



PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING - FEE HEARING
735 S 200 W, Blanding, Utah 84511. Conference Room
October 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendees

- Trent Herring- Board Chair
- Lois Young - Board Member
- Grant Sunada- Public Health Director
- Tyler Ketron- Public Health Business Manager

Virtual:

- Sylvia Zhonnie - Board Member
- Ravina Walker- Board Member
- Orion Rogers- Environmental Health Director, Southeast Utah Health Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes & Current Agenda
 - Motion to approve: Louis Young
 - Second: Sylvia Zhonnie
 - Vote in Favor: All

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

FEE HEARING

2. Environmental Health Fee Hearing by Grant Sunada, San Juan Public Health Director and Orion Rogers, Southeast Utah Health Department Environmental Health Director

Grant sent out a notice (Facebook, emailed through Economic Development offices in Blanding and San Juan County, posted in Monticello City offices) and let the public know that there will be a fee hearing. Last year at least \$35,000 state/local taxes supplemented local Environmental Health activities. So really the intent here is to have businesses and organizations pay for their part, depending on the extent determined by the Board.

Orion says that one thing that he would add is we also used the state and local taxes to support restaurant inspections and pool inspections. But usually, we spend it in the first month. And so there are those other 11 months that need funding so that services can be properly provided.

Orion going over the Fees

- Need to make an edit to the fees, need to add \$354 plus a \$40 fee. \$40 goes to the Division of Water Qualities.
- Travel costs should be a separate section of the fee schedule
- San Juan County has not opted into the GrayWater System permits program but to keep it on our schedule fee when we can add additional workload
- Is it rare for illegal installation? It happens more than we know about, especially in rural areas.
 - Lois is wondering what sort of enforcement there is. It is important to consider the situation and help those that are in need instead of punishing them. If it is blatant disregard and they know better then there are fines. There is a program through the Division of Water Quality that can help people replace and fix failed on-site wastewater systems.
- Revina highlighted the public health need for these services to take place.
- Chair Herring says there is no way he can favor this at the moment due to the amount of increase. He thinks that we will need to revisit this and use an incremental approach over the next few years.
- Chair Herring moves to table the discussion on the fee hearing to another day.
- Motion: Sylvia would like to add to the motion for Grant to present an adjustment to the fee change at the next meeting.
- Seconded: Lois
- Four in favor. Commissioner Harvey: no-vote

INFORMATIONAL/RECOGNITION ITEMS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3. Director's Report, October 2023 by Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

- Grant discussed upcoming events and recent activities.
- Update on Environmental Health Director medical leave

- Southeast is helping and working on a contract with a part-time EH scientist.
- COVID Update
 - SJPH is not offering the vaccine now that we are not in an emergency status but supporting and referring to clinical partners.

BUDGET UPDATE

4. Monthly Expenditure Report by Grant Sunada, Public Health Director, and Tyler Ketron, Business Manager
 - Grant and Tyler discussed the San Juan Public Health Department's Monthly Expenditures. Tyler plans to present a higher-level overview of the budget in the future.

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

5. San Juan Public Health 2024 Budget Proposal by Grant Sunada, Public Health Director, and Tyler Ketron, Business Manager

Grant presented the Budget proposal summary. Chair Herring asked why the county's contribution to Public Health from the Public Health fund varies from year to year. This is due to the amount paid to the Counseling Center varying from year to year to due to their Medicaid match.

Lois: Motion to accept the proposal

Second: Revina.

Four in favor. Commissioner Harvey: No vote.

6. WIC Program Location Update by Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

Expansion to Monticello one day a month has been part of the overspent funds paid for from local funding. Upcoming fiscal year for WIC does have an increase in State WIC funds due to a change in the funding formula (additional base funding), though current enrollment does translate to an additional increase in funds in 2-3 years.

Chair Herring highlighted the opening of a grocery market in Montezuma Creek.

Grant highlighted support from State WIC personnel that led to the repair of WIC equipment at the store in Aneth and additional training for staff.

Grant reported on how Navajo WIC is available in Shiprock and Kayente and how he asked the Navajo Utah Commission for guidance; also San Juan County WIC vehicle is not to be parked in White Mesa according to Ute Mt Ute WIC.

Current WIC participants in Monticello are the main people coming to the WIC vehicle on the Monticello WIC day, more so than new families in Monticello.

7. Update Following San Juan Public Health Presentation to Navajo Utah Commission by Grant Sunada, Public Health Director
 - Grant discussed his presentation to the Navajo Utah Commission. Commissioner Harvey shared that they received the county very well and were amazed with Grant and the

Department. There was interest in COVID-19 education and worried about an increase this winter. Shawn Begay, UNHS Public Health Director, took it as important feedback for UNHS. The Navajo Utah Commission wants to work with the county to connect to some of the data that the nation collects through the Department of Health. More data sharing. He thinks they're looking forward to more interaction with the county. They were being listened to and Grant took a lot of the comments and answered a lot of the questions that they had.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Sylvia shared that she attended the Teddy Bear clinic with Rebecca Benally, Health Promotion Director, and she finished the Community Health Worker Certification course.

CONFIRM FUTURE MEETING TIME & LOCATION

The Next Board meeting is December 21, 2023, at Noon in Blanding

ADJOURNMENT

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San Juan County Public Health Board

DATE: _____