

Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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Monday May 3, 2021 - DRAFT

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| Attendance | <p>Board Members Present: Chris Cherniak - Chair, Doug Evans, Roger Armstrong, Ilyssa Golding, Chris Ure, Marc Watterson, Dorothy Adams</p> <p>Staff Present: Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Nate Brooks, Dave Thomas, Louise Saw, Emily Quinton, Brian Craven, Derek Moss, Cindy Keyes, Shelley Worley, Tom Fisher, Katy Staley, Ellie Cutting, Deanna Rhodes, Rachel Reddick, Linda Steadman, David Warnock</p> | |
| Welcome and approval of minutes | <p>The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2021 Board of Health Meeting as written. Board Member Ure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. | <p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The minutes for the April 5, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.</i> |
| Public Comment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Comment was made. | |
| Environmental Health Department Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nate Brooks shared that at the last Board meeting there was a concern about a green cemetery in Summit County. The permit application has been withdrawn and discussions have been started with DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality). This would have been the first green cemetery in the State. The Environmental Health Department will continue to research green cemeteries in order to set some standards for any future applications. • Nate shared swimming pool program updates and the history of permitting and sampling. The Environmental Health Department is working with partners to provide more education about pool and spa sampling, inspections, permitting, and standards. Some changes are not happening as quickly as needed for health and safety. There should be consistent time frames for follow-up and consequences for lack of compliance. There needs to be better communication between the Health Department and those partners being inspected. The main concerns are abnormally high chlorine counts and failed bacteria counts. Some unpermitted bodies of water are being used commercially. If a body of water is used commercially, then it needs to have the proper permits. The Environmental Health Department wants to increase standards and see businesses take ownership. The Health Department has losses and liability and needs to break even. The Health Department wants to bill extra time for follow-up for failed chlorine or bacteria levels. There needs to be strict adherence to the immediate closure list. There should be a tiered system for replacing and repairing marked out inspection items. The Health Department will implement closures with a \$500 fee. The Health Department is not out to get anybody. It is time to push standards to get everyone on an even playing field. Nate requested time at the next meeting to present a more detailed plan. • Board Member Armstrong asked what kind of manpower is needed to keep up with all the inspections. Nate answered that the Health Department is keeping up with five inspectors, but they all have plenty of work to keep them busy. Board Member Adams stated the idea of charging for the extra time to come back after a failed inspection is a good idea and helps people to keep in compliance and pay more attention. Inspections are done once a year, but samples should be taken once a month. • Nate Brooks shared that there is a gray water program and a gray water rule that only allows for subsurface use and can be used in conjunction with the public sewer. There are only two gray water programs in the State and | <p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Follow-up about the green cemetery concern was shared.</i> • <i>Nate Brooks shared an update about swimming pool and spa permitting and shared concerns and requests for a better permitting process.</i> • <i>There was discussion about a gray water program.</i> |

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| | <p>Summit County is in line with those programs. All gray water uses still need to follow Code and restrictions. Gray water programs require additional plumbing, tanks and valves, inspections and records, and must be recorded on the deed of the property. It is not known what the level of demand will be. The gray water systems must be permitted and there may be additional fees along with plan reviews and a site inspection. Nate would like to discuss some fee schedule items in June. Board Member Armstrong asked if the gray water program was broadly adopted if it would materially reduce the amount of water going into sewer systems. Nate answered that it is unknown how the program would affect the sewer systems. There have been a few experimental systems looking at different ways to gather wastewater that should produce more data and information. Chair Cherniak clarified that collecting rainwater is storm water, not gray water.</p> | |
| <p>CONNECT Summit County – Mental Health Awareness Month</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deanna Rhodes shared that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. CONNECT is the people’s voice for mental health. During the COVID-19 pandemic, one in three adults present with anxiety. CONNECT is collecting and analyzing data and driving awareness through education and programming to navigate access and put data into action. • Rachel Reddick shared there is a 21-day challenge in May. Anyone can sign up and receive a checklist for activities (books to read, podcasts, public events). Anyone who enters will be eligible to win headphones. Sign up at www.ConnectSummitCounty.org/May. There is a variety of in-person and virtual events. • Linda Steadman shared that she has talked to people on the phone and through text and email through the peer navigation program. Most calls are with someone experiencing a mental health issue, many with depression. As Linda has helped people find a therapist there has been a shortage of providers in the County. People are having trouble getting medication in a timely manner. The County needs more providers and peer specialists. Deanna Rhodes shared 2020 data. The Mental Health Resource Directory started in 2018 and is a great tool with opportunity to grow. Peer navigation for Spanish speakers started in November 2020. A Mental Health Resource Guide was just completed and will remain updated online. • Board Member Evans thanked CONNECT Summit County for all they do. CONNECT is a wonderful resource. There is a youth residential treatment center in Oakley, and Board Member Evans hopes they will develop an outpatient treatment program over time. • Chair Cherniak asked about an age breakdown and asked if anyone can reach out. Deanna Rhodes answered that the Peer Navigation line is free to anyone and confidential. The line is typically for people over the age of 18, but adults can call on behalf of children. Calls will be taken from youth. Linda Steadman stated that there are a lot of calls from parents of young adults who are having trouble getting a therapist. More psychologists are needed. Peer Specialists are very helpful. Board Member Golding stated that it was understood that the partnership with Healthy U would bring on more clinicians. Deanna Rhodes stated that the partnership was a game changer. There was good progress prior to the pandemic, but the County is now headed into a provider shortage. Board Member Golding stated that CONNECT should let the Board of Health know how they can help. | <p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>May is Mental Health Awareness month. There are many activities available throughout the month.</i> • <i>CONNECT Summit County shared information about programs they have available for mental health.</i> • <i>The Peer Navigation line was discussed.</i> |
| <p>COVID Update – Cases and Trends</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared that the numbers are looking good. The fourteen-day case total is 55. There are no new hospitalizations. There was one death in an unvaccinated female in the North Summit area. There has been a plateau after an incidence decline at 10 cases per 100,000, which is about four cases per day. There is little doubt that the case decline is due to vaccinations. The | <p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bullough shared COVID data. There has been an incidence decline.</i> |

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| | <p>positivity rate as of this morning was 1.8 percent. Summit County is testing more than other communities. COVID is being managed, not eliminated. The majority of cases are in the younger (40- to 50-year-old) unvaccinated population, with more cases in rural areas. The State is shifting resources toward work site vaccine clinics and mobile testing. Board Member Armstrong stated there was a protest against vaccines at the Kamas Health Department building over the weekend. One person chose not to get the vaccine because of the protestors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough stated that Summit County is still in the moderate transmission index but should transition to low soon. The average age of hospitalizations is going down every month. Board Member Golding stated that Utah has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country. Dr. Bullough explained that National data is reported per capita and includes children. Utah has more children per capita. Two concerns include travel to big events without being vaccinated, and questions of whether the vaccines are effective against the variants. There is still a need to be cautious. Louise Saw shared that sequencing is being done on vaccine break-through cases to see if those cases are due to variants. Most new cases are the UK variant. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Concerns are travel to big events if not vaccinated and vaccine effectiveness against variants. Be cautious.</i> |
| <p>COVID Update – Vaccination Program</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared that vaccination numbers are remarkable. 84 percent of the 18 and older population have been vaccinated. The 20- to 49-year-old Eastern Summit County population vaccination numbers are significantly lower than Western Summit County. Dr. Bondurant will be working to reach out to the Eastern Summit County residents. Summit County has the highest uptake of any county in the State and one of the highest in the country. In the future the vaccination efforts will be more like the flu shot. • Derek Moss shared that last Friday was the last clinic for first doses at the Utah Film Studio. A huge part of the vaccination plan is to use smaller clinics. The three Health Department locations are starting to administer the vaccines. Other partners include the People’s Health Clinic, Smiths, Walmart, Fresh Market, and doctor’s offices. As of last week, there have been 12,766 volunteer hours at the Utah Film Studio. It is anticipated there will be continued use of volunteers at other locations. • Louise Saw shared that there have been five break-through cases of fully vaccinated individuals in the County. Two of those cases were asymptomatic. All vaccines reduce the severity of symptoms. There have been twelve partial break-through cases in the County (only one dose of vaccine received or less than fourteen days after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or the second dose). | <p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bullough shared that it was recommended to and agreed on by the County Council to not extend the local mask order.</i> • <i>Vaccinations will be administered in smaller clinics and other partners.</i> |
| <p>Director’s Comments</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared his experience in planning for the oncoming pandemic and thanked the community for all of their support. The County is now in the situation where we can begin to open and renormalize. Dr. Bullough announced he will retire in August. Public health is not just a response to a pandemic but plays a big role in many programs. The community cares about equity and understands that public health is an important core of society. • The Board of Health thanked Dr. Bullough for the effort and time he has put into his role as Director of the Health Department. | <p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bullough announced he will retire in August.</i> • <i>The Board of Health thanked Dr. Bullough for his work as Director of the Health Department.</i> |
| <p>UALBOH Update and other Board Discussion Items</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Armstrong shared that he made a statement yesterday on Facebook about a repository recommendation that was made in 2013, and he is hoping that Park City will engage the public in the decision about transporting mine tailings. The Health Department and the Board of Health need to be aware of the plan. Dr. Bondurant stated that the Health Department was notified by DEQ (Department of environmental Quality) and there will be a Staff review tomorrow. • Board Member Watterson stated the UALBOH annual conference is scheduled to be held in Richfield September 23-24. Lodging will be provided | <p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board Member Armstrong shared his concern that the public and Health Department be included in Park City’s decision to transport mine tailings.</i> • <i>The UALBOH annual conference will be held in</i> |

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| | and Board Members who travel will be reimbursed for their travel. | <i>Richfield September 23-24.</i> |
| CLOSED SESSION - Personnel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board Member Evans made a motion to move to an Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Board Member Golding seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.</i> | |
| Adjourn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. | <i>Summary:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The next regular meeting will be scheduled on Monday, June 7, 2021.</i> |