

December 27, 2024

Dear San Juan County Commissioners,

According to SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH ORDINANCE NO 2018-01-A, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-01 THE RATIFICATION OF THE CREATION OF SAN JUAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

- "In the absence or disability of the Local Health Officer, or if there is a vacancy in that office, the Board shall appoint an acting Health Officer for a temporary period not to exceed one year. The appointment shall be ratified by the County executive of the County"

Please note that this aligns with Utah State Code 26A-1-110 (4), which states:

- "In the absence or disability of the local health officer, or if there is a vacancy in that office, the board shall appoint an acting health officer for a temporary period not to exceed one year. The appointment shall be ratified by the county executive of the county or counties in the local health department."

After giving an opportunity to all of the staff at the Department of Public Health to be considered as the Interim Director, the San Juan County Board of Health held a meeting on December 26, 2024.

The Board of Health recommends that the County Executive ratify their appointment of Mike Moulton as Interim Director within the Department of Public Health in San Juan County.

Mike Moulton previously served as Interim Health officer for approximately 9 months in 2021 during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He has previously served as the Health Promotion Director and has served for four years as the Emergency Response Coordinator and the Operations Manager for San Juan Public Health Department. In the latter two roles, he has demonstrated the ability to build bridges among the entire Health Department staff, with other County Departments, and with other key community and state partners. As Operations Manager, he has supported each Public Health staff member. He also demonstrated his ability to maintain the Health Department's fulfillment of the Minimum Performance Standards for Public Health during the Pandemic as Interim Health Officer, coordinating the Pandemic response with State/ Local Health Departments, and maintaining contracts and other reporting with the San Juan County Commission and San Juan County Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Ron Skinner, Chair
San Juan County Board of Health