



**Director's Report
November - December 2023**

Recent & Upcoming Events:

- Activities:
 - Monticello Holiday Event - December 9, 2023
 - San Juan Health Building Santa Drive Thru - December 19, 2023
 - 138 children seen
 - 1 book provided to each family
 - Families completed surveys at each event to understand their reasons for accessing or not accessing SJPH resources
- Monticello WIC Day - Wednesday, November 15, 2023 & December 6, 2023
 - Future: January 10, 2024
- Blanding Breastfeeding Class - 1st Wednesday of the month at Noon
- Local Health Officer Meeting in Tooele, January 16-17, 2023

Program Activities:

- Emergency Preparedness
 - On Nov. 9th at 8 am, the health department was notified through the *Utah Notification & Information System* that a **Code Blue Alert** was being issued for San Juan County over 24 hours. As defined in Utah Code 35A-16-703, Code Blue Alerts are sent out when the National Weather Service predicts temperatures will reach 15 degrees F, including a windchill, for 2 hours or more over the next 24-hours. The alert allows shelters to relax and expand to give officials some flexibility to identify new locations to shield people who are experiencing homelessness from the cold. The county manager, emergency manager, and local sheriff were also notified of the alert.
 - The local ERC participated in a virtual Anthrax tabletop exercise with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services. Other participating organizations were the Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management, other Local Health Departments, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Marshals.
 - The objectives were to:
 - Activate and test the DHHS Anthrax disease plan to respond to a "white powder incident."
 - Assess DHHS' ability to identify and track infectious disease cases.

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- Test interoperability between local and state jurisdictions to activate, coordinate and respond to an intentional release of a category A agent.
 - Assess DHHS's ability to share accurate, timely information and mitigate misinformation sharing.
 - Test SNS/MCM plan to request resources from the Strategic National Stockpile and distribute to local health departments.
 - A brief hot wash after the exercise was conducted which revealed exercised strengths and areas for improvement. The information gathered will be used to drive an improvement plan for updating the current response plan for a Category A bioterrorism agent.
 - The local ERC attended the quarterly Local Health Department ERC affiliate meeting in Provo.
- Environmental Health (EH) activities
 - Jones & Demille is now contracted with SJPH to inspect wastewater system plans and installations. They worked with SJPH to develop a checklist and process, as well as review outstanding requests for reviews and inspections. Central Utah Health Department's Public Health Director also assisted in reviewing the process and giving guidance to Jones & Demille Environmental Health Scientists.
 - Central Utah Health Department Director, whose background is in Environmental Health, also met remotely with SJPH staff to answer questions and provide assurance about our Environmental Health efforts during this time when our capacity is low.
 - Next step is to contract with a part time EH Scientist to address other EH needs over the next phase.
- Monticello Cancer Screening Program:
 - Advertising of the program and trainings with local healthcare staff (San Juan Health, Utah Navajo Health System, and Innovations) began in December 2023.
 - Mayor Bayley Hedgelin and Grant Sunada will be interviewed about the Program on Red Rock Radio on December 20, 2023 at 9am.
 - Flyers will be distributed to Monticello PO Boxes, in local newspapers, and via social media.
- Health Promotion
 - Building Resilient Inclusive Communities grant will end December 2023
 - Helped with the Bluff Food Bank Drive-thru on December 8th, we served 388 people.
 - SJPH and Bluff Food Pantry accomplished our grant objective - Bluff Food Pantry Cookbook with culturally tailored recipes that use Food Bank supplies
 - New partnership with the Utah Foster Grandparent program/Americorps to develop a program to work with our county elders/senior citizens to volunteer in schools.

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- Interviews for a Health Educator will begin soon.
- Nursing
 - WIC Participant Report

Year & Month	Enrolled Individuals	
2023 November	226	
2023 September	229	
2022 September	206	
2021 September	227	
2020 October	242	
Family Appointments by Type	October 2023	November 2023
Certification (New to WIC)	7	10
Recertification	16	20
Mid Certification	10	3
Education	14	23
High Risk Follow Up	3	2
NOTES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 aged out (5 y.o.) ● 1 moved ● 1 over income

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