

**Rural Utah Child Development**  
**Minutes of the Bi-annual Meeting of the Health Advisory Committee**  
**April 20, 2021**  
**12:00 PM**

**Location of Meeting:** Virtual

**Present:** Erin Hart, Brittney Carlson, Sara Braby, Alissa Allen, Jessica Spendlove, Jill Gordan, Holli Stapley, Gwen Anderson, Kobi Prettyman, Heather Odendahl, Julie Justice

**Absent:** Christina Pay, Donna Mathis, Laura Dotson, Danielle Pendergrass, Judy Saccomanno, Cori Callahan

The regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee was called to order at 12:03 PM on April 20, 2021 by Heather Odendahl.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and approved by a majority of those present.

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by a majority of those present.

**III. Consideration of Open Issues**

1. Health Screening Results 2020-2021

Heather Odendahl

The health manager presented the health screening results for the 2020-2021 program year. The data reviewed included medical insurance, medical homes, hearing screening, vision screening, hemoglobin screening, lead screening, physical exams, and dental exams.

2. Radon Update

Heather Odendahl

After the last meeting, the Radon Coordinator from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality contacted the health manager. Together they set up a pilot program to test radon levels at three RUCD locations. Vernal, Price, and Blanding centers were selected. The committee viewed the results. Vernal and Price centers are radon-free. Blanding results are pending.

3. COVID

Heather Odendahl

Heather presented the data on the number of RUCD staff and children quarantined, positive cases, and center/classroom closures due to COVID-19.

4. Challenges with Exams And Treatment

Heather Odendahl

Many parents are hesitant to schedule in-office medical appointments for physical exams, dental exams, and follow-up treatments due to COVID. Committee members shared some of the additional safety precautions that have been implemented and encouraged RUCD to share this information with families or to refer them to their local provider to discuss concerns.

5. Resources for Free/Low Cost Health Services

Heather Odendahl

RUCD utilizes InfantSEE and Sight for Students for free vision exams for children.

RUCD is seeking information on dental resources for families with no insurance. Holly Stapley suggested Primary Children's Dental Clinic. Erin Hart will consult with Carbon Medical Services; they offer a dental clinic. Jessica Spendlove will consult with White Smiles. Also, Mountainland Dental Clinic offers a sliding scale fee. Brittney Carlson will forward information regarding the University of Utah Dentistry.

Other resources that offer assistance are Baby your Baby for prenatal mothers with no health insurance.

6. Additional Items Discussed

Heather Odendahl

Sara Braby stated that Southeastern Utah Health Department is offering COVID vaccines to businesses.

#### **IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 PM on October 19, 2021.

This meeting will be conducted virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM by Heather Odendahl.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Odendahl, RUCD Health and Nutrition Specialist

Minutes approved by: Julie Justice, RUCD Comprehensive Services Coordinator