Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Conducted Remotely through Zoom

Monday, April 27, 2020 - DRAFT

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	**Board Members Present:** Ilyssa Golding - Chair, Doug Evans, Marc Watterson, Kim Carson, Dorothy Adams, Chris Cherniak, Chris Ure - *Absent* **Staff Present:** Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Jennifer Morrill, Nate Brooks, Derek Siddoway, Lisa Yoder, Shelley Worley, Dave Thomas, Chris Crowley, Cindy Keyes, Alyssa Mitchell, Kelly Gallo, Carolyn Rose, Katy Staley	
Welcome and approval of minutes	The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. ***Board Member Carson made a motion to open the meeting. Board Member Cherniak seconded the motion.*** **• *Board Member Evans made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 6, 2020 Board of Health Meeting as written. Board Member Cherniak seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.***	*Summary:* *• The minutes for the April 6, 2020 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.*
Public Comment	• No public comment was made.	
Budget Update	• Cindy Keyes shared the budget reduction summary. There was a total deduction in the Health Department and Sustainability budget of $239,000. The reduction is due to not receiving anticipated funding. Most reductions were made in travel and training and materials and supplies. New hires and wage bonuses are currently frozen. Dr. Bullough stated that every department in the County is being asked by the County Council to reduce their budgets. There are forecasted revenues from grants, and it is not anticipated there will be a big hit to mental health services. Aaron Newman will present this information to the County Council. There will be decreases in programs across the board, including substance abuse prevention. Cindy had recommended not including grant funds in the budget because they are not realized funds, and unguaranteed grants will not be included in the budget in the future. Demands on the Health Department have gone way up, and so they are being very careful about where reductions are being made. About 85% of fee collection is done in the first quarter of the year, so most fees have already been collected.	*Summary:* *• The budget was presented and discussed.* *• New hires and wage bonuses are frozen right now.*
Summit COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update	• Dr. Bullough shared that the data for Summit County is looking good, and he is proud of how the community has responded. To date in Summit County there are 359 total cases, 5158 people tested, 32 hospitalizations, and no deaths. Actual prevalence has gone down in the community. The estimated number of individuals being infected by one individual is 0.75. The number of cases is declining. Summit County is using a 21-day marker for recovery. The total number of recovered individuals is greater than the number of active cases right now. The biggest number of cases per day during increased testing was ten. Summit County responded aggressively and early, and the incidence for COVID-19 is down. Utah County was impacted later than Summit County and had relatively little restrictions and shows a higher incidence of growth right now. • Antibody testing is not a panacea. An individual does not necessarily have full immunity if they have antibodies. Summit County will be part of a pilot study of 10,000 randomly selected addresses from Summit, Salt Lake, Davis, and Utah counties. The study will provide a baseline of exposure in the population. Broadscale antibody testing will not be provided. The State Health Department has stated that there is no evidence that having antibodies protects an individual from COVID-19. There is not enough data to support that assumption.	*Summary:* *• COVIC-19 data was shared. Prevalence has gone down in the community.* *• Summit County will participate in an antibody pilot study.* *• The impacts from workers coming into Summit County from other areas will be included in mitigations.* *• The protocol for contact tracing was shared.*

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	• Dr. Bullough stated that the impacts of workers coming into Summit County from other areas need to be mitigated. These mitigations will be built into the requirements for businesses opening back up. • Carolyn Rose shared the protocol for contact tracing. When there is a positive case of COVID-19, an investigator is assigned. The investigator asks the positive individual to provide information about close contacts (those who the individual was within six feet of for more than fifteen minutes in the last two weeks). Those contacts are then put on a fourteen-day monitoring period. Most contact tracing is being done by the Utah Department of Health.	
Proposed New Health Order	• Dr. Bullough stated that Summit County will follow the Governor's *Utah Leads Together 2.0* plan and believes that the specific recommendations of the plan are logical. Summit County has not been pressured into adopting the 2.0 plan. The favorable data that was discussed shows that moving to the moderate stage right now is good timing. There are some gaps in the 2.0 plan. Summit County Health Department is gathering proposals from the business sector, which are due today. The applications were put together by businesses and community liaisons to develop recommendations for opening businesses. • Dr. Bondurant stated that appeals have somewhat driven this process where business sectors identify the concerns of reopening businesses. thirty-one work groups were set up to establish the protocols to fill in the gaps left by the 2.0 plan. Each group was appointed a county liaison who would submit the group's proposal to the Health Department for review. If approved by the Health Department, then the protocols will be included in the new Health Order. The Health Department will decide if each business sector that has submitted a proposal will be able to open, open with restrictions, or not open. The review process will include the Health Department, the County Council, and Legal. Reviews will be completed by tomorrow afternoon to be published in the Health Order if appropriate. Some of the individual industries have proposed stricter regulations than what the Health Department would have thought of. The process of reopening businesses will take time and a stabilized approach. The County needs to get it right the first time to prevent having to close businesses again. The Health Order will be reassessed on May 15, 2020. Some industries may not be ready to open by May 1, 2020 and may have additional time to open. If approved, businesses may open any time after May 1st, if they meet the conditions in the new Health Order. Dr. Bullough stated that the Health Order will go into effect on May 1, 2020 and will include a lifting of the stay-at-home order. The 2.0 plan has strong language about social distancing, gatherings, and masks. Restrictions on intra-county travel will be eased. It is anticipated that State Parks in Summit County will open with restrictions. The 2.0 plan suggests that libraries and schools remain closed. The appeals process will continue, and it is anticipated that there will be several appeals. Many business sectors will have restrictions that are not included in their proposals, and the working groups will evaluate what is working and what is not. Moving to yellow may come at the end of the summer. Dr. Bullough stated there are many businesses that are already self-regulating. Most violations are reported by other businesses. The Health Department will be on top of complaints as they come in and encourages reporting of violators. Businesses want to be conservative and do things the right way so they do not have to go back to red. Many restaurants will not have in-house dining yet. Board Member Carson stated there is a dynamic tension between	*Summary:* *• The new Health Order follows the Governor's Utah Leads Together 2.0 plan. proposals from business sectors will fill in the gaps of the 2.0 plan.* *• Based on proposals from 31 business sectors, businesses will be approved to open, open with additional restrictions, or not be approved to open.* *• The new Health Order will go into effect May 1, 2020.*

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	protecting public health and easing restrictions. There is no way to control individuals coming in from outside the community. The new Health Order does not mean business as usual. People will be required to wear masks and continue to wash their hands frequently. Be practical! Watch group gatherings, limit the number of people you are around. Maintain social distancing of six feet with anyone not in your household. The new Health Order will be sent to the Board as soon as it is ready. The Health Department is doing its best to keep the community informed. Any questions or concerns can be sent to healthdepartment@summitcounty.org.	
Other Board Items	• Board Member Carson thanked the Board of Health, County Staff, and the community for all their dedication and hard work.	*Summary:* *• The Board, County Staff and the community were thanked.*
Adjourn	• The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m. • ***Board Members Cherniak and Evans made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.***	*Summary:* *• The next meeting will be scheduled based on appeals as a Zoom conference. Chair Golding will call the Board meeting.*