

TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

July 28, 2026 at 6:00pm
151 N. Main Street Tooele, Utah

PRESENT:

Board: Maresa Manzione, Brittany Skinner, Radine Murphy, Mike Wells, Mat Jackson, Anthony Howes, Cheryl Damas

Absent: Erik Stromberg, Sheldon Birch

Staff: Grant Sunada, Tracy Beckett, Jamie Zwerin, Ericka Jordt, Taylor Palmer

Public: none

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS
1.Welcome (Information Item) <i>Mat Jackson</i>	Mat called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.	
2.Public Comments and/or Concerns	No public comments were made.	
3.Vote to Approve May 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes Propose to Change September Meeting Date Open Board Position 2027 (Action Items) <i>Mat Jackson</i>	Mat entertained a motion to approve May 7, 2026, Minutes. Mat announced that due to a conflict with the County Council meeting on September 22 nd it was suggested to change the next meeting to September 8 th . It was announced that Mike Wells would be resigning from his position at the end of the year. Mike represents the professional health provider position.	Maresa made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Cheryl seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Mat noted no motion was needed as all were in favor to change the next meeting date to September 8 th . The announcement of an upcoming open board position is an information only item, no motion or vote was needed.

4.Board Member Assignment Reports NALBOH Conference (Information Item) <i>Mat Jackson</i>	NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) Conference in San Antonio October 12-14th. Grant mentioned he will be finalizing who will be attending in the next couple of weeks. The budget allows for two board members to attend. Ericka added that the early bird registration ends Aug. 7th. Let Grant know within the next couple of weeks if you are interested in attending.	
5.Health Officer's Report UALBOH By-Law Restructure Discussion Upcoming Events Staffing Update (Information Items) <i>Grant Sunada</i>	Grant shared a handout titled Director's Report June-July 2026. Grant shared a couple of highlights from the list including: • A multi-agency resource center exercise was recently held that included many Health Department staff. Maresa mentioned that she wished more of the public would have attended. The exercise focused on a family or victim assistance center– Another family or victim assistance center exercise will take place on September 19th, Maresa will share details when she receives them. • Kelton Couperus, intern with Tooele County Health & Human Services gave a presentation on Mobile Crisis Outreach Team evaluation plan and stakeholder interview updates. Discussion on what type of crisis we could have in our community, how can data collection help, the need to identify gaps in the system, what type of support MCOT needs. Grant will have Kelton present on these findings at the next meeting. • Our response and role to the recent fire near Stockton City, Vernon and the Stookey Fire that happened mid-July. Our Emergency Response Coordinator responded to each, and our Nursing Director facilitated a shelter for the fire near Vernon. • Aging Services was recently recognized for becoming certified as a One Kind Act a Day Center. They are the 1st in Tooele and in the State to receive this certification. A kindness chain was recently started and is a great visual of how the program has really taken off. Grant commended Amy Hoftiezer and the Aging Services staff for their work. Maresa added that anyone can come to Tooele City Parks Department and take an oath of kindness as well. • Fox13 News coverage of the Tooele County Transportation Volunteer Driver Program highlighted the personal impact and the need for volunteers. After airing, two additional people volunteered to be drivers but there was also an influx of those	

requesting the service.

A handout of upcoming events was not provided, however, the group was reminded that events can be found on the health department's website calendar.

Jamie shared a staffing update:

Brent Peterson was selected as the Public Information Officer. He will transition from his current role as Health Educator and Back-up PIO that he has served for the last four years. He has recently earned his Master of Public Health degree with an emphasis in Community Health Education.

Veronica Miranda was recently hired as a Dental Assistant, she will begin on August 3rd. Veronica has two years of prior experience and is bilingual in English and Spanish.

The following positions are open:

Health Educator- previously held by Brent Peterson

Dental Hygienist- this is a three-quarter time position with benefits. Jamie added that this position is always difficult to fill due to the pay level. The group discussed other options such as being willing to adjust position hours to help make this a more attractive offer. Jamie offered to add the website to the minutes for ease of finding where to apply [Job Listings - Tooele County Jobs](#).

Grant shared a document titled Utah Association of Local Boards of Health Dissolution Resolution. He explained that the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health has been dissolved and the Utah Association of Local Health Departments have taken over activities of the association. He added this simplifies the financial aspects. A legal review led to this recommendation, and it was announced this spring.

Grant has asked and Brittany agreed to be on the UALBOH Steering Committee, Anthony Howes previously served on this committee. The steering committee mostly oversees the annual symposium.

6.Financial Update Financial Report Budget Increase Request for Environmental Health Supplies (Action Items) <i>Tracy Beckett</i>	Tracy reported that the 2027 budget will be presented at the September 8th meeting for this board to approve. Some items to note are: Environmental Health expenses have increased due to an intern that was hired to complete some work. Dental Health has had an increase in both revenue and expenses due to Medicaid expanding the amount of services covered. The fund balance has been used to make up the difference at the end of the year. Grant added that we need to spend some of our fund balance and this is being done through having the building interior repainted and the carpet is being replaced. Tracy shared the Financial Report & Budget Increase Request Six Months Ended June 30, 2026 (50% of the Year) REVENUE-As of June 30, total operating revenue is approximately \$2,330,972, or 46.4% of the annual budget. Total revenues, including other revenue sources, are \$2,749,185, or 33.6% of budget. Operating revenues are close to the 50% year-to-date benchmark, with contracts and grants at 49.4% and fees for services at 40.9%. Total revenues remain below the benchmark mainly due to the timing of other revenue sources. Only 4.7% of the Health Tax Levy has been received, and the budgeted fund balance appropriation has not yet been recognized. EXPENSES- Total expenses through June are approximately \$3,370,562, or 41.1% of the annual budget. Expenses remain below the 50% year-to-date benchmark, with most program areas currently under budget. Environmental Health is slightly above the benchmark at 51.2% while Dental Health and WIC are close to budget at 49.3% and 48.8%, respectively. NET POSITION-As of June 30, the department is reporting a net difference of approximately \$(621,378). This is mainly due to the timing of revenue receipts, particularly the Health Tax Levy and other revenue sources that are not received evenly throughout the year. Overall expenditures remain below the 50% mid-year benchmark. BUDGET INCREASE REQUEST- The Health Department is requesting Board of Health approval for a small increase in the Environmental Health budget. They have received 2 grants for \$5,000 each that were not included in the budget for FY2026 (one for Radon and also an FDA grant). We would like to increase their grant revenues by \$10,000 and increase their expenditures (Hazardous Waste and Operating Supplies) by \$10,000 for this budget	Cheryl motioned to approve the Financial Report and Budget Increase Request for Environmental Health as presented, Maresa seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.
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7. Environmental Health Update Propose Changes to Regulation #5 Individual Water Systems (Action Item) <i>Taylor Palmer</i>	Taylor presented copy of Regulation #5- Individual Water Systems with proposed changes to the regulation. The regulation was originally adopted in 1997 and has not been revised since 2008 and does not reflect some processes that have since been implemented. He added that several local health departments do not regulate private wells and springs. Highlights of the proposed changes include: • Change grout surface seal depth for non-public wells to align with the state rule R655-4-11 which only requires a minimum of a 30' seal depth, our regulation currently requires 100'. • For proposed subdivisions, feasibility of drinking water has changed to be determined by collecting one water sample from a well/spring withing the subdivision of may also be collected from a well/spring on a bordering property. Current regulation could require multiple test wells for one subdivision. • Added language for the option of a treatment system if water samples exceed quality requirements. • Revised our water quality contaminant list to better align with what the state requires for primary inorganics. • Added language for well recertifications and connection to existing wells. This testing is already being done but now language is being proposed to add to the regulation that requires the well to have a satisfactory bacteriological sample or if the well has no existing record of passing a chemical analysis water sample, then one must be done before connecting to a previously existing system or receiving a recertification from the department. These recertifications are typically required by banks before they will approve purchasing a home serviced by a private well. • Added a section explaining wells will not be allowed to be installed in the restricted EPA International Smelter and Refining Superfund areas of Pine Canyon. This has already been a requirement, it just wasn't listed in our regulation. Discussion included Cheryl asking if multiple wells tested ever have different results? Taylor replied that they typically produce the same results because they normally come	Mike made a motion to send the proposed changes to Regulation #5 Individual Water systems to public hearing and comment period with the amendment to section 11.8 to include Pine Canyon and any future super fund sites designated by the EPA. Taylor was designated as the hearing officer. Brittany seconded the motion, all except Anthony voted in favor, motion passed. Anthony abstained from voting due to his involvement with Pine Canyon and the International Smelter through his work.

	from the same aquifer. She asked if Taylor knows where the aquifers are, he noted that they can review drill logs from neighboring properties to somewhat determine where the aquifer is but not always since they are difficult to find and there are not always maps. He added that for each well drilled a permit is still required and must pass a feasibility study. If they do not pass there is an option for a treatment system which has been allowed but just wasn't previously mentioned in the regulation. There is no state rule on water quality for private wells, so our regulation mirrors the requirement for public wells. Anthony asked about what is required in the contaminants list and if some areas may need more testing depending on where the property is located. Taylor referred to section 6.1a that lists the contaminant levels and the maximum contaminant level for each. He added additional testing may be required by the department. Taylor confirmed that there are some areas in the county that require reverse osmosis systems to treat the water. Grant asked if the language for section 11.8 should be more general in the instance that the EPA may designate another area in the county in the future. Matt suggested changing the language to say any EPA Superfund restricted areas. Mat entertained a motion to approve the health regulation with the amendment to section 11.8 to include the Pine Canyon restriction as well as any other future super fund sites so named by the EPA.	
8.Board Member Comments and/or Concerns <i>Board Members</i>	Mike Wells thanked staff as did others. Mike announced that he and his spouse have been called to serve in the United Kingdom next year. They will focus on service projects and humanitarian issues.	
9.Meeting Adjourn	Mat entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.	Cheryl motioned to adjourn, all were in favor.

Attachments: Director's Report June-July 2026, , Financial Report Six Months Ended June 30, 2026, UALBOH Dissolution Resolution, Highlights of Proposed Changes to Health Regulation #5 Individual Water Systems, Health Regulation #5 Individual Water Systems, Draft of May 7, 2026, Minutes, TCHD Actual vs. Budget Six Months Ended June 30, 2026.