

# Meeting Minutes from the TriCounty Board of Health Regular Meeting

## January 22, 2025

### **LOCATION**

TriCounty Health Department - 133 S 500 W - Vernal

### **ATTENDEES**

Chairman Dr. John Mathis, Commissioner Randy Asay, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Commissioner Willis Lefevre, Shanna Wheeler, Irene Hansen, Jodi Tinker, Keith Goodspeed, Kim Harding, Director Kirk Benge, Darrin Brown, Bruce McKee, KayCee Asay, Rob Grove, Joe Hadlock, Sydnee Lamb.

### **EXCUSED**

Dr. Richard Jolley, Emmett Duncan, Raima Colledge, Ashley Linschoten.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Call to order**

12:06 p.m.

#### **Recognition of Board Members (New and Outgoing)**

The Board took time to recognize Dr. Richard Jolley and Keith Goodspeed for their contributions to the TriCounty Board of Health. Dr. Mathis and Kirk Benge expressed their appreciation to Dr. Jolley and Keith Goodspeed for their respective 45 and 8 years of service on the board.

Kirk Benge drew attention to the appointment of a new representative for the Uintah County Commission. Commissioner Willis Lefevre joined the board, taking the place of Commissioner John Laursen.

The Board then acknowledged its newest board member, Irene Hansen, as the new representative for Duchesne County, taking over for Keith Goodspeed.

#### **Election of Officers**

Kirk Benge reminded the Board of the need to elect officers to represent the Board in the following capacities: Board chair, vice chair, and on the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBOH).

**Tracy Killian motioned to nominate Dr. Mathis to continue serving as the board chair. Shanna Wheeler seconded the motion.**

**Kim Harding motioned to nominate Tracy Killian to serve as the vice chair. Randy Asay seconded the motion.**

**Kim Harding motioned to nominate Irene Hansen to serve as the representative for UALBOH. Tracy Killian seconded the motion.**

All motions passed unanimously.

## Approval of Dec. 4, 2024 Minutes

Tracy Killian made a motion to approve the Dec. 4, 2024 minutes. Kim Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Updates

- Pertussis Cases:
  - There have been no new pertussis cases reported. Most of the communicable disease trends that have been seen so far are consistent with trends from previous years. (Ex. seasonal increase in reports of influenza cases and other respiratory illness.)
- Dinosaur Statues:
  - In August of 2024 TriCounty Health held a coloring contest where the winners' drawings would be used as designs for dinosaur statues that would go outside of TriCHD offices in Vernal and Roosevelt.
  - The dinosaur statues that were purchased to go outside of TriCounty Health's offices have been made and are still in the process of being painted. Darrin Brown went to check on the status of the painting process and was told that the statues should be finished by the end of February.
- SB61:
  - TriCounty Health Department was included in a letter giving notice to all state health districts of intent to file a lawsuit against them over SB61, which bans flavored vape and e-cigarette products.
  - The plaintiffs believe the bill to be unconstitutional on the basis of takings that harm businesses, and that health departments should not be able to enforce the embargo on e-cigarette and flavored vape products.
  - All 13 health districts have met to discuss concerns associated with the bill and collectively decided not to enforce the law until the legislature addresses it.
  - TriCounty's legal counsel supported the decision.

## Approval of Check Register

Bruce McKee reported the check register for November of 2024. He provided a more detailed digital account of the expenses as well as an abridged paper copy for board members' perusal.

Irene Hansen made a motion to approve the check register as presented. Kim Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Financial Report

- Bruce McKee presented the financial report which included a final review of all 2024 expenses; all bank accounts, health department cash and cash equivalents, federal and state revenue vs total expenditures and the operational budget report.

## Consideration of Bids to Update Signs

The Board reviewed bids to upgrade the sign outside of the Roosevelt TriCounty Health building, which would include the addition of a digital sign and lowering the existing sign to a more visible height. An additional bid for the construction of a similar sign for the Vernal office was presented for the Board's consideration.

Kim Harding made a motion to approve moving forward with the construction of the signs for both the Roosevelt and Vernal offices, and continuing to pursue sign options for the Vernal Office on Highway 40. Shanna Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Contracts**

Director Kirk Benge went over new and amended contracts.

- Disease Response, Eval. Analysis and Monitoring 2024
- Syringe Services 2021 Amendment 7
- COVID-19 – PPPHEA Expansion 2021 Amendment 3
- Public Health Crisis Response Workforce Supplemental
- SFY 2022 – Amendment 4
- Minimum Performance Standards SFY22 Amendment 3
- PH Infrastructure 2023 Amendment 3

## **Annual Review of Bylaws**

Kirk Benge reminded board members to review the bylaws and share any suggested amendments or changes. No suggestions were made and the meeting proceeded.

## **Annual Conflict of Interest & Open Meetings Training**

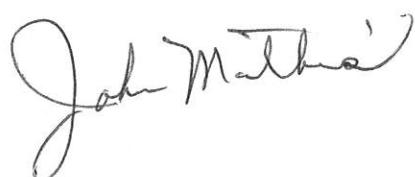
Kirk Benge directed board members' attention to the updated conflict of interest form and asked that they fill it out and return it before the meeting's end. He also reminded members to complete their annual open meetings training and to turn in their certificate of completion to TriCounty's Public Information Officer, Sydnee Lamb.

## **Additional Updates & Discussion**

- Several board members expressed their desire to have Narcan training during the next regular meeting.
- Kirk Benge reminded members of the upcoming UALBOH annual symposium April 8-9.

## **Adjourn**

Tracy Killian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 p.m. Kim Harding seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mathis".