

WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 4:01 pm

- Present:

Dr. Neal Burton

Dr. Sara Simonsen

Jay Eckersley

Michele Ludlow

Coleen Nielsen

Kendall Crittenden

Britt Manning

Chair

Vice Chair

Board Member

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- Staff:

Jonelle Fitzgerald

Brett Woodard

Tracy Richardson

Gina Tuttle

Kathryn North

Shaunelle Finnegan

Leslie Freeman

Health Officer

Business Manager

Environmental Health Director

Nursing Director

Health Educator

Office Specialist

Environmental Health Scientist
- Other

Attendees:

Jon Woodard

Wasatch County Deputy Attorney

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Dr. Neal Burton
Invocation: Britt Manning
Pledge of Allegiance: Kendall Crittenden

Minutes	Minutes from the August 22, 2024 Board of Health meeting were presented. Jay Eckersley motioned that the minutes be approved, Britt Manning seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
Follow Up	No follow-up. No representatives from the public were in attendance at the start of the meeting; however, Kimberley and Greg Blocker and Jared Griffin with two employees- Taylor and Cory- attended the public hearing in person and Stephanie McDermott attended the public hearing portion of the meeting via Zoom.
Business Item 2	Agenda Items 1) Director’s Report (Jonelle) Discussion/Action a) New groundwater well: Tracy and Jonelle attended a Heber Power & Light meeting and report that HP&L approved drilling a ground water test well on its property at the base of Timber Lakes. We hope to have the well drilled by the end of the year. b) Legislative: We are aware of a Utah legislator considering a bill that would further limit health department authority for isolation and

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quarantine. We are watching developments and will keep the Board posted.

c) Children's Health Clinic:

- i) Held on 9/12/2024 from 3-7 P.M. It actually ended after 8:00 P.M.
- ii) Partners included People's Health Clinic, IHC staff, nurse practitioners, Doctor Procter, DDS, Wasatch Community Foundation and other volunteers.
- iii) We served 33 children at the clinic and several others in the overflow clinic on the next day.
- iv) Follow-up visits were scheduled with doctors and dentists- mostly psychological needs and asthma.
- v) 10 of the 22 eyecare patients needed glasses
- vi) (Neal) Do we have a means to provide thank you tokens? (Jonelle replied that Wasatch Community Foundation makes sure all participants are thanked)

d) Dental Clinic (Shaunelle)

- i) Shaunelle, Lyndsey Lafay and Dr. Procter provided dental cleaning and fluoride treatments to 34 children during dental exams. Patients with more extensive dental needs were referred to Dr. Ellis. Note that the Health Department has an ongoing dental clinic that provides basic services to low-income residents.
- ii) Shaunelle has spearheaded the Health Department's dental efforts for several years and was the primary organizer of the current dental clinic. To increase her effectiveness, Shaunelle also took the initiative to be trained as a dental assistant.
- iii) (Coleen) Is this an annual event? (Jonelle) Yes, the Children's Health Clinic is, but the dental clinic is year-round. The dental clinic has existed in some form for about 25 years.
- iv) (Neal) A list of the participating doctors and dentists might be useful so if we use another professional that isn't participating, we could suggest they might participate.
- v) (Jay) Who is charged with the annual report now, and should the dental program be a focus service in the 2024 report? (Mady and Lana will have charge of the annual report this year).

e) (Jonelle) We think that we have found a new environmental health scientist to fill out Tracy's staff.

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

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- a) August 2024 financials were presented
 - i) Net surplus decreased from YTD \$313K in July to YTD \$272K in August. We expect another drop in September because several grants that renew in October are fully expended.
 - 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.
 - iv) Also, the additional groundwater well has yet to be drilled, so those funds have not been disbursed yet.
 - v) Overall, we are still on track to have a healthy surplus at year end.

3) Program Reports

- a) Clinical Update (Gina)
 - i) Flu clinics have started. Wallsburg and Spring Garden have been completed and school clinics are scheduled.
 - (1) School clinics will include teachers this year and we've expanded IT capabilities to allow this.
 - (2) There are two drive through clinics scheduled at the Event Center and two drive-up clinics scheduled at the Health Department.
 - (3) (Kendall) Is site information available on Ask Heber and other sites? (Yes)
 - (4) (Neal) Do we have enough volunteers? (We have enough staff to handle the clinics).
 - (5) (Jay) We need to be careful to not allow the negativism around COVID bleed over into other vaccination programs. The Health Department can use its good reputation to "convert" people that have been tainted by false vaccination information.
 - (6) (Britt) Perhaps the threat of "long COVID" is a lever in this process.
 - (7) (Jonelle) The state is looking at public perceptions of vaccinations. (Jon) I'm concerned about lumping COVID with other vaccines.
- b) Diabetes Prevention and Management Programs (Kathryn):
 - i) The National Diabetes Prevention Program just ended. There were 7 people that completed the year-long classes.

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	(1) Reported lower A1C, weight loss and improved quality of life. (2) New class starts in October with classes every week initially, tapering off to once a month as the year progresses. (3) (Sara) Are we working with primary care providers? (Yes). (4) (Neal) Do we know what percentage of pre-diabetics in Wasatch County participate? (5) (Kathryn) We don't have that data, but there are other groups providing diabetes prevention programs as well. These are not free and are of shorter duration. (6) (Jonelle) Wasatch County has a lower than state pre-diabetes incidence, but a higher than state diabetes rate.
<i>Business Item 3</i>	UALBOH Report (Jay/Jonelle) – Information/Discussion 1) Participated in steering committee: a) Next symposium will be in early to mid-April either at Thanksgiving Point again, or in Price. Details to be determined. b) We need to improve the way we communicate about health with the community, other health groups and the legislature. c) What is the impact of COVID missteps on child vaccination rate?
<i>Business Item 4</i>	Public Hearing: 1) Sara Simonsen motioned that the meeting move to public hearing, Michelle Ludlow seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. 2) Tracy Richardson presented a resolution to repeal Rule 09-01 governing the permitting, use and maintenance of spas (hot tubs) in short term home rentals for discussion and action. a) Wasatch County rules are now more stringent than the state's in this area. b) Background: i) Short term rentals are defined as rentals of less than 1 month duration. ii) Spas and hot tubs on these premises are currently subject to the same standards of any other pool- difficult to follow because the equipment does not automatically regulate water quality. iii) Wasatch County originally adopted the rule because there were no other rules to cover water quality in spas and hot tubs in short term rentals. iv) At this point, short term lodging rules apply and cover many of the concerns that this rule was meant to cover.

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	v) In August of 2023, the state exempted short term rental spas and hot tubs from pool water rules. vi) Wasatch County is the only county still requiring water quality testing of spas and hot tubs in short term rentals. vii) There are currently 155 short term rental spas or hot tubs permitted in the county. c) Proposed rulemaking is to repeal Rule 09-1. Short term rentals will continue to be licensed as public lodging, including requiring spas and hot tubs be maintained by a certified pool operator. i) There will no longer be a water sampling requirement. ii) This will alleviate some of the pressure on Health Department environmental health personnel. d) Public Comment: i) Jared Griffin: The Wasatch County Health Department environmental staff is too small to handle current demand for spa and hot tub sampling. Further, pools and hot tub water qualities are very difficult to regulate by the nature of the appliance: i.e., water volumes are small and there are no automatic controls on the small units ii) Kimberly Blocker: 30 of the 40 facilities we manage have a hot tub or spa. These are private residences, so access is problematic due to privacy issues. We have had no problems in other counties where testing is not required. iii) Stephanie McDermott: Agreed that the testing is not needed. 3) Kendall Crittenden motioned that the Board repeal Rule 09-1. Sara Simonsen seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously by the Board. The effective date will be determined by the Board at a later date. 4) Britt Manning motioned that the meeting return to a standard Board of Health meeting and Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously, and the meeting was returned to Board Meeting status.
<i>Business Item 5</i>	Public Meetings Act Training (Jon Woodard) – Information/Discussion 1) Jon reviewed the state codes relating to public meetings. 2) The Wasatch County Board of Health is a public body under state code and is therefore required to follow the related rules. a) Anytime a quorum is present, the meeting needs to be noticed properly. Notices for regularly scheduled meetings can be done annually, but changes to meetings can be made at least 24 hours in advance.

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	b) Public meetings do not require public comments, but the Chairman may allow public comments. c) Public hearings have public comments by nature. d) (Jonelle) The county is working on a policy governing public comments. 3) (Jay) Are sidearms permitted? (Jon) State law does not allow restriction.
<i>Business Item 6</i>	Adjourn. 1) Michelle Ludlow motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. 2) The meeting was adjourned.
	Next meeting 4:00 P.M. October 24, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Dr. Neal Burton, Chairperson