Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Summit County Health Dept. Conference Room 650 Round Valley Drive Park City, Utah 84060 Meeting also conducted via Zoom

Monday, June 7, 2021 - DRAFT

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	Board Members Present: Chris Cherniak – Chair, Ilyssa Golding, Chris Ure, Doug Evans, Roger Armstrong, Dorothy Adams, Marc Watterson - Absent Staff Present: Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Derek Moss, Chris Crowley, Brian Craven, Louise Saw, Nate Brooks, Nann Worel, Jennifer Morrill, Katy Staley	
Welcome and approval of minutes	The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. • Board Member Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 3, 2021 Board of Health Meeting with changes. Board Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. • Board Member Evans made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 10, 2021 Board of Health Special Meeting as written. Board Member Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.	Summary: • The minutes for the May 3, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved with changes. The minutes for the May 10, 2021 Board of Health Special Meeting were approved as written.
Public Comment	• Nann Worel shared that at the last Park City Council meeting a Resolution was passed honoring Dr. Bullough and the Health Department Staff for all they have done during the pandemic. Nann thanked the Board of Health and all the Health Department Staff on behalf of Mayor Beerman and the Park City Council.	Summary: • A Resolution was passed by Park City Council honoring Dr. Bullough and the Health Department Staff for their work during the pandemic.
Environmental Health Department Update	 Nate Brooks shared information about the gray water program. All municipalities are in favor of a gray water program but have questions. The State and the Health Department also have questions. The program structure is similar to what has been offered for years. A perc test is required, then there will be a design review and a permit will be given. The gray water system will be recorded on the property deed, then there will be a final site inspection. Tier one is a standard system, and tier two is a pressurized system. An annual inspection will be performed for all gray water systems. The Health Department will maintain the system records. Any problems that occur will have to be addressed as needed. Gray water systems will help further water conservation. Anyone interested in having a gray water system can come to the Health Department for information. There has been a lack of follow-up with swimming pools and spa inspections. The timeframe is similar to the food program with a three-tier system with associated timeframes to catch everything on pool inspections. A reinspection fee will be applied. No self-closures will be allowed for non-compliance. Closures will be handled by the Health Department with associated closure fees. The establishment owner will be notified of any issues. Any unpermitted spas will have a free onsite inspection to define what needs to come up to Code within a 15-day timeframe, with another inspection in 30 days. The Health Department will work with anyone to help meet the Code. There have been a high number of calls concerning ticks this year. If a person is bit, then the tick should be identified and tested. The public can get a vial for ticks to be sent in. According to research, the drought does not affect the number of ticks. If you have a tick on you do not panic. If the tick is embedded remove it carefully and consult with a physician. Lyme disease is not as common in Utah ticks, but more likely carry Rocky 	Summary: The new gray water program was discussed. Anyone interested can get information from the Health Department. Nate shared an update about swimming pool and spa inspections. The timeframe for follow-up was discussed. There have been a higher number of calls about ticks this year. Information about ticks will be available on the Health Department website.

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	Mountain spotted fever and Colorado tick fever. Pets can provide a host for ticks to come into homes. Do thorough checks, wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants, and use bug spray with 30 to 40 percent Deet. Links with information about ticks will be sent to the Board of Health and the information will be posted on the Health Department website. There will be an update next month.	
COVID Update – Cases and Trends	• Dr. Bullough shared that Summit County is no longer in the mass vaccination output phase and has remarkably low COVID rates. The three-day average case rate per 100,000 hit 0.00 today. The seven-day positivity rate is at 0.7 percent. There have not been any new hospitalizations in weeks. The thirteenth death due to COVID has been reported. There is still COVID in the community, so everyone needs to still be smart and get vaccinated. Summit County has been reclassified and moved into the low transmission category. There has been an increase in breakthrough cases with the majority being those who had the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The breakthrough cases are not being hospitalized. The vaccines are working. Breakthrough numbers are low with most being asymptomatic. Deaths and hospitalizations are few but will still be a part of our lives. Being in the low transmission index is not a license to be foolish or dangerous.	Summary: • Dr. Bullough shared a COVID update. Numbers are low. There have been some breakthrough cases, but most are asymptomatic. • COVID will remain part of our lives.
COVID Update – Vaccination Program	 Derek Moss shared that Moderna is still the primary vaccine being used in Summit County. There is a small amount of Johnson & Johnson available, and it is anticipated that Pfizer will be in-house in Summit County soon. People are still coming in to get their first dose of vaccine. It is reasonable to expect younger people (under 12) will be able to get the vaccine in the fall. The fall may also be the time when boosters will start to be given. There needs to be a solid plan in place if those two timelines intersect. Vaccination numbers are lower on the East side of the County, but there is an effort to reach out to the East side population. The lower vaccination rate on the East side is specific to the COVID vaccine. Derek and his team are working to make sure the vaccine is available and that there is no disincentive to getting the vaccine. Chair Cherniak asked about natural immunity. Louise Saw answered that only twelve reinfections (a positive test more than 90 days after the first positive test with symptoms) have been reported in the County. The majority of reinfections have been pretty far out from the first infection. Board Member Golding asked what kind of messaging is being used for those who are unvaccinated. Dr. Bullough answered that some businesses post signs asking people to wear masks if they are not vaccinated. The issue with herd immunity is that the herd is always changing, particularly in a resort community. 	Summary: Derek Moss shared an update about vaccinations. The younger (under 12) population should be able to get vaccinated in the fall. Boosters will probably also start being given in the fall. Natural and herd immunity was discussed.
Directorship – Transition Activity	 Dr. Bullough shared that Dr. Bondurant is onboard to take over as Health Director and has been attending all Health Officer and State meetings. Dr. Bondurant stated the transition and the timing has been great. It is good to be able to talk about public health beyond COVID. Interviews for the Deputy Health Director will begin Friday. A game plan for moving forward will be crafted over the next month. The transition seems to be going well. Dr. Bullough stated that Dr. Bondurant and the Staff will work well together. Dr. Bondurant should lead the next meeting. 	Summary: The Health Director transition is going well. Interviews for the Deputy Health Director will begin this Friday.
Other Board Discussion Items	Board Member Evans asked about transitioning from Zoom meetings to in-person meetings and expressed that having Zoom available makes it easier for the public to participate in meetings. Chair Cherniak expressed his desire to have Board Members attend in person. Dr. Bondurant shared that Chris Crowley and his team are working to get the downstairs conference room ready for in-person meetings, if needed. Board Member	Summary: • The transition from Zoom to in-person meetings was discussed. Flexibility with both in- person and Zoom is worthwhile.

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	Armstrong stated that the County Council has the choice to be in-person or online. Zoom is needed for opportunities to engage with public input. Some flexibility is worthwhile. • Dr. Bondurant shared that the second half of a vaccine clinic will be held at the Kamas Health Center. Rodeo tickets and Derby tickets are being donated for a raffle to incentivize people getting the vaccine.	Another vaccine clinic will be held in Kamas with a raffle for rodeo and derby tickets as incentives.
Adjourn		Summary: • The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12 th at 4pm.