



SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 12, 2022

TO: Summit County Council
Janna Young, Interim County Manager

FROM: Dr. Phil Bondurant, Summit County Health Director
Chris Cherniak, Chairperson, Summit County Board of Health

RE: Report of Health Department Annual Operations

PURPOSE

Local Boards of Health (Board) and local health departments are governed by [Utah Administrative Code, Title 26A. Local Health Authorities](#). Section 26A-1-109 (6) requires:

The board [of health] shall annually report the operations of the local health department and the board to the local governing bodies of the municipalities and counties served by the local health department.

The purpose of this report is to share with the Summit County Council and Interim County Manager what the Board has accomplished and what the Board will focus on in 2023.

Additionally, this conversation affords the Board Chair and the Health Director the opportunity to receive guidance from the County Council and Interim Manager for the coming calendar year.

OVERVIEW

Much of 2022 was spent managing the COVID-19 response and the effects of a prolonged public health response. However, during this time, the Board and the department were able to stabilize services and processes while planning for 2023.

2022 Highlights:

- Updates to agenda format and the structure of Board meetings (Jan. 2022)
- Formalizing Minimum Performance Standards attestation process (Feb. 2022)
- Creation of Board Financial Review Committee (Feb. 2022)
- Successful implementation of Micro-enterprise Kitchen Fee Schedule (March 2022)
- Formalizing budget process for Board consideration and endorsement (Sept. 2022)
- Conducted Board training on responsibilities and Department advocacy (Oct. 2022)
- COVID-19 After Action Report (Nov. 2022)

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2023 Plans:

- Continued conversation & strategy regarding public health advocacy in Summit County.
- Support and rollout of the Department's new Vision, Mission, and Values (presented to Council in early 2023).
- Identifying an anchor point for the Board.
- Understanding the intersection between public health outcomes and climate change.
- More Council engagement through regular presentations.

CONCLUSION

With the pandemic phase of COVID-19 complete, the Board and the Department are excited for 2023 and what the department will accomplish. With a new vision and mission for the department and a Board focused on prioritization of, and advocating for, public health outcomes in Summit County, we will serve Summit County residents and visitors using new and innovative public health strategies.

Thank you for your time this afternoon.

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