

# WCHD BOH Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2027, 3:03 pm

<b>Present:</b>	Dr. Neal Burton Dr. Sara Simonsen Jay Eckersley Coleen Nielsen Kendall Crittenden Michele Ludlow	Chair Vice Chair Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member
<b>Excused:</b>	Britt Manning	Board Member
<b>Staff:</b>	Jonelle Fitzgerald Brett Woodard Tracy Richardson Amber Pulley Lana North	Health Officer Business Manager Environmental Health Director Infectious Disease Investigations PIO
<b>Other:</b>	Jon Woodard John Howells	Wasatch County Assistant Attorney Public

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Dr. Sara Simonsen

Invocation: Michele Ludlow

Pledge of Allegiance: Britt Manning

<i>Minutes</i>	Minutes from the January 23, 2025 Board of Health meeting were presented. Michele Ludlow motioned that the minutes be approved, Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
<i>Follow Up</i>	No follow-up.  John Howells attended vis Zoom as an interested party to the groundwater variance discussion.
<i>Business Item 2</i>	Agenda Items 1) Program Reports (Jonelle) Information/Discussion a) Communications/PIO (Lana North) i) The Health Department is about midway through its community health assessment. (1) Using MySidewalk for data and comment collection (2) Also use CHNA (Community Health Needs Assessment) which is a collaboration between Intermountain Health, University of Utah Health and public health departments. (3) (Coleen) When will the results of the assessment be available? (By year end, they will be available to the public on social platforms)

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- ii) Lana presented and discussed the Health Department annual report which is ready for distribution
  - (1) Highlighted:
    - (a) Seniors' farmer market, which benefitted 90 people and distributed 3,000 pounds of produce in its first year last year. Note that Wasatch Community Foundation will supplement and perhaps expand this in 2025.
    - (b) Department sponsored youth clubs in the middle and high schools, and
    - (c) WIC's introduction of virtual appointments.
    - (d) (Kendall) There is another group using the "THRIVE" title for an unrelated youth program. This needs to be corrected as it is confusing the public.
  - (2) (Jay) Would like to see our efforts on groundwater separated out on the website.
  - (3) Members of the Board were assigned to present the reports to the various political units in Wasatch County.
- iii) Infectious disease report (Amber)
  - (1) Wasatch County has identified 17 cases of latent TB to date this year. This is a lot more than in recent years and may be related to an increased number of citizenship applications
  - (2) Chlamydia cases are up this year, as are syphilis cases. Gonorrhea cases are down.
  - (3) There are no measles cases in Utah yet, but there is concern that the upcoming spring break may result in some. Herd immunity for measles requires 95% immunization, but Utah is currently 86.2% immunized.
  - (4) COVID and Flu hospitalizations are down

- 2) Financial Report- (Jonelle/Brett) Discussion/Action
  - a) February 2025 financial results were presented. These results are not indicative of expected 2025 full year results because of the short period covered and because of the impacts of year-end adjustments. March results should be more indicative of the year's expected results.
  - b) Final December 2024 financials were presented
    - i) Net surplus at \$475K for the year due primarily to above-budget tax and interest collections and reduced expenditures for groundwater wells.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) Noted that there have been funding reductions announced and large surpluses are not anticipated in the current and future years.</li> <li>iii) Recommended allocation of the surplus was presented.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Jay Eckersley motioned that the recommended surplus funds allocation be approved. Coleen Nielsen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3) Director's Report (Jonelle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Legislative update has been previously covered.</li> <li>b) Upcoming events: THRIVE Community Education night on March 27, and the Preparedness and Self Reliance Fair on March 29.</li> </ul>
<i>Business Item 3</i>	<p>UALBOH Report (Jay/Jonelle) – Information/Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Reminder of the symposium scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> at Thanksgiving Point.</li> <li>2) (Jonelle) All Board members that are available to attend are registered.</li> <li>3) Gayla Sperry, our WIC director, will be presented with an award at the symposium.</li> </ul>
<i>Business Item 4</i>	<p>Wastewater Variance Rule Discussion (Tracy) – Information/Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Tracy presented an overview of a proposed rule variance process for wastewater:</li> <li>2) Two parts:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Variances for Utah Rule R317-4, where there is already a state process for variances. This would include clarification of the process and fees.</li> <li>b) Variances for Wasatch County Rule 06-01.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Variance applications could only be made to the provisions of the Rule specifically listed: currently proposed to be limited to only Section III of the rule which relates to groundwater.</li> <li>ii) No other variances could be requested under the current proposal.</li> <li>iii) Variances would be considered only if the results could be demonstrated to be less impactful to groundwater than current rules,</li> <li>iv) The process provides that appeals of rejected variance requests be made directly to the Board of Health, not the Health Officer due to the Health Officer's heavy involvement in reviewing the proposed variance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>v) The process would require a fee, and that the applicant pay expenses incurred by the Health Department in reviewing the requested variance.</p> <p>3) Discussion by the Board:</p> <p>a) (Jon) Discussions around fee vs. review expenses. There are currently other Health Department services that require expenses to be reimbursed in addition to a fee.</p> <p>b) (Jay) Opinion- It is not in the purview of the Board of Health to create rule variances. The Health Department's role is to safeguard public health in accordance with Board of Health approved rules.</p> <p>c) It was proposed that a follow-up review of the proposal be made in the May Board meeting after Board members have had a chance to further review the proposal and consider alternatives</p> <p>d) Kendall Crittenden motioned that the Board reconsider the proposal in the May Board meeting. Dr. Burton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.</p>
<i>Business Item 5</i>	<p>Officer Elections – (Sara) – Discussion/Action</p> <p>1) Nominations for Chairman of the Board were opened.</p> <p>a) Dr. Burton nominated Kendall Crittenden as the Chairman. Coleen Nielsen seconded the motion.</p> <p>b) Jay motioned that Sara Simonsen be appointed vice chairman of the Board. Coleen seconded the motion.</p> <p>2) Both motions were unanimously passed by the Board.</p>
<i>Business Item 6</i>	<p>Q5 Update was postponed</p>
<i>Business Item 7</i>	<p>1) Adjournment. Kendall motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Michelle seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned,</p> <p>Next meeting 3:00 P.M. May 22, 2025.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

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Dr. Sara Simonsen, Chairperson