom explained the current process for the Health Department budget is that a budget is formulated then presented to this group and then passed on to the County Council for approval. Throughout the course of the year the budget may get amended, this can be from additional grants or additional revenue. Tom said current budget adjustments get presented to the County Council and rubber stamped for approval, he thinks this should be formalized in the bylaws to be presented to this group first before getting presented to the County Council. Jeff explained that historically any changes to the reserve fund have been presented to this group first for approval before submitting to the County Council for approval. He also explained that grant amendments whether increase or decrease in amount do happen throughout the year so then mid-year adjustments are needed. He also explained that sometimes throughout the year line-item adjustments are needed to be moved from one to another but those are already within our pre-approved budget. Brad added that an agenda item tonight for Vaccine Budget Adjustment is an example of this. Nando said cities require a quarterly financial review, Jeff noted that a financial report is presented at every one of these meetings. Jeff stated what that the Utah Code says that this board must review and approve the tentative budget and then it must be submitted to the county for approval. Jeff agreed that going forward if we receive a new grant that will adjust the budget, we will present it to this board even if it is just an information item. Tom added that maybe going forward it will suffice just to add a note whether or not the budget changed in any way, the group agreed.</p> <p>18:15</p> <p>Tom explained that our current rule only allows conventional septic systems on a lot that is 5 acres or larger in size. Lots smaller than 5 acres in size are allowed to use alternative septic systems, however these types of systems must be checked annually for performance per our regulation. The systems are tested to see if the level of nitrates (which is the contaminate of concern in our county) released in the groundwater is what the system specifications list. This was supposed to have been done by a contractor but is just getting started now. Bryan went out this week on his first round of checks and will start logging the results. Bryan noted that the confusion came from us basing our regulation off Wasatch County's regulation which requires more testing than what the state rule requires. Bryan may ask this board to change the standard to the state rule next year after more sampling is done and depending on what</p>	
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	the results of the sampling show.	
<p>Health Officer's Report</p> <p>COVID-19 Update (Information Item)</p> <p>Staffing Update (Information Item)</p> <p><i>Jeff Coombs</i></p>	<p>21:26 Jeff shared a report of current COVID statistics. He noted this will probably be the last report on COVID unless numbers really start to change. There have been 112 COVID related deaths in Tooele County since COVID started. We are averaging about 12 lab confirmed cases per day, this does not reflect any self-test kits people do at home or those who do not test. The positivity rate of those tested is at 15%. There has been a slight increase in cases, this is probably due to the weather keeping people indoors more, larger crowds as events/gatherings resume, schools are back in session.</p> <p>Tooele County is still in the Low Transmission Index Level per the CDC. However, the amount of COVID detected in our wastewater is on the rise. The number of emergency room visits is also increasing though this is not just from COVID, cases of influenza and RSV are contributing. Vaccinations are still the best way to protect yourself. The latest COVID booster is specifically designed to protect against the Omicron variant. Any respiratory virus can put our senior population at risk. We will continue to monitor the data in the state and across the country.</p> <p>Jeff gave a staffing update. Amy Bate Hoftiezer has filled the Director of Aging Services position that was previously held by Jamie Zwerin who is now the Deputy Director. Amy has worked for TCHD for 10 years and previously was the Health Promotion Coordinator and Public Information Officer. Jamie Slade was selected to fill Amy's vacant position of Health Promotion Coordinator; Jamie was previously a Prevention Services Specialist. Jared Hall was recently hired as a Prevention Services Specialist and Megan Raschke will start Dec. 19th as a Health Educator. Thanks to a new grant we received Stacy Smart was recently hired as a Suicide Prevention Specialist in the Prevention Services Division. There are currently about 80 full time employees under the Health Department, including Aging Services and Transportation. During the height of COVID there were about 20 additional contract employees that are now gone.</p>	
<p>Financial Report (Action Item)</p>	<p>Brad summarized the following for the Financial Report for the Ten Months Ended October 31, 2022 (83% of year)</p>	<p>Neil motioned to accept the Financial Report as presented, Mat</p>

<p>Vaccine Budget Adjustment (Action Item)</p> <p><i>Brad Gillies</i></p>	<p>REVENUE- Operating revenue through October 31, 2022 was about \$3,600,000 or about 71% of the annual budget. Payments for state contracts and grants was about \$2,600,000 or about 71% of budget. Contract payments from the State for September and October had not been received as of the end of the month. Some budgeted COVID related funding will not be used during the year and the related expenses will not be incurred. Fees for services were about \$980,000 or about 72% of budget. The receipt of fees for some services is seasonal, so we should be at or above budget by year-end.</p> <p>EXPENSES- Operating expenses were about \$5,000,000 or about 74% of the annual budget. All departments were under budget. It has not been necessary to spend all budgeted COVID related expenses, so expenses in this line are substantially lower than budget.</p> <p>NET OPERATING- Net operating shortfall for the ten months was about \$1,400,000 or about 80% of what was budgeted for the year. Net for the ten months, including other sources is a shortfall of about \$800,000. The operating shortfall will be covered by other budgeted sources including the County contribution of about \$455,000 for the year and about \$893,000 from the health tax levy. The 2022 budget also includes about \$368,000 to be used from the Department’s accumulated fund balance. However, it is anticipated that if funding is needed from the fund balance it will be much less.</p> <p>Brad confirmed that even though the money from the health tax levy won’t come in until after the first of next year it will still be counted towards this accounting year.</p> <p>Brad presented a Vaccine Budget Adjustment request of \$100,000. He noted this budget adjustment request will also be presented to the County Council next week. He explained that last year when the budget for this year was prepared it was prepared based on the number of vaccinations given at that time which was significantly lower than usual. It was realized that due to an anticipated increase in vaccination activity this year more money would be needed to purchase additional vaccine. The amount being requested will then be spent out on purchasing vaccine. The budget adjustment also includes a \$100,000 increase in vaccination revenue.</p>	<p>seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Mike motioned to approve the requested Vaccine Budget Adjustment, Matt seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.</p>
<p>Environmental</p>	<p>Bryan and staff have been reviewing the health regulations. Bryan proposed correcting a</p>	

<p>Health Update (Information Item)</p> <p><i>Bryan Slade</i></p>	<p>few grammatical errors in the Body Art Regulation. The corrections will not change the content or meaning of the rule. The proposed change is to remove the word “abnormal” from preceding the word infection from section 5.1 and 5.2. Jeff stated this needs to be an action item at the next meeting where the board will decide if they can approve the changes or if it needs to go to public hearing first.</p> <p>Bryan explained that Health Regulation #6- Massage Establishments, Bathhouses, Health Salons and Outcall Massage Services that was written in the 1990’s needs a major revision. He added that many items in the regulation are not available in Tooele County, like bathhouses and state rule R392-800 General Sanitation in Public Places covers most of what is needed for the rest of these services. Bryan and staff are considering suggesting removing all language about bath houses from the regulation. He added that most massage businesses are done in private residences now. They are also considering eliminating a yearly permit and inspection for existing businesses but still requiring new businesses to have submit a plan review and have an initial inspection and permit fee. If this is the route they propose to go instead of yearly inspections they would only inspect on a complaint basis. Tom asked that whatever the regulation reflects is what staff should be doing. Bryan will present the proposed changes to this group at the January or March meeting.</p>	
<p>Community Health Update (Information Item)</p> <p><i>Amy Royal</i></p>	<p>Amy gave an update on vaccination clinics. Typically, staff administer between 43-45 vaccines per day. When the new COVID Bivalent booster became available staff administered about 150 vaccines a day between September 13-30th. Then the flu vaccine was delivered, and staff assisted with 29 school flu clinics that provided 1640 immunizations including both flu and COVID vaccines. They will continue to work on how to increase the number of vaccines administered in the school clinics. She commended the school Nurses for their work as they are vital to having successful school clinics. In the month of October staff also provided vaccines to those who are homebound and those living in long term care facilities, and businesses; this increased the daily number of vaccines given to about 253 a day. In addition to flu and COVID vaccines, they are also administering shingles, pneumonia, and HPV vaccines. Schools continue to audit their student immunizations records and send students who are not up to date to us to get caught up. She commended her staff for their hard work even though they are short staffed. Usually, they receive about 500-600 if the high dose flu vaccine for those 65 and older, this</p>	

	year they received 1000 doses which they ran out of by the 2 nd week of October.	
Board Member Comments and/or Concerns	<p>Pam reported that after a legislative session a special psychedelic task force was formed as requested by the legislature. The task force reviewed options of using psychedelics for mental health treatment, addiction, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Different types were run through clinical trials and some showed efficacy for different conditions such as PTSD. The FDA will likely fast-track the approval of MDMA, so the task force recommended that the legislature to hold off on fast-tracking a bill for Utah for a while until the FDA makes a decision.</p> <p>Jeff thanked Tom Tripp for serving on this board and his service and contribution to our community. This is Toms last meeting; the County Council will appoint a new member to fill Tom’s position. Tom thanked everyone for being willing to serve and for giving him the opportunity to serve.</p> <p>Devan stated there is an urgent need for emergency medical services in Wendover. After 5pm there is basically no medical services available. They are trying to form a board to work on creating an instant care type of service. Tom said the transient room taxes from hotels and restaurants can be used to fund EMS services for class 4-6 counties, we are a class 3 county, but local representatives are working on getting it changed to allow class 3 counties to be able to use the funds. Tom added that Wendover City Utah contributes over a third of our tourism revenue so a case can be made to be able to use some of the funds towards this. Devan said they have talked to the U of U but the operative costs are prohibiting. They are looking at all options. She added that the new Chief of Police started today. Devan asked about a grant she heard about that would fund the WIC office and the police station. Jeff is unsure what this is about but will look into it. Jeff explained there is an infrastructure grant that can be explored. Jeff also mentioned the Community Block Development Grant as a possibility.</p>	
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 8:15 pm all were in favor, meeting adjourned.
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Attachments: Actual vs. Budget Eight Months Ended Oct. 31, 2022, Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule, Proposed Changes to Regulation #10 Body Art, COVID Report, Tooele County Budget Adjustment Request