



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and approval of the Utah Local Health Department Mutual Aid Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

SUMMARY

In order to promote mutual cooperation and establish ways for Utah Local Health Departments, including San Juan County Public Health Department may assist each other in times of disaster or emergency, the following mutual aid agreement is proposed. It is the intent of this agreement to facilitate the sharing of resources among listed parties, and to avoid or minimize, where possible, any fault or liability towards any of the Local Health Department, beyond that which has been previously enacted by statute.

This Agreement recognizes that Mutual Aid has been provided in the past and have determined that it is in the best interests of themselves and their citizens to create a plan to foster communications and the sharing of resources, personnel, and equipment in the event of such calamities; and the governing officials of the Parties desire to secure for each Local Health Department the benefits of Mutual Aid for the protection of life and property in the event of a disaster and/or health emergency.

The Local Health Departments wish to make arrangements for furnishing Mutual Aid in coping with Disasters and/or health emergencies and are so authorized and make this Agreement pursuant to the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act as set forth in Title 11 Chapter 13 of the Utah Code.

The Local Health Departments recognize that a formal agreement for Mutual Aid would allow for better coordination of effort, would help ensure that adequate equipment and staffing is available, and would help ensure that Mutual Aid is accomplished in the minimum time possible in the event of a Disaster and/or health emergency and thus desire to enter into an agreement to provide Mutual Aid.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

This is a new agreement, but mutual aid has generally been promoted among Local Health Departments in the past.

FISCAL IMPACT

Dependent upon nature and scale of emergencies that arise.