

Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Conducted Remotely through Zoom

Monday, November 2, 2020 - DRAFT

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	<p>Board Members Present: Ilyssa Golding - Chair, Doug Evans, Marc Watterson, Chris Cherniak, Chris Ure, Kim Carson, Dorothy Adams</p> <p>Staff Present: Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Nate Brooks, Paige Mitchell, Louise Saw, Shelley Worley, Lisa Yoder, Brian Craven, Margaret Olson, Derek Moss, Nann Worel, SaRene Brooks, Jennifer Morrill, Derek Siddoway, Katy Staley</p>	
Welcome and approval of minutes	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Board Member Carson made a motion to open the meeting. Board Member Evans seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Carson made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 5, 2020 Board of Health Meeting as written. Board Member Watterson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. 	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The minutes for the October 5, 2020 Board of Health meetings were approved.</i>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori Weston, CEO of Park City Hospital was introduced. Lori Weston introduced Dr. Paul Krakovitz, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Intermountain Healthcare's Specialty-Based Care, who oversees operations for more than 23 hospitals in the Intermountain system. • Dr. Krakovitz stated that the case counts in Summit County and the State are alarming. We are not in crisis yet but will be if the case counts continue to rise. The amount of people caring (Nurses, doctors, etc.) goes down as case counts increase. There is cause to be nervous when ICU capacity is at 80 percent. The current ICU capacity in Intermountain COVID hospitals is 93 percent. Other hospitals are used to offload non-COVID patients. The University of Utah Health care system is in a similar situation. Intermountain is working on load balancing. • The age group of most concern is 18-35-year olds who carry the disease and can be asymptomatic spreaders. The solution is to wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands, and go home. Social gatherings and family gatherings are the main social spreaders. People should stick to their nuclear family when taking their masks off. • With the increased number of cases recently, the increase in the number of hospitalizations may occur in two weeks (for those 65 or older) and up to six weeks (for those younger than 65). • There are many contingency plans in place. The first step is to load balance within hospitals and try to spread out surgeries. The next step is to load balance to other hospitals in the system, then load balance outside the system. The next step would be to turn the PACU (Post-Anesthesia Care Unit) into an ICU (Intensive Care Unit). After that, crisis standards of care will be in place, where patients will be taken care of in a different way. We are not there yet and we are working to avoid being at the crisis level. • COVID patients are typically in the ICU longer than other patients, with an average of eight to fourteen days. Personnel and workforce are the crisis-level limiting concern, and Intermountain is increasing their staff as much as they possibly can. The accusations that COVID-19 is not real are false, and the increased spread is avoidable. 	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Paul Krakovitz shared information about the anticipated strain on the hospital system due to increased cases of COVID-19.</i> • <i>The main concern for spread is 18-35-year olds in social and family gatherings.</i> • <i>Wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands, and go home.</i>
Director's Report (Budget)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared that the CARES Act budget is being used for projects to support testing and connectivity in schools and to augment testing in schools. Intermountain is the foundation of the response effort for COVID-19 with their initiation of drive-through testing centers and is receiving CARES Act funding as well. It is expensive to maintain testing and it is 	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CARES Act funding is being used to support testing and connectivity in schools and to help with Intermountain's</i>

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<p>(Personnel)</p> <p>(Highlights)</p>	<p>important to maintain capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Rose has retired and Derek Moss has stepped in as the new Nursing Director. • Lisa Yoder, the Sustainability Director is retiring at the end of the year. Lisa was praised by the Board. There is a deep pool of applicants for the Sustainability Director, which has been narrowed down. Interviews will occur in the next few weeks. • Spencer Smith has been hired permanently for the Environmental Health Scientist position and will be taking the exam soon. • Paige Mitchell has returned from maternity leave. • The clinical group, especially nursing and contact tracers are doing a good job. The Health Department is looking for alternatives to be more efficient with the increasing numbers of COVID-19. The increasing cases are not just in Western Summit County, and the district with the most cases right now is South Summit. The County is pleading with the public to modify their personal behaviors to reduce the spread. COVID-19 work includes some part-time employees, two of which have been repurposed for case investigation. COVID work is split among the Health Department agencies, including Health Promotions. The need ebbs and flows with the number of cases. The State is keeping up with Summit County's contact tracing pretty well now. There were 36 cases in one day recently, which is the highest one-day total so far. We will exceed capacity, so we are working to change the way contact tracing is done. • Non-COVID vaccines are being administered again, with nurses providing the vaccinations. 	<p><i>response efforts.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carolyn Rose has retired and Derek Moss has stepped in as the new Nursing Director.</i> • <i>Lisa Yoder is retiring as the Sustainability Director, and interviewing will be underway for that position in the next few weeks.</i> • <i>Spencer Smith will be hired permanently to fill the Environmental Health Scientist position.</i> • <i>The clinical group is doing a good job. The Health Department is looking for alternatives to be more efficient with increasing numbers of COVID-19.</i> • <i>Non-COVID vaccines are being administered again.</i>
<p>COVID-19 Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared a COVID-19 summary. The current total cases for Summit County as of November 2, 2020 are 1540, with 71 hospitalizations, and one death. The percent of positivity is 16%. There have been three days with the daily number of cases in the 30s. When the positivity rate is at 18%, there is a one in six chance that a person being tested will be positive. People should assume that everyone has COVID and act accountable. Stay home when possible, wash your hands, wear a mask, and social distance. • There are State-level discussions about what is next. The new protocol is a good direction, but there has not been a decrease in the number of cases. Everyone needs to modify how they are interacting in small groups. • The School Districts are doing quite well. There are rumors that there are groups intentionally not being tested. Everyone is encouraged to be tested if showing symptoms. The Health Department will continue to make decisions based on the data they have. The School Districts will decide when it is necessary to go to remote learning. Louise will work to show the number of cases per school per capita. • Chair Golding asked for more context in the data, with a demographic breakdown. Louise Saw stated that the census data is being used for demographics, and it may not show accurately because of the transient workforce in Summit County. • Dr. Bullough stated the incidence growth is climbing steeply, which is not a trend we want to see. The active cases are having the largest increase than at any other time. Everyone needs to change their behaviors. All but six counties in the State are at a high risk level. It is anticipated that Summit County will remain at a high risk level for a significant period of time. • Chair Golding asked at what point would it be appropriate to temporarily close certain types of facilities. Shutting down businesses worked in March to lower the incidence rate. Dr. Bullough answered that the Health 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Data for COVID-19 was shared and discussed.</i> • <i>The number of cases in the County and the State are surging. Everyone needs to modify how they interact within small groups.</i> • <i>Businesses will not be shut down due to COVID without data to show the connection to an increase in incidence.</i>

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	<p>Department is trying to be driven by data. The current incidence increase is driven by social gatherings and in households, not by businesses. There is no evidence that would cause a change in the current exemptions. There are ongoing discussions with businesses to use mitigation measures. There are no clear trends that any one business sector is spreading COVID. The laws have changed since March and Dr. Bullough no longer has the authority to close businesses like he did in March. Dr. Bondurant stated that closing businesses impacts the livelihood of the business, and without data to back up the decision, there may not be an impact on the incidence numbers. Attorney Margaret Olson clarified there is a difference between closing a business and civil enforcement on those businesses going against public health orders.</p>	
COVID-19 Community Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough stated this discussion will be postponed until an internal review of the results has been conducted. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion postponed.</i>
Fee Discussion and possible action to move forward to public hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bondurant stated that there was a discussion about the fees in October, and clarifications were made as were discussed at that last meeting. If the Board feels it is appropriate, there should be a motion to begin the 30-day public comment period. Any grievances can be discussed during the public hearing, including any from the public. • Once the fee schedule is approved, a business, entity or resident cannot contest a fee. Closure fees can work with Nate Brooks to come to terms. If the terms are not accepted, then there can be an appeal. • The next fee review discussion will be more aligned with the budget discussion. Any changes in the fees from what is proposed will need to be included in the motion to move to the 30-day public comment period. Board Member Carson stated some of the fee increases may pose a hardship for the hospitality and food and beverage industries. Board Member Ure agreed there is a concern of a hardship. Businesses are busy but not profitable right now. Wastewater and hazmat need increases, but the other fee increases should be postponed. Board Member Carson suggested adopting the proposed fee schedule but delaying the implementation with a review. Dr. Bondurant stated the fee schedule could be considered for longer than thirty days. • Board Member Carson made a motion to move the updated fee schedule to a 30-day public comment period. Board Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. • Dr. Bondurant stated the public comment notice will be posted in the local papers and according to governing rules by November 7, 2020. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bondurant shared that the proposed fee schedule was updated as per the discussion from October.</i> • <i>The next review of the fee schedule will be more aligned with the budget discussion.</i> • <i>A motion passed to move the updated fee schedule to the 30-day public comment period.</i> • <i>The public comment notice will be posted according to governing rules by November 7, 2020.</i>
UALBOH Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Watterson shared that there is a concern about the perception of public health across the State as shown by police being required at the home of the State Epidemiologist. Board members need to be proponents for public health among the community. The authority of Public Health Officers is under scrutiny. Board members should work with their neighbors to help them better understand public health. • The Legislative session starts in January and Board Member Watterson will work to keep the Board updated about matters of concern. Board Members should reach out to their State Representatives about any issues that are important to them. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board Members should be proponents for public health among the community.</i> • <i>The Legislative session starts in January. Updates will be given as needed.</i>
BOH update discussion items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Cherniak asked for clarification about the authority of Dr, Bullough as the Public Health Officer. Dr. Bullough answered that Summit County included the Governor’s Office in all the early public health orders, but there was the perception that some Health Officers acted independently. There was a Special Session that resulted in the County being able to go above the authority of the Utah Department of Health, 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clarification was made about the authority of the Public Health Officer, Dr. Bullough.</i>

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	<p>but Dr. Bullough, as the Public Health Officer does not have that authority. The face covering order was approved by the County Council and Tom Fisher, the County Manager and was a different process. Dr. Bullough still has the authority to close individual businesses but not a business sector. Every request the Summit County has made to the Governor’s Office has been approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough thanked Lori Weston for her attendance and participation in this meeting. 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. • <i>Board Member Cherniak made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.</i> 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The next regular meeting will be scheduled as a Zoom conference on Monday, December 7, 2020.</i>