

WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:00 pm

Present:	Dr. Sara Simonsen Coleen Nielson Kendall Crittenden Jay Eckersley Michele Ludlow	Acting Chair Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member
Staff:	Jonelle Fitzgerald Brett Woodard Chris Smoot	Health Officer Business Manager Epidemiology Director
Guests:	Jon Woodard	Wasatch County Asst. Attorney
Excused:	Britt Manning Dr. Neal Burton	Board Member Chair

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Dr. Sara Simonsen

Invocation: Jay Eckersley

Pledge of Allegiance: Michele Ludlow

<i>Minutes</i>	Minutes from January 25, 2024 were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Michele Ludlow to approve the minutes. Coleen Nielson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
<i>Follow Up</i>	No follow-up. There was no one from the public in attendance.
<i>Business Item 2</i>	Agenda Items 1) Program Reports a) Preparedness Fair (Jonelle) i) Lewis is at the quarterly preparedness affiliates meeting, but has asked that I let you know about the Preparedness Fair scheduled for March 23 from 9 AM to 1PM. (1) There will be booths from various vendors and organizations including the health department. b) Air Quality (Chris) i) Utah DEQ started looking for a site to place an air quality monitor in Wasatch County. ii) They have had a hard time finding a site, but may have one now at the Utah Water Conservancy location. iii) This will be a certified monitor and will be in place for 2-3 years. DEQ will visit the monitor perhaps as often as weekly.

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- iv) (Jay) What will the health department's ongoing role in air quality monitoring be?
- v) (Chris) The health department will continue to monitor and report air quality using the Purple Air sites in the County. This data will not be used by the DEQ because Purple Air monitors are not certified.
- vi) (Jay) What are Summit County's plans?
- vii) (Chris) They are moving to a different, but similar monitoring company than Purple Air,
- viii) Both Summit and Wasatch Counties are monitoring only particulate pollution. The State's monitor will be more extensive including ozone and volatiles.
- ix) (Coleen) Do other health departments monitor air quality?
- x) (Chris) Salt Lake uses a different system, but does monitor.
- xi) (Jonelle) Kendall will talk to Wallsburg to establish another site there.
- xii) (Chris shared the Purple Air air quality data available on the health department website).
 - (1) The Heber Public Works monitor is the only one to touch on yellow in the past year.
 - (2) We note the typical spikes in January, but, due primarily to the weather, we have had fewer air quality problems this year than last.
 - (3) The monitors sample every minute or so, then report the daily average, which is what is shown on the website.
- xiii) (Jonelle) In addition to the Purple Air data, there is a lot of educational material as well as links to other related sites on the health department website.

2) Financial Report- (Jonelle/Brett) Discussion/Action

- a) January, 2024 financials were presented
 - i) These are not particularly meaningful due to yearend adjustments impacts including accruing half a payroll paid in January.
 - ii) February year-to-date numbers will be more meaningful.
- b) December 2023 final report was presented.
 - i) Reviewed some of the highlights of the financial report.
 - ii) Very close to final, and includes property tax and interest from the County.
 - iii) There was a \$340K surplus for the year.
- c) Jonelle shared a proposed allocation of the 2023 surplus with the Board.

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	i) Jay Eckersley motioned that the Board approve the proposed allocation of the 2023 surplus to several “appropriated” funds as proposed by Jonelle. Coleen seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously. 3) Director’s Report (Jonelle) Discussion/Action a) The Issues Conference is scheduled for March 6. The keynote speaker will be Hank Smith. i) Joint effort between Wasatch County Parks and Rec., Wasatch Behavioral Health, Wasatch County Schools and the Health Department. ii) Funding from WCF for \$500 and IHS of ~\$1K as sponsors. b) UALBOH legislative update: i) HB 405: (1) Original intent was to change vaccination requirements for students, but it has morphed into removing the health departments’ ability to issue isolation and quarantine orders. (2) UDOH officially opposes the bill. (3) Trying to modify to allow health departments to be able to issue quarantine and isolation orders for specific diseases, including new ones (and not COVID). (4) Sponsor is still hung up on allowing those powers for yet to be named new diseases. (5) (Jay) Jill is a big help on this effort. ii) SB-61- Seeks to maintain the 3% maximum nicotine content of vapes. Federal regulation allows up to 5% nicotine. (1) Expanded to require health departments to also monitor manufactures and to seize product if violations are discovered. (2) Health departments do not have the capability or legal capacity to do that. (3) Scope has now been reduced to limiting nicotine content and banning flavored vapes (except mint and menthol). (4) Lots of industry opposition to this one, but it currently looks OK for now. iii) Can keep up with the latest legislative developments with the UALHD tracker. c) Heber Leadership Academy. i) Jonelle presented at this with IHC and found it worthwhile. (1) A group that Heber City put together to train community leaders and educate them on various government functions. (2) Cohorts are held yearly.
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	(3) Board members are also invited to participate, if interested. d) HVSSD complaints: i) Now working with Utah State EPI on a special project to monitor H₂S and volatiles to ensure there are no health risks from the operation. ii) There is a community meeting next Tuesday from 6 to 7 PM at the HVSSD. iii) (Jay) Is there expected participation from opposition? iv) (Jonelle) This is about the study, and all should be in favor of that. v) (Chris) HVSSD is also supportive of the study.
<i>Business Item 3</i>	UALBOH Report (Jay) – Information/Discussion 1) Symposium will be April 17 & 18, 2024 at Thanksgiving Point. a) Theme will be 10 essential health services. b) Jay shared an agenda for the meeting. 2) Jonelle will register all Board members interested in attending.
<i>Business Item 4</i>	Election of Officers (Sara) – Discussion/Action 1) Both Dr. Burton and Dr. Simonsen are willing to continue in their roles and Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. a) Jay Eckersley motioned that Dr. Burton and Dr. Simonsen continue respectively as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Health. Michelle Ludlow seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board...
Adjourn	2) Motion by Coleen to close and adjourn the public meeting, seconded by Michelle. Public meeting was adjourned.
	Next meeting 3:00 P.M. March 28, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Dr. Sara Simonsen, Acting Chairperson