

# WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2024 3:10 pm

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| <b>Present:</b>         | Dr. Neal Burton<br>Dr. Sara Simonsen<br>Jay Eckersley<br>Michele Ludlow<br>Coleen Nielsen<br>Kendall Crittenden | Chair<br>Vice Chair<br>Board Member<br>Board Member<br>Board Member<br>Board Member  |
| <b>Staff:</b>           | Jonelle Fitzgerald<br>Brett Woodard<br>Lewis Hastings<br>Chris Smoot                                            | Health Officer<br>Business Manager<br>Preparedness Director<br>Epidemiology Director |
| <b>Other Attendees:</b> | Jon Woodard                                                                                                     | Wasatch County Deputy Attorney                                                       |
| <b>Excused:</b>         | Britt Manning                                                                                                   | Board Member                                                                         |

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

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| <i>Minutes</i>         | Minutes from the July 25, 2024 Board of Health meeting were presented. Michelle motioned that the minutes be approved, Kendall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>Follow Up</i>       | No follow-up.<br><br>No representatives from the public were in attendance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Business Item 2</i> | Agenda Items<br>1) Director’s Report (Jonelle) Discussion/Action<br>a) Children’s Health Clinic:<br>i) To be held on 9/12/2024 from 3-7 P.M.<br>ii) Sponsors are the health department (using the state’s expanded primary health grant) and the Wasatch Community Foundation<br>(1) The foundation includes representatives from IHC, Wasatch County Schools, USU Extension and the People’s Health Clinic.<br>iii) The clinic provides basic health and dental services to children that have no health insurance and would not otherwise get health check-ups and other necessary services. |

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- iv) Janet from the health department and 3 volunteer doctors as well as Dr. Proctor, a dentist, will participate. The health department will also provide the services of our newly hired dental hygienist.
- v) Follow-up services will be provided by the People Health Clinic and others.
- vi) Children will need an appointment. Sign-ups are currently in process, and there are still some slots available.
- b) Ground Water Study Update:
  - i) We're honing in on selecting a site for a second test well, hopefully below Timber Lakes. We hope to have the new well in operation by the end of this year.
  - ii) Jacobs has just completed sampling the wells that were not sampled last fall due to weather... We should have a report on the current year sampling later this year.
- c) Air Quality Monitoring:
  - i) The state of Utah monitoring site targeted to be in operation in 2023 is now up and running.
  - ii) The state will have a site visit on 8/29 at 2 P.M. for those interested.
  - iii) The site is close to the health department east of Mill Road.
  - iv) (Chris) Data from this site is available on the health department web site. It includes ozone as well as particulate data,
- d) We presented the Wasatch County Health Department 2023 annual report to the school superintendent. He agreed to have us present it to the school board as well. That will be during the open school board meeting at 6:30 P.M. on 8/27.
- e) The anticipated wastewater appeal has now been made. We should schedule that appeal to the Board of Health later this year.
- f) There have been no further developments in the toxic emissions monitoring of the HVSSD treatment facility. The state is still waiting to receive the more sensitive monitoring equipment needed necessitated by the altitude of the site.
- 2) Financial Report- (Jonelle/Brett) Discussion/Action
  - a) July, 2024 financials were presented
    - i) Net surplus increased from YTD \$229K in June to YTD \$313K in July.
    - ii) Note that grant revenues are about where we would anticipate and that wages are somewhat higher.
    - iii) Fee revenue is higher due to higher collections at the first of the year, as expected. This will even out as the year progresses.

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>iv) Also, the additional groundwater well has yet to be drilled, so those funds have not been disbursed.</li><li>v) Overall, we are still on track to have a healthy surplus at year end.</li><li>b) County just received the single audit report and presented it to the Wasatch County Council. This audit also covers the health department. There were no findings relating to the health department. There were also no findings on the additional audit covering the WIC grant.</li></ul> <p>3) Program Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Emergency preparedness (Lewis)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) There have been several hazmat incidents since the first of the year:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Propane truck rollover at Deer Creek reservoir involved 17 or 18 agencies and over 78 people. It was quickly resolved with minimal clean-up needed.</li><li>(2) In January there was a spill into Strawberry Creek as it enters the reservoir, another on the road to Soldier Creek Dam and a minor engine oil spill at the junction of SH 113 and US 40. The latter one required the use of absorbent material due to its proximity to the Prove River.</li></ul></li><li>ii) In all cases we have had good cooperation with the Wasatch County Fire Department. We are currently working with them to ensure that we have the proper remediation materials in ample amounts to meet anticipated needs.</li><li>iii) (Jay) Any update on the Heber bypass? (No. Still in EIS process).</li><li>iv) Algae Blooms:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) There are some algae blooms in Deer Creek reservoir that we have been monitoring, and for which we posted warning signs in August.</li><li>(2) We have not had to close any areas in Deer Creek yet.</li><li>(3) We have seen a variety of algae that we have not seen before in Deer Creek, and we've gotten some training from the State to help us to be able to better identify this variety.</li><li>(4) We expect algae blooms in Strawberry Reservoir as well soon, but these are not as big a problem because there is lower use of the lake and less swimming.</li><li>(5) (Coleen) How often are there checks on the lakes? (Every week).</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(6) (Jay) Is out emergency department trained on the proper treatment of algae related ailments? (The standard procedure is to refer them to poison control).</li><li>v) FYI, we are still looking for an environmental health scientist.</li><li>b) Infectious diseases:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Jonelle noted that Chris is leaving to take a job with the State He will be missed. Dr. Burton thanked Chris for his 17 years of service in behalf of the Board of Health.</li><li>ii) Asian Flu:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) In poultry flocks and now in dairy cattle herds.</li><li>(2) Concern is that it might jump to humans- so far only human cases are in dairymen and people culling the chicken flocks.</li><li>(3) Cows can be isolated and treated, but chickens have to be culled.</li><li>(4) Milk would not be infected by the flu in dairy herds.</li></ul></li><li>iii) Mpox:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) WHO declared a public emergency in the Democratic Republic of Congo in mid-August due to high Mpox infection rates.</li><li>(2) These outbreaks are more dangerous in places like the Congo because of low sanitary and treatment regimens.</li><li>(3) There are currently no vaccination recommendations in the U.S.</li></ul></li><li>iv) Local:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) There have been large increases in syphilis cases in Wasatch County. 9 cases reported to date. Although there is a general shortage of treatment drugs, the health department has been able to secure an adequate supply.</li></ul></li><li>v) (Michelle) COVID?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) COVID infections are higher, but the intensity seems to be decreasing year on year.</li><li>(2) We are taking sewer samples to monitor the infection rate.</li><li>(3) COVID related hospitalizations are not up this year, and that is what we monitor right now.</li><li>(4) The new COVID vaccine has been approved by the CDC, but it covers last year's variants. We don't know yet if it is effective against the current variants.</li><li>(5) We have a supply of COVID test packets available for free to the public.</li></ul></li><li>vi) Flu clinics are scheduled to start in September.</li></ul></li></ul> |
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| <i>Business Item 3</i> | <p>Communications Policy (Chris) – Discussion/Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Wasatch County has a new communications specialist (Joan).</li> <li>2) The county has produced a draft communication policy, which we have reviewed. It is probably not appropriate for the health department, and it is not binding on the health department.</li> <li>3) We are working with the county to make sure we conform to their communication policy as much as possible, while still maintaining what we need to be able to function properly. So far there is good cooperation between the county and the health department.</li> </ol> |
| <i>Business Item 4</i> | <p>UALBOH Report (Jay/Jonelle) – Information/Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) One of the products of the recent symposium is a formal Board of Health member education course.</li> <li>2) There are four objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Understanding what UALBOH is</li> <li>b) Overview of state statutes</li> <li>c) Better understanding rural health</li> <li>d) Board member training</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) The Board will get this training later today.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Business Item 5</i> | <p>Provo River Tour Report (Kendall) – Information/Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Prove River Watershed Council sponsored a tour of the upper Prover watershed.</li> <li>2) The Watershed Council has done several projects in Wasatch County: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work in the North Fields</li> <li>b) River bank restoration at Wallsburg</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) There was nothing from the tour that would impact the health department.</li> <li>4) Jay expressed his support of the idea that the health department would cooperate with and support the watershed council.</li> </ol>        |
| <i>Business Item 6</i> | <p>Board Orientation Review (Jonelle/All)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Board received the UALBOH produced member training.</li> <li>2) Members correctly answered 100% of the incorporated review questions.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Business Item 7</i> | <p>Adjourn.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Kendall motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Coleen seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.</li> <li>2) The meeting was adjourned.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|  | Next meeting 3:00 P.M. September 26, 2024. |
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Meeting adjourned at 4:59 P.M.

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Dr. Neal Burton, Chairperson