

Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Summit County Health Dept. Conference Room

650 Round Valley Drive

Park City, Utah 84060

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Monday, September 13, 2021 - DRAFT

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	<p>Board Members Present: Chris Cherniak – Chair, Ilyssa Golding, Chris Ure, Doug Evans, Roger Armstrong, Marc Watterson, Dorothy Adams</p> <p>Staff Present: Dr. Phil Bondurant - Director, Derek Moss, Louise Saw, Nate Brooks, Shelley Worley, Derek Siddoway, Brian Craven, Margaret Olson, Nann Worel, Jennifer Morrill, Pamella Bello, Emily Quinton, Katy Staley</p>	
WORK SESSION		
Discussion of Open Meetings Act rule and Public Input	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Olson shared that at the last Board of Health meeting there were members of the public who wanted to make comments about COVID, but there were questions of whether it was appropriate to hear those comments as COVID was an item on the agenda. The Open Meetings Act does not give members of the public the right to debate on matters of Work Session or items that are on the agenda. At their discretion the Chair can decide to accept public comment on something that is or is not on the agenda. The Chair also has the discretion whether to have a discussion or just accept the public comment. It is not prohibited to remove a person if they are disruptive, unruly, or disrespectful of an orderly meeting. The public meeting is not a time for debate, but there can be time-limited discussion. A question is not a comment, and it may or may not be appropriate to answer a question, which is at the discretion of the Chair. It is not appropriate to have discussions through the chat function on the Zoom meetings. Chats cannot be captured and will not be included in the minutes. • Dr. Bondurant shared that there will be a statement at the beginning of each Board meeting to state what is and is not allowed for public comment. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Margaret Olson discussed portions of the Open Meetings Act as it pertains to public comment. It was discussed when accepting public comment would be appropriate.</i>
Park City Hospital COVID Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wing Province, Medical Director for the Park City Hospital shared there has been a significant increase in the number of patients at the hospital. The majority of people that come in with COVID are unvaccinated and very sick. Dr. Province shared an example of a patient who came in with critically low oxygen levels. This patient spit in the nurse’s face, kicked the nurse, scratched the technicians, and yelled. This patient was admitted to the ICU where there were three other patients with similar attitudes. Not all patients are like this, but many do not believe they have COVID, for some reason or another. These patients have family members who feel the same and are aggressive and hostile. The family members will not wear masks, and some will not adhere to the visitor limitations. Hospital workers are not being treated as heroes. Instead of hope, we see hate. Health care workers are still doing everything to keep patients alive. • The ICU is at capacity and is expected to be at 150% capacity soon. The hospital will now postpone in-patient non-emergency surgeries. Operations are not being shut down. Twenty percent of the hospital nurses have left the profession. Health care professionals are exhausted emotionally and physically. • The average age of those in the hospital and dying due to COVID is 50 years old. COVID is a horrible disease and the effects of it are being seen in young people. The United States leads all nations in COVID cases and deaths. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Wing Province shared some experiences from the hospital concerning COVID patients.</i> • <i>The hospital will postpone in-patient non-emergency surgeries.</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Cherniak asked Dr. Province what the medical ethics are for someone who wants to be treated as having something other than COVID. Dr. Province answered that some people have their own ideas for treating COVID, such as using ivermectin. It has been shown there is no benefit for COVID from ivermectin, and even the producers of the drug are saying to not use it. It would be unethical to give ivermectin to COVID patients. An example was shared of a patient who wanted ivermectin and left against medical advice because hospital staff would not give the patient ivermectin. The patient died after leaving the hospital. Hospital staff are bound by the patients’ free will. If a patient is not in their right state of mind, then hospital staff must proceed with treatment or consult family. • The Board and Health Department thanked Dr. Province for his update and the efforts of the hospital staff. The time will be open at any Board meeting for a hospital update. • Breakthrough cases were discussed. Clinics should have a vaccine booster available within the next month. 	
<p>COVID-19 Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bondurant shared that the County has had quite a change in the last six weeks. It is promising to hear that those who are vaccinated and going to the hospital go in sick but leave healthy. This shows there is value in the vaccine. The vaccine is available at the Health Department. • As of August 31st, Summit County is in incidence decline for COVID, but the rest of the State is in incidence growth. The Labor Day holiday may have impacts on COVID cases. There is an average of about ten cases per day in the County, with a seven-day average below five percent. Summit County has transitioned into the high transmission index because of the statewide hospitalization rate and the 14-day case rate per 100,000. There are hospitalizations among school-age youth. As of today, there are five Summit County residents hospitalized for COVID. Four out of four Park City Hospital ICU beds are occupied, but none of those patients are on ventilators. • 82% of Summit County residents who are eligible have completed their vaccination, which is over the threshold for herd immunity and in the top one percent of all counties in the country. Vaccination rates are considered when making public health decisions. It is too early to predict what will happen, but it gives hope to hear Dr. Province say that the vaccinated tend to fare better with COVID. There are discussions about booster clinics and clinics for vaccinating those age 5 to 11. • School age case rates for ages 5 to 10 are 11 cases out of 3265; age 11 to 13 is 6 cases out of 1937; and age 14 to 17 is 8 cases out of 2695. Some school districts outside Summit County are implementing a test to stay program. School case rates were shared and can be found on the School District website. All North Summit and South Summit schools are reporting less than five active COVID cases. Dr. Bondurant toured Park City High School. The students are aware of and understand the significance of COVID outcomes. Dr. Bondurant will also be touring North Summit and South Summit High Schools to hear what the kids have to say. • There is no current recommendation for COVID vaccine booster shots. Derek Moss stated the booster shot has not been approved yet, but there is a third dose of vaccine recommended for those who are immuno-compromised. • Board Member Watterson asked what testing rates have been like in Summit County. Louise Saw answered that in August test rates were about 140 to 150 per day, and in September about 200 per day. Summit County ranks about third in the State for testing per capita. Derek Moss shared that Test Utah availability has decreased, but the Health Department is 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bondurant shared a COVID-19 update.</i> • <i>Summit County is currently in incidence decline for COVID but has moved to the high transmission index due to statewide hospitalization rates and the 14-day case rate.</i> • <i>82% of eligible Summit County residents have been fully vaccinated for COVID.</i> • <i>There have been discussions about clinics for booster shots and vaccinations for ages 5 to 11.</i> • <i>Summit County ranks about third for testing for COVID in the State.</i>

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	working to get more test sites open soon. The IHC network has about a 12 to 18-hour turnaround on the PCR test results.	
Health Department Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley Worley shared that the presentation to the budget committee has been completed. Recommendations from the committee should be received before the next Board of Health meeting. The budget process has been smooth. There will be a more robust budget presentation at the next Board meeting. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The budget was presented to the budget committee and recommendations will be received soon.</i>
Behavioral Wellness Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamella Bello shared there has been so much more success with the Behavioral Wellness events than other years. One event was a drive-in movie with a message that children who eat meals as a family are 33% less likely to use alcohol. Dinner was provided at the movie and information was given to participants. There were 480 participants at the English-speaking event and 60 participants at the Spanish-speaking event. There was a great turn-out and the event will be held again. • The Behavioral Wellness program partnered with pediatricians to give information to parents to be involved in their kids' life, which reached 250 people. The Behavioral Wellness program is reaching different populations than before. • There was an event held in partnership with the library to have yoga in the park, where there was discussion about safely disposing medications. • Another big event was the trails event in Willow Creek where participants did a scavenger hunt looking for signs. The goal was to encourage open conversations among families. Parents Empowered chose Summit County's program to interview with Fox13. The program helps to prevent underage drinking, drug use and abuse. • The Behavioral Wellness program has also partnered with food pantries to give out information packets for disposing of old medications. The Senior Citizens program will also distribute the same packets. It is important to teach people how to dispose of medicine. • There is also a program through the Children's Justice Center for free parenting classes. • Parents Empowered will also have an event at the Kamas pool to encourage parents to talk to their kids about underage drinking. It is important to start talking to your kids when they are 7 to 8 years old. • The SHARPS (Student Health and Risk Prevention Survey) is a survey for risk behaviors and was done in Summit County schools in April. The results should be available this month and will be presented to the Board in November. The information is used to write grants. • Board Member Armstrong stated that Pamella does critically important work for kids and underserved communities. • Shelley stated that Behavioral Wellness works closely with Health Promotions and both programs are willing to support each other. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pamella Bello shared the success of the events that have been held for the Behavioral Wellness program.</i> • <i>SHARPS data will be available soon and will be presented to the Board in November.</i>
	CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board Member Ure made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Health meeting for August 2, 2021 with changes discussed. Board Member Armstrong seconded the motion. (Motion passed 7-0).</i> 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minutes for the August 2, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved.</i>
Graywater Program, Letter to Utah Department of Environmental Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nate Brooks shared the letter to be sent to the State DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) for approval of the Graywater Program. • <i>Board Member Armstrong made a motion to approve the letter to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality concerning Summit County's Graywater Program to sign and send forward. (Motion passed 7-0).</i> • Nate will give an update on the Graywater Program next year. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Approval was given for the letter for Summit County's Graywater Program to be signed and sent to Utah DEQ.</i>

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Approval of Environmental Fees for Swimming Pools/ Recreational Bodies of Water and Approval of Environmental Fees for Graywater Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nate Brooks shared the spreadsheet with the proposed fees for the Graywater program and swimming pools/recreational bodies of water. The swimming pool closure fee would be reduced. This item was open for the thirty-day public comment period. There was one phone call received just asking for clarification about swimming pools. Board Member Armstrong made a motion to approve the fees for the Graywater Program and swimming pools/recreational bodies of water as proposed. Board Member Golding seconded the motion. (Motion passed 7-0). 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Fees for the Graywater Program and Swimming Pools/ Recreational Bodies of Water were approved as proposed.</i>
PUBLIC COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public comment was made and the public comment portion of the meeting was closed. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No public comment was made.</i>
Health Department Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Bondurant shared that Derek Siddoway, Louise Saw, and Shelley Worley are working on revamping the Health Department's website and dashboard to make it more engaging and update it. The Public Health Order, Order of Constraint, and the Emergency Declaration is set to expire on September 22nd. Staff will be meeting with the County Council and County Legal Counsel and other County Staff to discuss a possible extension of the Order. Katie Wilson has been hired as Health Promotion Director and started last week. Staff transitions are going well, and everything continues to function at a high level. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Health Department website is being revamped.</i> <i>There will be a discussion about extending the Public Health Order.</i> <i>Katie Wilson is the new Health Promotion Director.</i>
Board Member Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Ure stated it was brought to his attention there might be a sewer problem up Weber Canyon. There is a pressurized line that runs on the Peoa South Bench and Lloyd Marchant has some concerns about sewage coming from upstream. Nate Brooks stated he heard from Lloyd and is aware of the situation. Nate has talked to DEQ representatives, and the situation will be looked into in further detail. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>There is a concern about a possible sewer problem up Weber Canyon. Nate Brooks is looking into it.</i>
Board Chairperson Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Cherniak thanked Dr. Province for sharing the situations that he deals with on a daily basis. The power of his story and others will go a long way in helping with vaccination rates. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Chair Cherniak thanked Dr. Province for sharing his experiences.</i>
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. Board Members Ure and Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 4pm.</i>