

# Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Conducted Remotely through Zoom

**Monday, October 5, 2020 - DRAFT**

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
<b>Attendance</b>	<p><b>Board Members Present:</b> Ilyssa Golding - Chair, Doug Evans, Marc Watterson, Chris Cherniak, Chris Ure, Kim Carson, Dorothy Adams</p> <p><b>Staff Present:</b> Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Nate Brooks, Cindy Keyes, Carolyn Rose, Shelley Worley, Krachel Fullmer, Brian Craven, Chris Crowley, Derek Moss, Nann Worel, Katy Staley</p>	
	CLOSED SESSION – Personnel 4:00-4:30	
<b>Welcome and approval of minutes</b>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. <b>Board Member Evans made a motion to open the meeting. Board Member Cherniak seconded the motion.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board Member Carson made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2020 Board of Health Meeting as written. Board Member Cherniak seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The minutes for the September 14, 2020 Board of Health meetings were approved.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No public comment was made.</li> </ul>	
<b>Director’s Report (Budget)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bullough shared that the proposed 2021 budget was reviewed at the last meeting. The proposed budget is a reduced budget, but excellent public health services will still be delivered. The Health Department has prepared for difficulties.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The proposed budget is reduced, but excellent public health services will still be delivered.</i></li> <li>• <i>Carolyn Rose is retiring and Derek Moss has been hired as the new Nursing Director.</i></li> <li>• <i>Lisa Yoder is retiring as the Sustainability Director, and recruitment is underway for that position.</i></li> <li>• <i>Kelly Gallo is moving and interviews have been done to fill the Environmental Health Scientist position.</i></li> <li>• <i>Lisa Yoder and her sustainability partners are years ahead of schedule with the goal of achieving 100% renewable energy. There is also a shift toward community solar.</i></li> </ul>
<b>(Personnel)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolyn Rose is retiring at the end of the month, which has been planned for a couple of years. Carolyn was thanked for all of her hard work. Derek Moss has been hired as the new Nursing Director and is currently being cross-trained and is already providing good input. The nursing position at the jail that Derek Moss held is in the interview process. That position is under the Sheriff’s Department. Board Member Carson thanked Carolyn on behalf of the County Council. Carolyn has always been calm and collected and has accomplished above and beyond what is expected of Community Nursing services.</li> <li>• Lisa Yoder, the Sustainability Director is retiring. Lisa will stay on part-time to train the new Director who is currently being recruited. Board Member Cherniak stated that Lisa Yoder has always been professional and well-informed, and the Board wishes her well. Lisa will keep her position until December and will be more fully recognized at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>(Highlights)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly Gallo is moving. Interviews have been done for the Environmental Health Scientist position, and there should be a replacement soon. There are some positions that have a hiring freeze, but there is a health obligation for the positions that are being filled.</li> <li>• Lisa Yoder and her sustainability partners have accomplished great work with solar energy. The goal of Summit County achieving 100 percent renewable energy is years ahead of schedule. There is also a shift to getting community solar. These solar energy goals have been a priority of the County Council.</li> </ul>	
<b>COVID-19 Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bullough shared a COVID-19 summary. The total number of cases is a moving target. The County hit twenty cases in one day on Saturday. The number of cases in the County is surging. The total number of hospitalizations is 28. There are two current COVID-19 hospitalizations in the county, with one ICU (Intensive Care Unit) bed being used. The Utah Medical Association has made a plea to everyone to be extremely diligent. Masks help, but they are not the total answer. Social distancing is also needed. There were large numbers of positive cases over the weekend that were nearly three times the goal, which mirrors the rest of the state.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Data for COVID-19 was shared and discussed.</i></li> <li>• <i>The number of cases in the County and the State are surging.</i></li> <li>• <i>The school districts are working hard to protect their staff, students, and the community.</i></li> </ul>

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	<p>The number of active cases is climbing, which means there have been recently significant increases day after day. The fitted curve over time is trending up for active cases. The State estimate for R Naught is 1.6. The goal is below one. Male and female have similar numbers of cases. The Latin X population is not being tested as much, but the Health Department is working on funding to reach that population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been an increase in the number of cases in the South Summit area. All school districts have reported fewer than five cases per district, with Park City School District at 7 cases. The school districts are working hard to protect their staff, students, and the community. and have a good handle on what is occurring in the schools. No school has gone over the threshold for active cases that would require more remote learning. There have been open discussions with the Superintendents about schools electing to go to remote learning if there is a surge in cases, but the two-week window of closing does not appear to work in other areas.</li> <li>• Board Member Cherniak asked if there is any sense of the sources of the increased cases. Dr. Bullough answered the sources are mixed. Carolyn Rose answered that a lot of the recent cases seem to come from school sports and classes, as well as transmission between family members. The rumor that cases among family members only counts as one case is not true. Dr. Bullough stated that the active case charts are finally automated and there are ongoing conversations about what to add to the data charts. If there is data that is not able to be automated then introductory paragraphs will be included to explain what data is being shown. The goal is to have fewer active cases than the number of recovered cases, which would show a downward slope (recovering exceeding incidence).</li> <li>• Board Member Watterson stated that DEQ (Division of Environmental Quality) is doing sewer testing on the West side and asked if there is a population threshold for sewer testing and if testing could be done on the East side of the county. Dr. Bullough answered that sewer testing on the East side is being considered and talked about for Coalville. In order to have the sewer testing done, it must be a sewer system and must have the ability to isolate the in-flow.</li> <li>• Chair Golding asked about the current positivity rate and how it is calculated. Dr. Bullough stated that the testing is adequate and positivity is based on the daily number of tests. The State is currently at a 14 percent positivity rate and Utah County had a 29 percent positivity rate recently. The significant surge in cases has mostly been attributed to youth. The youth population has been irresponsible and infected the higher risk population, including those now being hospitalized. All demographics have shown an increase in cases statewide.</li> <li>• Chris Crowley shared that the Health Department is working to assemble plans for mass vaccination. The goal is to be sure the vaccinations are safe, efficient, and fiscally responsible. Vaccine A is expected in a limited number in early November, with Vaccine B being delayed. Roughly 32 million vaccines will be available in the United States, with 310,000 in Utah by the end of the year. The priorities will go to the critical workforce, then staff and residents of long-term care facilities, with the Utah National Guard to be determined as a priority. The timeline is for first tier priorities to receive the vaccine in November to December, tier 2 to receive the vaccine in January, and the third to fifth tiers to receive the vaccine from February to July. This timeline is the best-case scenario. Changes are expected. The timelines continue to move. Mid-summer would be a realistic expectation for the general population to receive a vaccine. Vaccinations are voluntary, but some jobs may require vaccinations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The mass vaccination plan was shared and discussed.</i></li> </ul>

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<b>Fee Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bondurant stated it is time to review the fee schedule, which is due to be implemented in January 2021. Calculations were done to help recommend fee amounts. There are some new fees being implemented, such as hazmat response and legionella water samples. There is no flexibility on State fees. There was a significant increase in fees in 2016 and 2018 to catch up to actual costs. This year the Environmental Health fees are at 13.8 percent increase, which is a reasonable percent of increase. The projected generated revenues were shared. The average cost per hour for fees is \$91.25, which covers the Health Department’s cost for employees. The Board of Health has the authority and option of what to do with the fees. The Board can table the discussion or adopt the proposed fee schedule.</li> <li>• There was some discussion about certain fees. The formula for determining fees works to make Environmental Health sustainable. There are no fees for drinking water or air quality because those are rights as a property owner. There will be a discussion about the fees in November, and stakeholders will be invited to attend at a later date to discuss the fees. There will need to be a thirty-day public comment period to start in November, to be determined by the Board of Health. The fee schedule does not need to be approved prior to finalizing the budget because the fee schedule is not in conjunction with the budget. Board Member Carson suggested trying to get the fee schedule in sync with the budget. Fees are taken seriously, and the Health Department has done an excellent job with the process.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The proposed fee schedule was shared and discussed.</i></li> <li>• <i>The fee schedule will be discussed again in November, with stakeholders being invited to attend at a later date.</i></li> <li>• <i>The 30-day public comment period will need to be opened in November pending Board approval.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron Newman shared that the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) is an EMT (Emergency Medical Technicians) program focused on Behavioral Health. MCOT was created in tandem with the Sheriff’s Department combining resources and charting new ground in using Medicaid to cover costs. The program is also in partnership with Wasatch Behavioral Health. There are three team members in MCOT, including a licensed clinician, peer support, and a psychiatrist. MCOT teams are housed in Summit County as a central location where any site not in wilderness can be reached in under sixty minutes. MCOT is a firehouse-type model, with teams being on call. The partnership with law enforcement allows for law enforcement to show up with an MCOT team.</li> <li>• The process of MCOT calls and deployment was shared. There should be a three-digit call-in number in place in Utah in 2021. Currently, calls will be routed through 911, with dispatch (Summit and Wasatch County are already integrated) determining if a deputy, MCOT, or both are needed. Most will be joint calls of a deputy and MCOT. The deputy will help determine if there is danger. It is preferable to not have EMT and fire respond to mitigate attention. MCOT can be dispatched without a deputy (ex: school calls). Some calls can be passed off to other phone lines, such as the crisis lines. A Spanish crisis line is being worked on to be part of crisis response.</li> <li>• The State suicide and crisis line can be called, but that line is based on area code, which can be a problem for those with an out of state area code on their cell phone, which is common. Staff (a licensed clinical social worker) will follow-up after a caller is stabilized. There will be reports provided weekly for follow-up.</li> <li>• The target date for implementation of MCOT is right around Thanksgiving. It is hard trying to find people to work, and on-call incentives are being provided. Some rollover will be taken from the State crisis line.</li> <li>• Dr. Bullough stated the implementation of MCOT is a huge win towards a County Council priority. There have been violent interactions based on</li> </ul>	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Aaron Newman shared information about MCOT and their process, which will be implemented around Thanksgiving.</i></li> <li>• <i>Board Members would like to continue the discussion about MCOT at another meeting.</i></li> <li>• <i>Everyone was encouraged to download the SafeUT app on their phones.</i></li> </ul>

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	Behavioral Health issues lately, and MCOT could go a long way in helping to mitigate those interactions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Member Cherniak expressed interest in continuing the discussion about MCOT at another time.</li> <li>• Aaron Newman encouraged everyone to download the SafeUT app on their phones.</li> </ul>	
<b>UALBOH and Other Board Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Member Watterson shared that the UALBOH steering committee decided to forego the 2020 symposium and start planning the 2021 symposium for next September. They are working on getting a quarterly newsletter going and would welcome any content suggestions.</li> <li>• Dr. Bullough thanked the Board for their work and reminded everyone that we need to be smart and vigilant and reap our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.</li> </ul>	<i>Summary:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The UALBOH symposium will not be held in 2020, but planning is underway for 2021. Content suggestions are welcome for the quarterly newsletter.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.</li> <li>• <b><i>Board Member Evans made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.</i></b></li> </ul>	<i>Summary:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The next regular meeting will be scheduled as a Zoom conference on Monday, November 2, 2020.</i></li> </ul>