

WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, June 26, 2027, 4:03 pm

Present:	Kendall Crittenden	Chair
	Dr. Sara Simonsen	Vice Chair
	Jay Eckersley	Board Member
	Coleen Nielsen	Board Member
	Michele Ludlow	Board Member
	Britt Manning	Board Member
	Dr. Neal Burton	Board Member
Staff:	Jonelle Fitzgerald	Health Officer
	Brett Woodard	Business Manager
	Tracy Richardson	Environmental Health Director
	Brenda Scobee	Immunizations Nurse

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Kendall Crittenden
Invocation: Dr. Sara Simonsen
Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Neal Burton

<i>Minutes</i>	Minutes from the June 26, 2025 Board of Health meeting were presented. Dr. Sara Simonsen motioned that the minutes be approved, Coleen Nielsen seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
<i>Follow Up</i>	No follow-up. No members of the public were present.
<i>Business Item 2</i>	<div>1) Program Reports (Information/Discussion)<div>a) Environmental Health (Tracy)<div>i) EH Software<div>(1) (Jonelle) The PHiG grant was designed to give health departments funding for infrastructure. It includes funds for upgrading and modernizing health department information systems.<div>(2) Tracy has been investigating software packages that would allow environmental records and operations to be digitized.<div>(3) (Tracy) Environmental health records are still being kept on paper copies and recorded in spreadsheets.<div>(4) A recent GRAMA request demonstrated how critically we need digital access to records, as the request took several hours to fulfil. If we had a digitized database, it would have taken only minutes.<div>(5) Several other health departments are using HSGov, and we are evaluating this software, among others, to determine</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>

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which offers the best solution for us. The program would digitize records as well as processes.

(6) (Kendall) Will we be digitizing the old records as well? (Yes, eventually).

(7) (Jonelle) The EH software is already budgeted.

ii) Water Quality

(1) The report for the spring 2025 water quality study will be completed in September.

(2) We hope to drill another test well this year and have identified a couple of promising sites, including one at the new fire station and another in the North Fields.

(a) (Kendall) The County Council oversees the fire station site. Either Kendall or Jonelle could facilitate interfacing with the County to determine if the fire station site is feasible.

(3) HVSSD has offered to share data from their test wells for groundwater quality monitoring.

(4) We are basically at the end of our contract with Jacobs for water quality work. We will require ongoing monitoring work for the project and are considering rebidding for that work or extending the contract with Jacobs to do the work.

(a) There have been some difficulties with Jacobs under the current contract regarding cost overruns and expensive add-ons.

(b) (Kendall) Will we need to rebid the work? (We should ask Jon Woodard for guidance).

iii) Jonelle noted that Tracy has also been prime on the health records database (eCW).

b) Immunization Program- (Brenda)

c) Flu/COVID

i) Flu

(1) We have scheduled onsite vaccinations at the schools. Emails have been sent, and information will be forwarded to parents/students. Those interested will need to sign consents and provide insurance information online in order to get the vaccinations.

(2) Drive through vaccinations will be available on 10/8 and 10/9/2025. We are posting signs in neighborhoods and placing banners at the library and police station.

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- (3) We've also scheduled onsite vaccinations at Spring Gardens and the Care Center.
- (4) Walk-ins are also welcome at the health department.
- (5) We'll have the vaccines available before the September BoH meeting for board members interested in getting their vaccination then.
- (6) We are aware that the health department is not the primary source of flu and COVID vaccinations, but we will continue to offer vaccinations as a service.
- (7) (Sara) Will the health department offer Flumist? Yes, and Flumist is not available at pharmacies. Flumist is authorized for persons aged 2-49.
- (8) (Coleen) We might consider contacting Wasatch Parks and Rec. to advertise. They have a publication that is widely read- particularly by school kids.

ii) COVID

- (1) We are still awaiting CDC's ACIP committee guidance for COVID vaccinations. This will greatly impact whether insurance will pay for the vaccination or not, which in turn, will impact the number of vaccinations given.
- (2) We know that COVID vaccinations for those 65 years and older are recommended and have ordered vaccines for that population. We're waiting to order vaccines for other populations until we get more information.
- (3) We can order later, as well as return up to 15% of both flu and COVID vaccines ordered in excess of needs.
- (4) There are "off label" COVID vaccines available for those outside of the recommended ages. We'll recommend that any people interested are referred to family doctors. The health department does not intend to offer "off label" doses.

iii) Measles

- (1) SW Utah has had several cases, but the rate is declining.
 - (a) Recommending MMR vaccination at 6 months old if traveling to Washington County or internationally. MMA vaccinations to those under 1 year old will need to be revaccinated when they get older.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(2) Cases have been kids, and all have been in unvaccinated persons.(3) We have some free doses of MMR vaccine for those needing assistance.
2) Financial Report (Brett)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) \$322K positive variance to budget to dateb) This will begin to decrease starting in August because several of the grants have been fully expended, but work under them continues.c) We are in the process of preparing the 2026 budget and updating the fee schedule. These will be presented in October.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Budget looks better than expected, with no workforce reductions required.ii) Some grants have continued where they were expected to terminate.iii) We did have one position eliminated due to attrition.
3) General update (Jonelle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Funding Outlook<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Better than expected as reported by Brett.b) Hospital/School Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Presented to IHC (finally) but was also able to present updates on infectious disease, which was beneficial. Wastewater infection data was confirmed by doctors' experience.ii) We've been talking to schools re: Measles/Infectious disease planning.<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) If a measles case is confirmed in the school, unvaccinated persons could be required to stay home for 21 days.(2) (Britt) What can allow an exception for vaccination? (Health, personal, religious reasons)(3) Measles cases are mandatory to report.(4) Herd vaccination rate is ~95%, MMR vaccination rates in Wasatch County public schools range from 89% to 93%(5) Soldier Hollow Charter School is around 75%. If there's a case reported there, 70 kids could be excluded from participation for 21 days.(6) (Coleen) Have the vaccination rates been decreasing? (Yes, down from ~95% over the last 10 years.)c) (Kendall) Any update on the HVSSD study? (The monitors are installed)d) (Sara) What is the wastewater status at Soldier Summit Charter School?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Samples are required once a quarter. School just started, so there are no samples yet. ii) Jonelle met with new principal, who seemed supportive. We will be monitoring and working with staff. e) Baby Station is all set up and ready to go for Swiss Days starting Friday. f) (Jay) Is there a cell phone policy in place in the school district per the legislature's new law? (Yes, per Coleen).
<i>Business Item 3</i>	<p>UALBOH Update (Jay Eckersley) – Information/Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The symposium evaluation is being reviewed, and discussions are ongoing to determine the content of the next symposium. 2) Next symposium in the April timeframe. Location TBD. UALBOH is open to input on topics and location.
<i>Business Item 4</i>	<p>Community Health Needs Assessment (Jonelle) - Discussion/Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We're currently in the middle of the assessment. Working with IHC, getting information from the community. 2) Jonelle presented early data including historical causes of death. 3) Path is CHA (Community Health Assessment) to CHNA (Community Health Needs Assessment) to CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) which in turn informs the health department's strategic plan. 4) Much of the health assessment comes from data found in IBIS- the state's data repository. 5) Jonelle compared statewide 2015 health priorities to the 2022 priorities. She explained that IHC groups several counties together to collect data and then rolls up the grouped results into a statewide result. 6) Note that 2022 was the first time social determinates was included in the priorities ranking. 7) Jonelle presented several comparative statistics including infectious diseases, cancer and mental health, comparing Wasatch County Utah and the US. Noted that several of the statistics for Wasatch County were not reliable due to the small sample size. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Question: Should we be looking at thyroid cancer in addition to other cancers in the presentation? 8) (Jay) When we look at the strategic plan, should we include goals relating to public image/credibility in the new world with CDC's current shaky credibility? In the current environment, perhaps we should rein in our claims which were previously very reliant on CDC data/ recommendations.

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	9) (Jonelle) It would be helpful to understand evidence-based strategies related to mental health outcomes since mental health has been identified in the past two health needs assessments. This might be good as a presentation at UALBOH.
<i>Business Item 5</i>	Q5 – 2 nd quarter report was delayed to a future meeting .
<i>Business Item 7</i>	Adjournment. Dr. Burton motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Simonsen seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting 3:00 P.M. September 25, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Kendall Crittenden, Chairperson