



UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
 PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES July 17, 2017

Members Present:			
Mayor Jeff Acerson, Chair	excused	Teresa Tavares, Vice Chair	X
Gaye L. Ray, RN	excused	Daril Magleby	X
Superintendent Rick Nielsen	excused	Diane Lohner	X
Dianne C. Carr	X	Commissioner Greg Graves	X
Henry M. Yeates, MD	X		

Others present:

Ralph L. Clegg, EHS, MPA UCHD Executive Director
 Julie Dey UCHD Secretary

Number of people in attendance – 10

1. Welcome by Teresa Tavares
2. Approval of the Minutes from May 22, 2017

MOTION: Commissioner Greg Graves made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Rabies vaccination of pets and licensing – Dr. Donald Renda

Prior to Dr. Renda’s presentation, Lisa Guerra, Public Health Nurse Coordinator, reported that UCHD Epidemiology and Environmental Health division receive reports about bites. If a dog or cat bites a human and the pet owners do not provide documentation for having updated rabies shots, the animal is put down or put into quarantine. If a dog or a cat is exposed to a rabid animal and there is no record of the pet having a rabies vaccine, that pet needs to be put down or in mandatory quarantine for six months. If a pet owner is not compliant, it becomes a problem.

When humans are exposed to bats that test positive for rabies, the person is sent for treatment. If a dog or cat is exposed to a rabid bat and there is no record of immunization, they must be put down or put in isolation/quarantine.

It is mandated that dogs, cats and ferrets have rabies vaccines because rabies is 100 percent fatal in humans and animals. Ralph Clegg specified that state law requires vaccinations for pets, and that it is the responsibility of animal services to provide the enforcement.

Dr. Renda distributed a proposed ordinance for a Utah County Rabies Vaccine Database. Dr. Renda explained that in order for a dog or cat to be licensed they must have a rabies vaccination. Dr. Renda thinks that more animals are vaccinated for rabies than are licensed; however, the actual number is unknown. The figures for pets being licensed is very low. The state average for licensing an animal is 10 percent. Within Utah County five percent of animals are licensed.

Dr. Renda discussed the public health benefits, the animal shelter benefits, veterinarian benefits and the county and city benefits of the proposed ordinance.

By enacting a new rabies vaccine database ordinance, the counties and cities in the state could better enforce the Utah State animal rabies vaccine and licensing requirements by participating in the sharing of data from the rabies certificate.

The county and/or city should experience increased income derived from increased licensing compliance. This should shift some of the financial burden from the tax paying public to the pet owners who benefit the most from the services provided by the animal shelters and animal control.

This additional income could be used to address facility and staffing needs. It could also be used for public information and public relations to increase awareness of the benefits of Animal control and the requirements for vaccinating and licensing their animals.

4. Epidemiology presentation – Steve Mickelson/Lisa Guerra

Steve Mickelson, Division Director/FPH, explained “incidence” and “prevalence.” Incidence is the number of new cases of an illness in a defined time-period and specified population. Prevalence is the burden of disease/syndrome in a specified population at a point in time.

There are 107 reportable diseases and syndromes that are required to be reported by physicians and labs. Steve reported the many hours of workup involved for various diseases for the epidemiology division.

Utah County Health Department Epidemiology Division - Staff specialties:

Tracy	Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV and other STI's
Kristine	Hepatitis B, Syphilis and other STI's

Jennifer H.	Enteric (gastro-intestinal illnesses) and Bio-terror
Lisa	Vaccine preventable diseases and everything else under the sun
Jennifer S.	Tuberculous
Vivian	Administrative Support

5. Vault privy cleanup cost information update – Jason Garrett

Jason Garrett, Bureau Director, Environmental Health, was tasked with follow up from the vault privy discussion at the last Board of Health meeting with the issue of bonding. The proposed bond was \$10,000 on May 22, 2017; however, the board recommended and set it currently at \$2,500. Commissioner Graves had asked for additional research.

Utah County is replacing a pit privy in the Provo Canyon area. Jason Garrett was able to speak with Brady Christensen of Utah County Public Works. Brady explained to Jason that he had a bid for a cleanup of the pit privy in the Provo Canyon area. The bid for the very basic service on the vault privy, which is to remove and clean out two tanks, is \$10,000. If there is soil contamination along with that, Brady estimated that it would be in the range of \$40,000-\$60,000 to do the cleanup. Brady indicated it was difficult to find a company to clean up the vault privy.

Ralph Clegg said, if the board chooses to change the fee/bond to \$10,000, the issue would need to be taken to public hearing.

Jason was asked if he had been able to reach the U.S. Forest Service to see what they have found the costs to be on any cleanup of their vault privies. Jason has tried but not been able to find the right person to help get the information. Commissioner Graves said he knew someone and would get Jason the contact information.

6. Appoint members to the Administrative Hearing Board.

Proposed: Dr. David Flinders, Larry Ellertson, James Johnson. All three have agreed to accept the appointment if made by the Board of Health. Carl Hollan is attempting to find an attorney who is willing to volunteer time for the Administrative Hearing Board.

MOTION: Dianne Carr made the motion to appoint Dr. David Flinders, Larry Ellertson and James Johnston to the Administrative Hearing board which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed by unanimous vote.

7. 2016 Annual Report

The board members reviewed the report and liked the visual nature of the annual report.

8. Program Cost Report 2016 – Eric Edwards

Eric Edwards, Deputy Director informed the board members that as part of the minimum performance standards followed by Utah County Health Department, the program costs must be reviewed annually. The program report shows that some programs are entirely funded by grants; some programs are entirely funded by fees; and then some programs that are a combination of grants, fees and tax dollars.

The Utah Lake algae costs from last year are reflected in “recreational waters” under Environmental Health No. 145. It cost a great deal to be involved in that response.

9. UALBH Symposium September 7-8, 2017 at Daniels Summit Lodge

Diane Lohner encouraged the board members to attend the symposium. The symposium is a platform to educate board members on their responsibilities and learn information on topics to discuss as a board. Please contact Julie Dey before July 31, 2017 if you would like to attend.

10. UALBH Steering Committee Report – Diane Lohner

The bylaws for UALBOH have been updated. They will be advertised and given to every board member by August 7, 2017 for review. UALBOH goals have been updated as well.

UALBOH Steering Committee will be meeting later this week, so there are no new topics to discuss now.

11. Constituent feedback

No feedback.

12. Employee Changes

Ralph reviewed with the Board the employee changes and they are routine.

13. Other Business

Ralph reported that Utah Lake has a toxic algae problem again; however, not at the levels of last year. The Health Department is advising that people stay out of the waters. There is an e coli problem in Utah Lake as well.

Ralph reported that the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) originally began with three years of funding. The funding has been eliminated after two years. We have looked for other funding sources but there doesn't appear to be any. We have been moving the NFP nurses into other positions. Some positions will be eliminated, but no one will need to be laid-off as the nurses can move to other positions that are open. Clients of NFP are being moved to other programs.

MOTION: Commissioner Greg Graves made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed with unanimous vote.



Ralph Clegg, EHS MPA
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Jeff Acerson
Chair
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