

WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 2024 3:05 pm

Present:	Dr. Neal Burton	Chair
	Dr. Sara Simonsen	Vice Chair
	Jay Eckersley	Board Member
	Michele Ludlow	Board Member
	Britt Manning	Board Member
	Kendall Crittenden	Board Member
Staff:	Jonelle Fitzgerald	Health Officer
	Brett Woodard	Business Manager
	Tracy Richardson	Environmental Health Director
Excused:	Jon Woodard	Wasatch County Deputy Attorney

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Dr. Neal Burton
Invocation: Kendall Crittenden
Pledge of Allegiance: Michele Ludlow

<i>Minutes</i>	Minutes from the May 23, 2024 and June 27, 2024 Board of Health meetings were presented. Britt motioned that the minutes be approved, Michele seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
<i>Follow Up</i>	No follow-up. No representatives from the public were in attendance.
<i>Business Item 2</i>	Agenda Items 1) Program Reports a) General updates (Jonelle): i) WIC encounters are up slightly. (1) (Britt) How do we know how big the eligible WIC population is? (2) (Jonelle) Our numbers are based on demographic reports. (3) (Britt) Do we know why the encounters are up? (4) (Jonelle) Not really, best guesses are increased economic need and better outreach by the Health Department. (5) FYI, the demographics show that 17% of Wasatch County identifies as Hispanic, but >60% of the WIC encounters are Hispanic. ii) Infectious diseases: (1) COVID is up nationwide, but not in Wasatch (a) (Neal) I've received doctors' reports that cases are up. (b) (Jonelle) The latest variant is called FLiRT.

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	(c) Health Department has the old vaccine available, and there have been more people getting that vaccination recently (d) The Department will get an updated vaccine before fall to be used along with the flu vaccine. (e) (Kendall) Will we have a combined flu and COVID vaccine? (No, many will not take the flu vaccine if combined with COVID). (2) (Jonelle) There is a case of whooping cough reported in the Uinta Basin. (a) (Jay) What are the symptoms? (i) Cough, fever, upper respiratory congestion, but the cough is distinctive. (ii) Needs to be diagnosed at a primary health care facility. 2) Financial Report- (Jonelle/Brett) Discussion/Action a) June, 2024 financials were presented i) Net surplus increased to \$229K about \$20K higher than last month. ii) Note that grant revenues are about where we would anticipate and that wages are somewhat higher. iii) We have a higher percentage of our expenses reimbursed than we anticipated due to unforeseen contract extensions. iv) Also, fee revenue is higher due to higher collections at the first of the year, as expected. This will even out as the year progresses. v) Overall, we are still on track to have a healthy surplus at year end. 3) Director's Report (Jonelle) Discussion/Action a) Annual report presentations are complete except for IHS and Wasatch County Schools. IHC presentation is scheduled for August 5 and the school district report on July 31. i) (Jay) Has the response been positive and accurate? (Yes) ii) (Kendall) The school district report will be made only to the Superintendent. I'd like to present to the entire School Board. iii) (Jay) Should we look into having a School Board member on this Board? (Jonelle) We have multiple interfaces, including Coleen, who is a teacher. We had good communication during COVID. We could consider an adjunct BoH member from the school board if desired. b) Update on waste water appeal::
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	i) Appeal to the BoH is still likely, perhaps as early as next BoH meeting.
<i>Business Item 3</i>	Temporary Food/ Sampling Permits (Tracy) – Discussion/Action 1) (Jonelle) This is a procedural not a policy change, but we want to have the Board informed and in agreement with it. 2) (Tracy) Heber and Midway markets have vendors giving food samples, for which the Health Department has historically issued a daily permit for \$15/day. a) We are questioning why we do this. What are we looking for? b) Expensive for vendors. c) There is currently no written authorization for the fee. d) Other than Wasatch, only the Weber-Morgan Health Department requires food sampling permits. e) The permits are for non-Time/ Temperature Controlled Safety (TTCS) foods (low risk). 3) Proposal is to discontinue requiring and issuing Bake Sale and Sampling permits. a) Samples are from products that have already been inspected; e.g., pre-packaged granola. b) If the products are TTCS (contamination risk), the vendor already needs a temporary permit. This requirement will remain unchanged. c) We are considering issuing refunds of already collected fees. 4) (Jay) Agree that the policy needs to be written if the Health Department is going to require permits. Consider the following reasons to continue the fee: a) We don't want to eliminate permits for TTCS foods (and this was not the proposal). b) The inspection process is not expensive. c) The permits enable communications with food handling vendors. d) The fees do pay for some staff time. e) The process gives the Health Department a visible presence. f) The permits offer some opportunity for control if there is a problem. 5) (Jonelle) Note that this is a real burden for the staff as it requires weekend and after hours work. a) Also note that we are not changing the rules for TTCS foods. b) Finally, these types of fees invite the legislature to act to prevent perceived "Health Department overreach". 6) (Michele) How many permits are we talking about? (7 per week). 7) (Britt) Is there a health hazard we are preventing? (Not really).

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	8) (Jonelle) This is not recognized as a health problem anywhere in the state. 9) (Tracy) Biggest risk is from unwashed hands- a similar risk is present with non-foods. 10) (Britt) Could we consider an annual fee rather than a daily one? 11) Sara motioned that the Board support discontinuing the bake sale and sampling fees. Kendall seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed. 12) (Kendall) What is the status of the Soldier Hollow waste water facility? (Tracy) We are performing a pre- school sample which we will use as a baseline. The Health Department is actively working with the school to make sure the system is operating within acceptable parameters.
<i>Business Item 4</i>	DEQ Minimum Performance and contracting (Jonelle) –Information/ Discussion 1) We have signed the contract, but we’re still negotiating with DEQ. There may be a need for legislative action.
<i>Business Item 5</i>	UALBOH Report (Jay/Jonelle) – Information/Discussion 1) No report this month.
<i>Business Item 6</i>	Adjourn. 1) Michelle motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and the meeting was adjourned.
	Next meeting 3:00 P.M. August 22, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Dr. Neal Burton, Chairperson