

Meeting Minutes from the TriCounty Board of Health Regular Meeting May 22, 2024

LOCATION

TriCounty Health Department - 133 S 500 W - Vernal

ATTENDEES

Chairman Dr. John Mathis, Commissioner Randy Asay, Commissioner John Laursen, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Dr. Richard Jolley, Shanna Wheeler, Keith Goodspeed, Kim Harding, KayCee Asay, Sage McMickell, Ashley Linshoten, Director Kirk Benge, Bruce McKee, Raima Colledge, Sydnee Lamb, Darrin Brown, Joe Hadlock, Cynthia Austreng

Virtual Attendance: Jodi Tinker

EXCUSED

None

AGENDA

Call to order

12:10 pm

Approval of March 27, 2024 Minutes

Keith Goodspeed made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024 minutes. Kim Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates

Director Benge turned the time over to Board Members to share their key takeaways from the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health conference:

- UALBOH Discussion
 - Shanna Wheeler voiced her interest in the 2024 Health Report and the shift in the issues that were most prevalent at different times. She called attention to the recurring issue of obesity, and growing concerns such as prescription drug misuse, and mental health access. She also spoke to the significance of the 988 Crisis Line as an available resource and encouraged others to refer and utilize the resource if needed.
 - John Laursen spoke to the great networking opportunity the conference provided. He also voiced appreciation for the chance to establish commonalities with peers and exchange ideas on how we can solve shared problems.
 - Keith Goodspeed shared his enjoyment in learning about physical wellness, the Great Salt Lake, and more about peers who serve in the same capacity.
- LHD Statutory Crosswalk
 - Director Benge highlighted the Statutory Crosswalk from UALBOH as a convenient online tool that can be used as a living document to stay current on changing legislation. This will prove helpful in answering questions about why we do certain things and referring to codes that are tweaked quite frequently.

Director Kirk Benge circled back to the fee change recommendations brought up in the March 27, 2024 meeting.

- We are still discussing fees, so in our next meeting in July we will bring the recommended fee schedule for 2025. If there are any concerns about existing fees and how they're implemented please pass them to Director Benge or Raima to be addressed in the next iteration.

Health Promotions Updates

Ashely Linschoten reported on youth sexual health and Making Proud Choices Curriculum updates in response to concerns addressed in the last meeting:

- We are proposing a sexual health class that will be offered as a release time course, similar to LDS Seminary.
- Making Proud Choices is a sexual health curriculum that is more comprehensive than what students can get in schools due to legislation that prohibits discussion about birth control and other topics. The curriculum will include consent, decision making, goal setting, refusal skills, as well as guidelines for healthy relationships.
- We will begin teaching at CFS's Transitioning to Adult Living Program for kids close to aging out of foster care. The class will begin June 4th and run for 10 weeks.
- We proposed teaching at USU in Roosevelt and maybe offering a hybrid option where kids from Union can come in person and we broadcast it to the rest of the high schools in the Duchesne County School District.
- Duchesne School District has expressed interest in revamping how they approach sexual education. They too are limited on what they can teach as far as sexual health goes, so they are interested in giving parents the option to sign their students up for the course.
- The Duchesne School District has also asked us to incorporate another program that we are trained in called Coaching Boys to Men. This program has coaches train their athletes on how to stand up for people who are victims of violence, particularly sexual violence, while learning how not to be perpetrators themselves.
- Discussion about parental and community concerns regarding sexual education and how to help equip youth with skills necessary to navigate young adulthood.

Environmental Health Updates

Cynthia Austreng reported on the ESRI-GIS project updates.

- ESRI-GIS is a digital database that will hold all of our septic records and make all of the information we have publicly available.
- We have currently uploaded about 3,700 documents into the system with twice as many having been scanned in.
- GIS is a live map of the 3 counties that allows users to search for a parcel and view its history.
- We are creating an app where people can search by parcel number rather than addresses.
- The system will go live July 1, 2024. Anything submitted after this date will be filed directly into the system without us having to load or scan it in.

Approval of Check Register

Bruce McKee reported the check register for March 2024 to the present.

Dr. Richard Jolley made a motion to approve the check register as presented. Commissioner John Laursen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

- Bruce McKee presented a snapshot of the current financial report.
- There was discussion about vaccine costs and breaking it out into its own category in the check register.

Fraud Risk Assessment

State auditors require all health departments to complete this assessment as a means of financial transparency and fraud prevention.

Dr. Richard Jolley made a motion to approve the fraud risk assessment for 2023. Commissioner Tracy Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tracy Killian then made a motion to approve the fraud risk assessment for 2024. Dr. Richard Jolley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

URS Rate Updates

Raima Colledge presented updates on the URS contract.

- The URS contract now requires employees to put 0.7% into retirement due to legislation changes. URS has no say in the matter, if we wish to make changes then we need to contact legislators. This essentially maintains the retirement system while removing liability from the state. This is something we hope to address during the next legislative session.

Dr. Richard Jolley made a motion to review and accept the updates presented. Commissioner Tracy Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Contracts

Director Kirk Bengé went over new and amended contracts.

DHHS

- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening 2024
- Immunizations - 2019 Amendment 5
- COVID-19 Health Disparities and Advancing Health Equity Amendment 2
- PH Infrastructure 2023 Amendment 2
- Tobacco Contract FY21-FY25 Amendment 7

DEQ Contracts

2024 contracting has stalled - LHDs and DEQ have struggled to agree on scope of work vs funding.

Considerations of Submitting an Application to the EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

Director Kirk Bengé presented TriCounty Health.

- USU reached out to us in February to see if we were interested in joining them in applying for this grant. In our initial meetings, the plan was to have a joint application with USU, TriCounty, and HEAL Utah. We have since asked HEAL to step away from the application, and invited HCNEU to fill that role. We also feel that if we proceed with the application, it might be best for TriCounty to be the primary (lead) agency.
- This is a very large grant of up to \$20M over 3 years, and would require TriCounty to pass funding through to other partner entities for some portions of the funded activities. Sage has put together an executive summary for the board to review, which outlines all of the discussed plans that we would potentially include in an application, should the board desire to move forward. [The proposed application summary is available HERE.](#)

Commissioner Tracy Killian made a motion to move forward with the application. Kim Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Updates & Discussion

During the meeting, Director Kirk Bengé reminded the board members of the upcoming NALBOH Annual Conference. He requested that those who are interested in attending should contact Raima Colledge. Additionally, there was a discussion about TriCounty's Annual Community Appreciation BBQ, on May 30 from 4-6 p.m. at Constitution Park in Roosevelt.

Adjourn

Dr. Richard Jolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

