

Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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Monday March 1, 2021 - DRAFT

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	<p>Board Members Present: Chris Cherniak - Chair, Doug Evans, Roger Armstrong, Ilyssa Golding, Chris Ure, Dorothy Adams, Marc Watterson - <i>Absent</i></p> <p>Staff Present: Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Nate Brooks, Cindy Keyes, Louise Saw, Emily Quinton, Philip Bartholomew, Derek Moss, Nann Worel, Jennifer Morrill, Mary Christa Smith, Jackie Swan, Katy Staley</p>	
	CLOSED SESSION - Personnel	
Welcome and approval of minutes	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:49 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Ure made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2021 Board of Health Meeting as written. Board Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The minutes for the February 1, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.</i>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Comment was made. 	
COVID Update – Cases and Trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared a COVID-19 summary. There is momentum for vaccines and case counts are dropping. Several public health officials are expressing concern for easing restrictions too soon. There was an extended incidence decline in the County, followed by incidence growth. There is fear that the focus has been blunted and the same pattern will occur. There have been relatively few deaths in the County because the hospital has been able to maintain capacity. Everyone needs to continue to be vigilant. Wear masks, limit gatherings to small groups, and focus on protecting each other. Part of normalizing is to be vaccinated. COVID vaccines, including Johnson & Johnson have been proven to be safe and effective. It is recommended to become vaccinated with whichever vaccine is available. • The County has had a total of 5007 cases. There have not been any new hospitalizations. The ninth COVID-related death in the County was reported over the weekend but occurred in December. There have not been any recent COVID-related deaths. The 14-day case total is 163. Summit County remains in the High Transmission Index. There have not been any significant changes in sex, ethnicity, or race of those with COVID. • Chair Cherniak asked if there was any increase in school cases last month. Dr. Bullough answered there has been massive testing and very low rates of infection. There has been relatively little spread in schools nationwide when mitigation measures are used. • Dr. Bullough shared that Phase one of vaccinations has been reopened to reach those who were unable to get the vaccine previously. Louise Saw stated that she is looking at the impact of vaccinations on case counts. There is a decline in case counts for those 70 years and older and a relatively low rate increase in those 65 years and older. A difference is really starting to show in case counts for those 70 and older. • Dr. Bullough stated that Summit County has one of the three lowest positivity rates of all the counties in the State, which is reflective of very high levels of testing. Active cases continue to drop. Gathering sizes are still limited and the mask order is still in place. The R Naught is at 0.75. • Board Member Evans states there is a pretty common trend across the country of lowered case counts, but the numbers are leveling off at a rate that is still too high. There are not enough precautions. The goal should be to get to the rates that we had in September. Dr. Bullough stated the case counts are higher than last year. We are looking for a balance for the 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The COVID-19 summary was shared and discussed.</i> • <i>Case counts are dropping, but everyone still needs to wear masks and limit gatherings. Part of normalizing is to be vaccinated.</i>

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	<p>economy. COVID is deadly and unpredictable. We definitely want case counts to be lower. Chair Cherniak stated that the report does not include today's numbers. The positivity rate is down to 4 percent, the R Naught is the lowest ever since it was first tracked, and the case rate is below 400. The new numbers are encouraging. Dr. Bullough stated the County is not seeing any travel-related case rate increases, but it is difficult to track.</p>	
<p>COVID Update – Vaccination Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derek Moss stated that 11,200 residents of Summit County have received the first dose of the vaccine, with 8,110 being administered within the County. Summit County has the second highest rate of vaccination in the state. 19.2 percent of residents have received the first dose, and 8 percent have been fully vaccinated. Appointments are constantly increasing. The goal is to vaccinate over 80 percent of the population. 81 percent of those age 70 and older have been vaccinated. Those age 65 and older have been invited to receive the vaccine. The Governor has ordered that vaccines be provided to those from other jurisdictions. • Starting tomorrow, the Health Department will be administering their own second doses at the Utah Film Studio. The hospital will help with the 18 years and older population and will receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The initial phase for vaccine distribution has been reopened and Staff is working to identify who was missed. Those in congregate living are the next focus for vaccines. • There have been many volunteers to help with administering vaccines. Student nurses from the U of U will start helping. The Health Department is only limited by the number of vaccines being received. There was a power outage for a couple of minutes, but everyone who was scheduled to receive a vaccine that day was able to receive that vaccine. Board Member Evans has been helping on the phones and stated that people are grateful for the help. Derek Moss stated that the Health Department has been identifying residents that are homebound and sending out volunteers to administer vaccines to those residents. Those residents will also be visited for the second dose. Summit County is the first county to have a successful homebound vaccination program. The Health Department is also identifying Spanish-speaking residents to vaccinate. For those who are having a hard time getting registered, they can contact the call center at 435-333-0050 to set up an appointment over the phone. • Those that are 18 and older with comorbid conditions can now sign up to receive the vaccine. The Health Department is gearing up for the general public to be able to sign up for the vaccine starting sometime in March. For those between the ages of 16 and 18, only the Pfizer vaccine is approved. Those residents will be routed to Salt Lake County to receive the vaccine. Everyone must return to the same place they received their first vaccine to receive their second vaccine. There will be opportunities to get shots at other locations. Walmart and Smiths currently have vaccines available. The County is working on other partnerships, including provider clinic offices. It is forecasted that 250,000 doses will be administered by the end of March. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vaccine distribution was discussed.</i> • <i>There have been many volunteers helping with vaccine distribution.</i> • <i>For help with registering to receive your vaccine call 435-333-0050.</i>
<p>Early Intervention Services and Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Swan shared an overview of the Early Intervention (EI) program. The program started doing virtual visits on March 16, 2020. Staff includes two speech therapists, a Spanish translator, a physical therapist, and a nurse. The EI program services children with disabilities ages 0 to 3 in Summit and Wasatch counties. Referrals come from pediatricians, NICU (Newborn Intensive Care Unit), and parents. The intake process is completed within seven days and includes an evaluation. Those with scores moderate to severe within one of five areas receives services. All services are completed within the child's natural environment. • Early Intervention is funded through the Department of Health with 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jackie Swan shared an overview of the Early Intervention program.</i> • <i>New projects for the EI program include a time study for Baby Watch, joining the Early Childhood Alliance, added medical home visits, donations for toys,</i>

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	<p>Federal and State funds. The most paid for services is \$200. All Medicaid and CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program) recipients pay nothing for services. Paperwork must be completed on a computer and help is given to those who cannot complete the paperwork online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All platforms for visits are currently virtual, including Zoom and other online services. There have not been any program recipients lost due to online visits. Other services include toy and equipment deliveries to families through community donations. Families also receive help getting homes more organized. • Between July 1, 2020 and today (March 1, 2021), 2,303 visits have been made with 125 referrals. The Baby watch audit has been completed, with favorable results. The quality assurance plan has been finalized. Training has been scheduled for concerns, priorities, and resources. • New projects include: a time study for Baby Watch that may be part virtual and part in-home; joining the Early Childhood Alliance with the Park City Foundation; added medical home visits with Dr. Tidwell; donations for toys; and working to get a mental health therapist. • Board Member Armstrong suggested that pictures of recipients be used when presenting the budget to the County Council. Chair Cherniak asked about the current budget. Jackie answered that some money was taken from EI for other programs, but more money should be allocated for the 15 EI programs in the state. • Chair Cherniak asked what the Board of Health can do to assist the Early Intervention program in its efforts. Jackie answered that the program has tried to get an electric car, but Baby Watch does not allow their funds to be used for that. A lot of gas could be saved by using an electric car. Park City visits are done on an electric bike in the summer. 99 percent of the kids in the program are making progress with virtual visits. • Dr. Bullough stated that attending an event with the Early Intervention Staff and recipients is a life-changing experience. They are a special group of people. Jackie encouraged the Board members to attend EI events when everything has normalized. It is a big deal to the families to have the Board and other representatives come to the events. Dr. Bondurant shared that Jackie calls the program recipients “our kiddos.” They are an extension of the family and are shown respect and value. • Chair Cherniak stated that Jackie should not hesitate to reach out to the Board of Health and has an open invitation to be on the agenda when important topics come up. Jackie shared the goal to have some of the program recipients attend a Board of Health meeting in the future. 	<p><i>and working to get a mental health therapist.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ways the Board can help with Early Intervention include helping the program get an electric car and attending program events when things normalize.</i>
<p>UALBOH Update and other Board Discussion Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Watterson was not in attendance, so no UALBOH update was shared. A full update will be given in April. • Chair Cherniak stated that last month a one-page summary of reportable communicable diseases was emailed to the Board. The summary will be discussed next month with updated numbers. • Chair Cherniak also asked about the Community Health Assessment Report. Dr. Bullough stated that the Behavioral Health Assessment is done every five years, and will be re-done this next year, with the focus on Behavioral Health. Behavioral Health will be a community-based assessment. Dr. Bondurant stated that the last Community Health Assessment was waylaid by COVID and did not receive the distribution efforts that were warranted. 2023 data will be used to do the next Community Health Assessment. • Doug Evans and Dorothy Adams are on the Board of Health for another two-year term. • Emily Quinton is hoping to schedule one-on-one chats with the Board of 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No UALBOH update.</i> • <i>The Community Health Assessment was waylaid by COVID and a Behavioral Health Assessment will be done this next year.</i> • <i>Doug Evans and Dorothy Adams are on the Board for another two years.</i> • <i>Board Members should look for an email from Emily Quinton.</i> • <i>Concerns were raised that a food truck was being endorsed by the</i>

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	<p>Health members. Board members should look for an email from Emily.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board of Health email is up and functioning for direct communication. Contact the Board at BOH@Summitcounty.org. • Board Member Ure shared that he received messages about a food truck endorsing plant-based meals that was supposedly endorsed by the County. People wondered why the County was endorsing the food truck. Nate Brooks answered that the food truck is being sponsored by Communities That Care and is not endorsed by the County or any government entity. 	<p><i>County. Those concerns are unfounded.</i></p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. • Board Member Ure made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The next regular meeting will be scheduled as a Zoom conference on Monday, April 5, 2021.</i>