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## Governance Committee

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August 5, 2019

**Chair:** Dr. Joseph Miner

**Present:** Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Gary Edwards, Jeff Combs, Jerry Edwards, Kim Beck, Dorothy Adams, Jill Parker

**Phone:** None

**Visitors:** Amelia Self, Jeff Eason, Lynne Nilson, Susanna Eden

**Voting Members:** Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

**Co-Chairs:** Dr. Joseph Miner and Ralph Clegg

### Minutes

Approve minutes from July 1, 2019 Governance meeting.

**Motion to approve:** **1st:** Ralph Clegg **2nd:** Heather Borski

**Vote Yes:** Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

### Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Cooperative Agreement - Amelia Self (handout)

- Applying for a new 5-year cycle to support Tuberculosis Elimination activities.
  - This grant follows the calendar year.
- Award period: January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020
- Project period: January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2024
- \$35,000 will be directly awarded to the lab.
- \$18,000 for Human Resource Development to conduct activities focused on building provider capacity.
- \$226,266 will go to prevention and control.
- CDC changed the funding formula for this 5-year cycle so the award amount is unknown.
- A budget was submitted based on FY19 funding and CDC also provided an estimator to assist budgeting.
- The table on the handout provided is based on CDC funding estimate compared to FY19 funding.
  - If the funding awarded matches the CDC estimator, that is a \$23,110 reduction.
  - FY19 Funding = \$279,266
  - CDC Estimate = \$256,156
- Applying for the amount from FY19 funding but may be awarded the CDC estimate.
- The amounts for contracts are based on the formula provided by the CDC.
  - The biggest change is the increase in Incident Cases by 14%.
- A 3-year average has been provided on the handout.
- CDC formulary is applied over the course of 3 years.
- There is a possibility of more reductions in years 2 and 3 depending on numbers due to an overall decrease in TB incidents.
- Local health departments without past cases were awarded a minimum of about \$2,300.
  - The new formula will reduce this amount to \$1,000.
- Local health departments will see an increase in positive QuantiFERON's coming through due to all types of TB tests being reportable now.

- Local health departments will be contacted to discuss how to handle the increase with a possible mechanism to auto close.
  - A threshold will be established for the qualitative on the QuantiFERON so that if it is within a certain level, no investigation is required.

**Motion to approve - 1st:** Lloyd Berentzen **2nd:** Heather Borski

**Vote Yes:** Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

#### **Improving Hepatitis B and C Care Cascades - Jeff Eason (handout)**

- New grant for the Prevention, Treatment, and Care program.
- This is the fourth and last continuation year in the cooperative agreement.
- This project will end October 31, 2020 and be re-released in a combined NOFO with the 1703 “Enhanced Hepatitis B and C Investigation” Project.
- This continuation is requesting \$84,344 per the continuation request from the CDC.
  - Personnel: \$71,538 (.85 FTE and fringe)
    - Single person, remainder is covered by the 1703 Enhanced Surveillance project.
    - Hepatitis C Epidemiologist
  - Supplies: \$204
  - In-State Travel: \$1,224
  - Other (Office maintenance and support): \$2,504
  - Indirect: \$8,871
- The goal is to increase the number of persons living with hepatitis B and hepatitis C infection that are tested for these infections, made aware of their infection, and linked to recommended care and treatment services.
- Project activities associated with this project have been incorporated with other viral hepatitis efforts to improve activities with service providers and increase testing.
- A process to link current infected individuals to treatment navigators has been established with Health Clinics of Utah.
  - Locations in Provo, Weber Morgan, and Salt Lake City.
- The first 2 years of the grant the FTE position was a Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator. In year 3, this changed to an Epidemiologist role currently held by Ethan Farnsworth.
- Funding has been stable aside from \$50,000 in supplementals offered to Health Clinics of Utah in 2018 to support the Navigator hiring.
  - Navigator position was hired but they were unable to retain personnel. This position has been rehired since and funding has been carried over from year 3 to year 4 to continue this activity.
- As local health departments, service providers, and opioid treatment providers are finding cases, the Navigator position is working to link them to treatment.
  - The next step towards building the infrastructure for hepatitis C elimination in Utah.
- Local health departments are able to link currently infected acute cate cases to Amelia Prebish, Patient Navigator, who will work to establish a continuum of care.
- Grant is considered exempt but will continue to be brought to Governance.

**Motion to approve - 1st:** Ralph Clegg **2nd:** Heather Borski

**Vote Yes:** Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

### **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program - Formula Grant - Lynne Nilson (handout)**

- This 2-year grant was approved by Governance in May and brought back to report on RFP funding.
- \$3.2 million per year in ongoing funds.
- 9 applications were received from RFP and 5 were funded from the \$2.5 million available to spend.
- Awards notices have been sent to the following:
  - Salt Lake County and Utah County (Urban)
  - South East District and Wasatch County (Rural/Frontier)
  - Prevent Child Abuse Utah in Weber, UT (Private Non-Profit Agency)
- Bear River did not apply.
- San Juan, Toole County, and Davis County applied but will not receive funding.
- A budget has been requested and will be brought back to Governance.
- This money is in current Federal Government funding and guaranteed for 5 years.
- Sequester is for 2021.
- Possibility of a 6% cut may happen next year.
- Application process will most likely renew in 2 years but is unknown at this time.

### **No Vote Needed**

### **Other Agenda Items:**

- **Population adjustments related to the funding formula - Jake Hennessy**
  - Current Funding Formula is based on the 2014 population.
  - Gains and losses for each local health department has remained constant.
  - Rule requires population review every 4-5 years but may when appropriate.
  - This year marks 5 years and population needs to be adjusted to current numbers.
  - This will be brought back to Governance once adjustments are made and formula is created to review the new impact on the 13 local health departments.
  - This is the final transition year of the 5-year gain/loss period and will be effective in 2021.
  - It is agreed that the population formula should be evaluated and needed adjustments made.
  - The Kim Gardner policy will be used for population data.

### **Next Meeting - August 19, 2019 – 11:30am – Room 401**

### **Motion to adjourn:**

**Motion 1st:** Lloyd Berentzen **2nd:** Dr. Joseph Miner

**Vote Yes:** Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs