

WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2024 3:03 pm

Present:	Dr. Neal Burton Dr. Sara Simonsen Coleen Nielson Kendall Crittenden Jay Eckersley Michele Ludlow	Chair Vice Chair Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member
Staff:	Jonelle Fitzgerald Brett Woodard Chris Smoot Kathryn North Gayla Sperry Gina Tuttle	Health Officer Business Manager Epidemiology Director Health Educator WIC Director Nursing Director
Excused:	Britt Manning	Board Member
Guests:	Jon Woodard	Wasatch County Asst. Attorney

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Dr. Neal Burton
Invocation: Dr. Sara Simonsen
Pledge of Allegiance: Jay Eckersley

<i>Minutes</i>	Minutes from March 24, 2024 were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Kendall Crittenden to approve the minutes. Coleen Nielson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
<i>Follow Up</i>	No follow-up. There were no representatives from the public. Dr. Burton thanked Dwight Hill for his 20+ years of service to the Health Department. Dwight retired recently.
<i>Business Item 2</i>	Agenda Items 1) Program Reports a) Truck roll-over at Deer Creek Reservoir (Lewis) i) Accident occurred last Monday at 7:15 p.m. ii) Health Department role is to coordinate with first responders keeping in mind priorities of: (a) Safety of lives (b) Protection of the environment

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- iii) Lewis served as the liaison between the trucking company and the State of Utah, in this case the Department of Environmental Quality, water quality to determine what clean-up was needed.
- iv) The tank truck was carrying 12,000 gallons of propane which was venting into the air. It was determined that that venting posed no immediate environmental hazard, and it was allowed to continue until the tank was empty.
 - (1) No diesel fuel was released into the lake. A small amount of leaked engine oil was captured and prevented from entering the water supply.
 - (2) It was determined that there was no material damage to the water.
- v) (Jay) Who are Lewis' back-up people? (Chris and Tracy)
- vi) (Jonelle) Chris was also involved, and was interviewed by ABC News
- vii) (Kendall) It would be good if we got a PIO message out to the public that there was no lake/fish contamination from the accident.
- b) Communicable disease (Chris)
 - i) Tularemia
 - (1) Tularemia is also referred to as "rabbit fever" because it is often contracted by humans when skinning rabbits. It can be lethal to humans (Category A disease) and only requires a low dose to sicken a person.
 - (2) There have been a number of dead beavers discovered in the area recently by Utah Division of Natural Resources. Their cause of death has been identified as tularemia.
 - (3) The Health Department posted warning signs in the areas where dead beavers were found and has also informed doctors in the area of the threat.
 - (4) (Kendall) How is it spread? (Often tick and deer fly bites)
 - (5) (Jonelle) This is often hard to diagnose and this is why we notified medical providers about cases in animals.
 - (6) There are typically 2 cases in Utah per year.
 - ii) Measles
 - (1) There is a spike currently in the U.S. – predominantly Chicago and Florida.
 - (2) No current cases in Utah
 - (3) Recently met with epi counterparts in the state to plan outreach
 - (4) We have child and adult vaccines on hand

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	(5) Increase in cases may be due to increased number of unvaccinated immigrants entering the U.S. iii) H5N1 Bird Flu (1) Primarily in the U.S. in cattle currently. (2) There have been 2 cases in the U.S., both were in people working with cattle. (3) Cases may be underreported because of the mild symptoms. (4) (Coleen) Is this detectable with a blood test? (5) Yes, but people probably need to go to a hospital for proper testing. 2) Financial Report- (Jonelle/Brett) Discussion/Action a) April 2024 financials were presented i) Note that the surplus is still increasing despite payroll being pretty much at budgeted levels now. ii) Budget called for grant revenues to be ~60% of direct expenses, but they are actually at 70%. We are using cost reimbursement grants to cover expenses rather than other sources. (1) Several major grants have extended the grant termination dates which has allowed continued use of the funds. iii) Also note that the fee revenue is \$91K over the annualized budget number. Fees are very seasonal, and a lot are collected in the first months of the calendar year. iv) Surplus will also be reduced due to retirement payouts, which are not accrued. Dwight's was >\$70K, which will hit in May. This may require a budget amendment, which will be handled in the future, if needed. v) (Jonelle) Good we have reserves to cover large accrued expenses which were not accrued. 3) Director's Report (Jonelle) Discussion/Action a) We are currently taking applications to fill the vacant Environmental Health Director position. Applications through the end of May, with the position expected to be filled by mid-June. Receiving applications from both internal and external applicants. b) Note that the Utah Health Improvement Plan kick-off meeting will convene June 11, as announced at UALBOH. Probably from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please sign up if interested. c) HVSS Update: (1) HVSS and the Health Department are cooperating with HHS to gather data. (2) H₂S monitors that measure PPB rather than PPM were ordered, but they were not calibrated correctly for altitude, so
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	the testing is delayed until next year. Good news is that the delay will allow additional monitoring time. (3) HVSS has looked carefully at the situation and has implemented measures to reduce the smell. No complaints received by the health department this year to date. ii) There is an all-employee Health Department retreat 6/7 to accomplish employee training in emergency preparedness. The Health Department will be closed on that day. d) (Sara) How did the Safe Kids Fair turn out? (Attendance was OK with ~100 runners and ~20 community presenters despite the bad weather.)
<i>Business Item 3</i>	Ground Water Study Report (Jonelle) – Information/Discussion 1) We did well sampling last fall, but several of the wells were not available, so the sampling is continuing this spring. 2) There were a few hits, but overall, the groundwater quality is good. 3) The Charleston well is operational and had provided water data at 3 depths. 4) Looking for the next well location with Jacob's help. Hopefully it can be drilled later this year. a) We are particularly interested in a site on the eastern transect because there is little data from that part of the valley. 5) (Jay) Will the Health Department make a public report when the sampling is done? (Yes, similar to the process we used after the last sampling).
<i>Business Item 4</i>	UALBOH Report (Jay/Jonelle) – Information/Discussion 1) (Neal) It was a good meeting. 2) (Jay) Please fill out your surveys 3) (Coleen) Are these the same surveys we filled out at the conference? (Yes)
<i>Business Item 5</i>	Annual Report Presentations (Dr. Burton/Jonelle) –Discussion/Action 1) Annual reports are ready to distribute. 2) We have presentation dates as follows: a) Midway 6/4 b) Wasatch County Council 6/5 c) Wallsburg 6/6 d) Wasatch County Foundation 6/5 e) We need dates for Daniels, Charleston, IHC, WC Schools and Chamber of Commerce.

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	i) (Kendall) How about the Rotary Club and MAG?
Adjourn	Motion was made by Jay Eckersley to move the meeting to closed session, seconded by Michelle Ludlow and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting moved to closed session and was adjourned upon completion of the business therein.
	Next meeting 3:00 P.M. June 27, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Neal Burton, Chairperson