

WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 3:03 pm

Present:	Kendall Crittenden Dr. Sara Simonsen Jay Eckersley Coleen Nielsen Michele Ludlow Britt Manning	Chair Vice Chair Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member
Excused:	Dr. Neal Burton	Board Member
Staff:	Jonelle Fitzgerald Brett Woodard Tracy Richardson	Health Officer Business Manager Environmental Health Director
Others:	Jon Woodard William Stern Alejandra Maldonado Gilbert Castaneda	Wasatch County Assistant Attorney Invited Inn DHHS Toxicologist DHHS Toxicologist

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Kendall Crittenden

Invocation: Jon Woodard

Pledge of Allegiance: Britt Manning

<i>Minutes</i>	Minutes from the September 25, 2025 Board of Health meeting were presented. Michelle Ludlow motioned that the minutes be approved, Coleen Nielsen seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
<i>Follow Up</i>	No follow-up. William Stern, owner of Invited Inn was present.
<i>Business Item 2</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Program Reports (All) Review/Discussion<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) (Jonelle) Please take a look at the calendar which is in your packet.<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) November will be a busy monthii) November 22 is the community Thanksgiving dinner, including a coat drive. (1) Sponsored by the Wasatch Community Foundation and the Health Department2) Financial Report (Brett)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) \$314K positive variance to budget to date, down from \$401K last month.b) Note that we are 13% above projected grant revenues to date. That, along with the surplus, will decrease through the end of the year.

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- c) Interest is above that projected, but that is due to the projections being lower than they should have been.
- 3) Director's Report (Jonelle)
 - a) Measles
 - i) Cases at the Arizona/Utah border are still high and are driving Utah's overall cases to be some of the highest in the nation. Cases in this pocket are decreasing now.
 - ii) We continue wastewater testing for measles in Wasatch County. Wasatch collects the samples and sends them to the State for analysis. No positives in Wasatch County to date.
 - iii) To date, 43 cases in southern Utah, 3 in Southeast district, 4 in Bear River.
 - iv) Utah cases are in non-vax areas and are only reported if they visit a doctor, so there are probably more unreported cases.
 - b) Wasatch had a mumps case reported at TMS in a vaccinated student.
 - i) We sent out letters to those who might have come in contact with the student but did not feel the need to implement student exclusions.
 - ii) Only one case, so not classified as an "outbreak" (3 cases).
 - iii) Origin of the case unknown. Student hadn't traveled or been in contact with another known infected person.
 - iv) There have been no additional reported cases, so we're hoping it did not spread.
 - v) MMR is 88% effective at preventing mumps, lower than measles at 97%.
 - c) (Jay) Any update on Utah national guard being deployed in Utah? (No).
 - d) Vaccine Clinics:
 - i) Drive through clinics have been completed in all schools except Midway Elementary, which will be done Friday.
 - ii) Our Flu vaccination numbers are about where they were last year, and COVID is down somewhat so far.
 - iii) VFC (uninsured) vaccinations are at 37 to date vs. 47 last year.
 - iv) (Jay) The vaccine clinics are well received by the community and are good for the Health Department's relations with the public.
 - e) WIC
 - i) Government shutdown is causing some concern with WIC funding. WIC has funding from the state through November.
 - ii) WIC is different from SNAP (food stamps), which will run out of funds November 1 without some congressional action.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">iii) We have funds to continue paying WIC staff beyond the end of November, if needed, but food vouchers will likely not be available after November if the Federal budget is not resolved.iv) WIC staff will continue to support clients.v) The Health Department currently supports 342 households in Wasatch County, up significantly year on year. Wasatch has the highest growth in WIC participants in the state.
<i>Business Item 3</i>	<p>HVSSD Air Monitoring (Alejandra Maldonado, Gilbert Castaneda- DHHS Epidemiologists) – Information/Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) DHHS got involved in monitoring the HVSSD waste treatment environment due to neighbor concerns that the waste treatment plant posed health risks.2) The report is mostly done, with the data fully collected and the written report about ready for review.3) We collected initial data on H₂S in 2024, but needed to get more sensitive monitors, which we obtained from DEQ.4) Data was collected from April through October 2024 and March through June 2025 from monitors placed at the lagoon and 3 other community locations.5) Sampling periods were chosen coinciding with periods of peak complaints received on a complaint collection site- using online complaint form. The complaint frequency data is not scientifically rigorous but was felt to be indicative of when objectional odors were present. Data did not include list of complaints furnished by the community. No ability to determine if multiple complaints were filed by the same person.6) Reported odors were primarily “sewer gas”, “rotten egg” and “ammonia”.7) Weather monitors at HVSSD indicated that wind direction was primarily to the north which is not directly toward monitoring sites.8) Observed H₂S concentrations at the lagoon location occasionally exceeded the 70 ppb concern threshold, but not for any extended periods. Data collection ended in June, but it appears likely that there would be H₂S readings greater than 70 ppb subsequent to that. The termination date was determined based on funding and because the odor complaints historically fell before June.9) None of the community test sites reported H₂S levels over 70 ppb at any time.

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	<p>10) If H₂S levels consistently exceed 70 ppb for 2 weeks or more, H₂S can cause respiratory irritation. Even in this case, the H₂S is not considered toxic or life threatening. It's not a carcinogen.</p> <p>11) H₂S at levels greater than 0.5 ppb can be smelled, but pose no threat to health.</p> <p>12) Next step is to present the formal report for review by the federal agency, after which it will be presented at community meetings.</p> <p>13) Data and information about the study can be obtained at www.appletree.utah.gov.</p> <p>14) (Jay) Has the public been given any timeline for seeing the final report? (No.)</p> <p>15) (Jonelle) I have chatted with both mayors.</p> <p>16) (Jon) Should the planning department attend the final presentation? (Yes.)</p> <p>17) (Jay) Any concern for HVSSA employees being exposed to excess H₂S? There is not enough data for a definitive answer, but it seems unlikely that employees would be close enough to concentrated sites to have a risk. Bear in mind that the monitors at the lagoon site were placed right at the point where sewage enters the lagoons. Employees would be unlikely to spend time there.</p>
<i>Business Item 4</i>	<p>2026 Budget Presentation (Jonelle/Brett) - Discussion/Action</p> <p>1) 2026 budget was presented and discussed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">IT expense increases were flagged as very high relative to other increases.Comparative numbers between 2025 and 2026 were presented with major changes flagged and explained.Note that we anticipate using some of the existing reserves from vehicles and water study funds in 2026.Also note that no reductions in current staff are anticipated except possibly one part-time temporary staff position eliminated if the PDG grant is not renewed. Also, one part-time temporary staff position will have reduced hours.
<i>Business Item 5</i>	<p>2026 Fee Schedule Presentation (Jonelle/Brett) Discussion/Action</p> <p>1) 2026 proposed fee schedule was presented and changes from 2025 were discussed.</p> <p>2) Changes were primarily increases in fees due to increased costs to provide the associated services.</p> <p>3) Food fees were restructured to reflect potential risks that the restaurant present to the public. Classification of risk will be determined based on</p>

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	<p>a risk assessment questionnaire developed. Each establishment will be rated for risk this year.</p> <p>4) Establishment size categories for lodging fees were adjusted to more fairly reflect the lower effort needed to monitor small B&B's and other small operations.</p> <p>5) A few new fees were introduced to reflect new services offered by the health department (lead testing) and to reflect changes in Utah regulations (dogs on patios of restaurants)</p> <p>6) Are there sliding scales provided for indigents and low-income persons? (Yes, and it continues to be the health department's policy to waive fees in cases of need).</p> <p>7) (Jay) Perhaps the fee waiver should be made a formal policy. (It is part of the sliding fee schedule)</p> <p>8) (Sara) We probably need to clarify the language in the Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Test fee. It is not clear. (Jonelle will ensure recommended clarifications and added for the final version).</p>
<i>Business Item 6</i>	<p>Public Hearing- (Kendall Crittenden)</p> <p>1) Fee schedule and budget approval (Jonelle) Discussion/Action</p> <p>a) William Stern asked how the food establishment risk levels are to be determined.</p> <p>i) (Tracy) Classification of risk will be determined based on a risk assessment questionnaire developed by the State of Utah. Each establishment will be rated for risk this year.</p> <p>ii) (Jay) Will the inspections be consultative? (Yes.)</p> <p>2) Public hearing was closed.</p> <p>a) Jay Eckersley motioned that the Board approve the 2026 budget and the 2026 fee schedule. Sara Simonsen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.</p> <p>Next meeting 3:00 P.M. November 20, 2025.</p>
<i>Business Item 7</i>	Michelle motioned that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Jay and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Kendall Crittenden, Chairperson