



**Director's Report  
May 2024**

Recent & Upcoming Events:

- May 1 - Canyonlands Youth Center Hogan Ground Breaking Ceremony
- May 2 - San Juan Public Health Staff Meeting - Welcome, Dennis Shumway!
- May - UNHS Women's Health Fair attended by the Health Promotion, WIC, Children with Special Healthcare Needs, Parents as Teachers, Monticello Cancer Screening Programs
- May 6-7 - Zoe John, Tobacco Retail Site Visits
- May 8-10 - Mike Moulton, Utah Emergency Management Conference (SG)
- May 8 - Tyler Ketron, Public Health Finance Officer Quarterly Meeting (Davis)
- May 8 - Grant Sunada, San Juan County Administrative Meeting
- May 9 - Utah Navajo Health System, Women's Health Fair
- May 10 - Southeast Utah Environmental Health Site Visit/Training
- May 10 - Utah Indian Health Advisory Board - San Juan Public Health Presentation (Montezuma Creek)
- Blanding Breastfeeding Class - 1st Wednesday of the month at Noon
- May 12-16 - Utah Wastewater Level 1 Certification (Vernal)
- May 14, 7pm - Monticello City Council Meeting - Department of Energy Presentation and Cancer Screening Program Presentations
- May 15 - Grant Sunada and Rebecca Benally, Utah Health Equity Executive Group Role & Responsibilities Retreat (Provo)
- May 30-31 - Utah Association of WIC Administrators (Kamas)
- June 4-6 - Incident Command System 300 – Responding to Expanding Incidents, St. George, Utah
- June 9-14 - Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- June 10 - Staff training and survey on Health Equity
- June 12-14 - Utah Prevention Summit, Bryce Canyon
- June 20 - San Juan County Board of Health Meeting
- June 21 - Navajo Nation Public Health Emergency Preparedness meetings with state, chapter house, and local health department PHEP representatives, Window Rock, AZ

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## Program Activities:

- Epidemiology
  - June 2024: Monthly County Epidemiology Meeting – Long COVID Training: Diagnosis, Treatment, Disability, Surveillance and Provider and Community Education
  - Biweekly COVID Report will evolve to become a monthly County Infectious Disease Report
  - Helping gather content for San Juan Public Health Annual Report
- Environmental Health
  - Wastewater Training levels 1-2 complete
  - May 7-8 - Dennis Shumway, Restaurant Inspection Training (Moab)
  - May 22-23 - Pool Inspection Training (Moab)
  - Applied for the Environmental Health Scientist-in training licensure
  - Updated septic and swimming pool inspection form
  - Worked with Jones and DeMille and Southeast HD conducting on-site septic inspections
- Health Promotion
  - Building locally tailored health equity framework for San Juan County
  - Rebecca & Zoe will conduct a staff survey to identify strengths, health inequities and health disparities. The survey consists of 112 questions.
  - Completing Quarterly and annual reports for 18 contract grants
  - Zoe John gradually taking over the Tobacco Prevention grants
  - Tobacco use and attitudes survey conducted at community event – 180 surveys completed, only 3 smoked, full report coming soon
  - Rebecca & Zoe-Tobacco Retail Inspection 19 stores
  - Rebecca & Zoe-Tobacco 2 Compliance Checks-18 stores completed for the fiscal year.
  - Rebecca-attended the Health Equity Executive Meeting
  - Rebecca-attended the Canyonlands Youth Center Groundbreaking event
  - Rebecca attended and promoted healthy active living information at the Moccasin 5K Run in White Mesa.
  - Rebecca attended the Teddy Bear Clinic Planning Meeting
  - Rebecca attended the SJCPAC Steering Committee meeting to go over the bylaws
  - Rebecca attended the Utah Community Health Workers Association meeting
  - Rebecca met with UNHS Diabetes & Hypertension Coordinators/PH Nurses to coordinate continues partnerships for patient care, NDPP classes, etc.
  - Rebecca completed HEAL, Tobacco, Poison Prevention, Prevention Block Grant, Maternal Child Health & CHW Action Plan for next fiscal year (2024-2025).
  - Rebecca & Zoe volunteers for the Bluff Food Pantry-serving about 300 people.

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- Emergency Preparedness
  - Mike Moulton attended the annual Utah Emergency Management Association conference in St. George, May 8-9, to learn more about response practices from a state-wide perspective.
  - Mike Moulton, Tyler Ketron, Grant Sunada, and Brittney Carlson attended the Utah Public Health Preparedness & Response Conference in Provo, May 16-17.
  - Mike Moulton and Grant Sunada attending ICS 300 – Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, June 4-6, 2024 in St. George to fulfill Utah Public Health Minimum Performance Standards.
- Nursing
  - Parents as Teachers Program report submitted. New, tailored approach to nurse home visiting under development.
  - Cancer –
    - May 14, 7pm - Monticello City Council Meeting - Department of Energy Presentation and Cancer Screening Program Presentations
    - Cancer program status
      - 123 program applicants
      - 78 are from San Juan County
      - 106 are from Utah
      - 17 are out of state-AZ, SD, OR, TX, IN, CA, LA, CO, NV
      - 121 of total applicants received vouchers
  - Children with Special Healthcare Needs: Demand is slower during the summer months. Developing packet to deliver to existing families. Attending Prevention Summit in Bryce. Integrating clients with WIC program and vice versa. New clients from Monticello and Montezuma Creek.
  - Back-to-School immunization campaign under development
  - Preschool Development Grant – USU Community Health Worker position posted ([link](#))
  - WIC
    - Success Story: May 8th “Brittney and Katie were seeing WIC clients in Monticello. One of our WIC clients happened to be over income due to a raise her husband received. She was very appreciative of the WIC program and thanked WIC Staff over and over again and stated how much the WIC program helped her through that year of her family's life when she stayed home to be with her newborn baby. WIC Staff were also helping this family with a human-milk fortifier due to her baby not gaining weight as fast as she should have been. She told us as well that she had been talking with a friend of hers from another location that told her that she only went once to her WIC appointment and never wanted to go back because she felt so judged for being on the program. This mom stated to us that she never felt this way from San Juan WIC and that we were so

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inviting and friendly and non judgemental. WIC Staff were very glad that they were able to help this family during this time in their lives.”

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