

Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2020

ATTENDEES (via Google Hangouts)

Commissioner Greg Miles, Commissioner Brad Horrocks, Commissioner Randy Asay, Dr. Richard Jolley, Mr. Terry Nelson, Mr. Keith Goodspeed, Ms. Shanna Wheeler, Ms. Jodi Tinker

Director Jordan Mathis, Mr. Scott Gessell, Ms. Raima Colledge, Dr. Karl Breitenbach, Dr. Gregory Staker, Mr. Jon Stearmer

ABSENT

None

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. Prayer was given by Director Mathis and Pledge was led by Commissioner Miles.

Public Comment

None

Minutes from January 22, 2020

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Board of Health held on January 22, 2020, by Commissioner Horrocks and seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous.

2020 Year-to-Date Financial Report

Mr. Gessell explained since we are only two months into the budget there is not enough data to see any trends. There are two items on the expense report that may seem concerning, but should not be a concern in the long run. The first is "Books and Subscriptions" at 188%. WIC needed to purchase several books, but we do not expect anything else in this line item for the rest of the year. The second is "Insurance" that is at 100% because the premiums are due at the beginning of the year. Overall our expenses are at 16% with a baseline of 17% of the year expired so we are under in overall expenses thus far.

Revenue can be sporadic within each contract because each reimbursement is different. "Food Safety" fees are at 40% because some of the permits from the previous year have flowed over. In addition, "Diabetes Prevention" is at 50% because a lump sum payment was received and the contract will level out over the rest of the year. Overall the revenue sits at 18% which is 1% above the baseline of 17%. We are in the good for a little over \$81,000 for the first two months of the year.

We may see some decrease due to COVID-19's impact of the suspension on multiple programs that require fees. We will be receiving some funding from the government to cover the expenses we have incurred due to COVID-19 processes. Director Mathis states that the legislature has designated \$9 million to be divided amongst local health departments for the response to COVID-19. Initially, \$4.5 million will be allocated to local health departments then the additional \$4.5 million will be divided later depending upon need. There are additional funds available if needed.

New Board Appointments

Director Mathis announced two new board members to the TriCounty Board of Health. Jodi Tinker is serving as a representative for Daggett County and Dr. John Mathis is serving as a medical representative for the TriCounty area.

Board Elections

Due to the change in bylaws, we need to delegate a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The floor was open for nominations. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will remain in effect until January 2021.

A motion was made to elect Dr. John Mathis as the Chairman, by Commissioner Horrocks and seconded by Commissioner Asay. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous.

A motion was made to elect Commissioner Miles as the Vice-Chairman, by Commissioner Horrocks and seconded by Ms. Wheeler. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous.

COVID-19 Update

Director Mathis discussed the COVID-19 situation report as of Tuesday, March 24th. Worldwide we are currently at about 400,000 positive cases with about 17,000 deaths. The U.S. has about 44,000 positive cases with 544 deaths. In Utah, we have about 350 positive cases with 1 death. We have zero confirmed cases in the TriCounty area. TCHD's Epidemiologist is receiving 6-8 test results back a day. The state testing labs are reporting that due to the recent earthquake they did get a bit behind, but they are now up to speed again. Currently, Summit County's rate is higher than any other county. Wasatch County, Colorado and Wyoming all have cases at this time.

All counties and the Ute tribe have signed local emergencies declarations. Orders that have been put in place include the Utah State Order. It continues to change and evolve to needs. PPE (personal protection equipment) are in short supply. We have received a stockpile from the state, but they are limited and are not sufficient for the demand. Also, the viral media needed to complete testing is in demand worldwide. The testing turnaround takes about 48 hours due to transport and processing. It would be beneficial to have access to testing locally, because we would not need the viral media and the turnaround time would be shortened.

Director Mathis would like a unified plan for our community. The three options include doing nothing, mitigation, or suppression. By doing nothing we potentially would reach a recovery rate faster, but the rate of death would be extremely high. Healthcare would be overrun and there would be an uncontrolled economical devastation. Mitigation would not interrupt transmission completely and preserve the healthcare system by protecting those most at risk. This would be best used in episodic events by identifying triggers and adjusting measures as needed. Suppression requires less management resources because you hold the course until resolved. There was much discussion and hypothetical examples in regards to which option would work best for our community.

Director Mathis presented his recommendations to the board. He would like to manage our districts through mitigation measures. Local policies are more efficient and customizable for our community needs. We develop orders that are targeted to protecting the priority population. Strongly encouraging physical distancing even with essentials like grocery shopping. Also, having both hospitals work together to identify triggers and adjusting our recommendations as needed. We need to have an emergency plan in place if current plans are not working.

A role call was made with the board members and a decision was made to move forward with Director Mathis' recommendations for the surgical mitigation measures with emergency plan as a back-up

Closed Session

None

A motion to adjourn by Commissioner Miles at 2:48 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27th.