



# UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
PROVO, UTAH 84601

## MINUTES November 27, 2017

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

### Others present:

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

Number of people in attendance – 8

- Welcome by Jeff Acerson
- Approval of the minutes from September 25, 2017 with the spelling correction of Greg Hudnall's name on page 2.

**MOTION:** Diane Lohner made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Rick Nielsen and passed by unanimous vote.

- Asthma Home Visit Program Presentation

Andrea M. Jensen, CHES, Health Educator at UCHD and Certified Asthma Educator, presented the Asthma Home Visit Program. The CDC provides funding for the program through grants which "align services between public health and healthcare sectors to provide comprehensive asthma control services." Nine percent of adults and 7 percent of children in Utah have asthma. To participate in the program, there are no age limits and no income requirements; however, the program is for those with severe or uncontrolled asthma. Qualifications are met by those with asthma who have been hospitalized or who have visited the emergency room for the condition, or who have been on a course of oral steroids, and who score low on the Asthma Control Test (ACT).

Program participants have three in-home visits. They learn techniques for using inhalers, and they learn to reduce home based triggers. Participants set goals and have 6 and 12 month follow ups with Andrea. The program is evidence based and reduces ER visits and hospitalizations as well as reducing the use of oral steroids with participants.

#### 4. Community Health Assessment – Casper Process

Linnea Fletcher, Health Promotion Program Manager at UCHD, explained that Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) is an epidemiologic technique designed to provide household based information about a community in a quick and low-cost format. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have developed CASPER tools and methods for completing the process which were followed by the health department.

In January 2017, a key partner meeting was held at UCHD to identify top health concerns in the community. Survey questions for community members were then analyzed and developed for the CASPER. From April to June 2017-UCHD employees, interns and Medical Reserve Corp members went door-to-door and surveyed members of the community. Neighborhoods that were surveyed were based on cluster mapping recommended through the CDC tools. Currently the data captured is being analyzed with the help of Qualtrics analytics. The demographics of the participants has been identified as well as topics the community would like additional resources for such as mental illness, hypertension, immunizations, access to healthcare, air quality, and drug and alcohol abuse/recovery.

#### 5. Mosquito Abatement Cost Savings

Dan Miller, Mosquito Abatement Manager at UCHD, reported on the cost savings of using a PCR machine to test the mosquito population for West Nile Virus, Western Equine Encephalitis and St. Louis Encephalitis. UCHD received funding to purchase the PCR equipment a year ago. Testing the mosquitos with their own PCR equipment not only provides cost savings to the county as shown in the report provided by Dan; but it also allows Utah County Mosquito Abatement to test their own mosquito pools and get results quickly. Prior to having the PCR equipment in the lab, they were using other RAMP testing methods in house that were rather expensive and/or sending samples to the state lab. Receiving the results quickly leads to rapid response time to spraying troubled areas in the county allowing for improved response time when West Nile Virus is detected.

This year 1,124 tests were able to be completed with the PCR equipment for a fraction of the old costs. There were 19 positive West Nile pools this year. Mosquito Abatement was immediately able to take action and begin spraying to help combat the mosquitoes. The original cost of the equipment was \$27,000 with another \$6,000 in supplies. A maintenance contract has also been purchased to provide continued support of the equipment. The PCR equipment pays for itself in about three years and continues to save the county over \$11,000 annually. Use of the equipment also allows the Mosquito Abatement division to be on top of the mosquito populations that carry West Nile.

Mosquitoes trapped in 2017 represented the fourth largest year for Utah County with 128,000 trapped. The largest season was 320,000 trapped. The numbers for this year are representative of the level of Utah Lake. As the water levels come up, it increases habitat resulting in more mosquitoes.

There were seven human cases of West Nile virus in Utah County this year.

#### 6. Adopt Bylaw Changes

Ralph Clegg explained the changes in the bylaws to the Board. The changes clarify the way the terms of board members expire, definition of what a term is, as well as the occasional need for an electronic meeting.

**MOTION:** Teresa Tavares made the motion to adopt the changes to the bylaws which was seconded by Dianne Carr and passed unanimously.

#### 7. Reappointment of board members

**MOTION:** Diane Lohner made the motion to recommend to the County Commission to reappoint Daril Magleby, Gaye Ray and Dianne Carr to full terms as board members of the Utah County Board of Health which was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed with unanimous vote.

#### 8. Approve and set a date, time and location for closed meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual or individuals

**MOTION:** Rick Nielsen made the motion to approve and set a date, time and location for a closed meeting to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual or individuals today, November 27, at the end of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed unanimously.

#### 9. UALBH Steering Committee Report

Diane Lohner reported the UALBH met in Davis County to review the symposium and reviewed ideas for next year's symposium.

UALBH is looking for someone to head up the legislative segment since the previous chair person's board term has expired.

#### 10. Constituent feedback

Dianne Carr brought up a news story she heard on the radio regarding cigarette companies being ordered by a federal judge that they need to disclose the amount of deaths and illness related to smoking through documents and advertising. The ads will run repeatedly over the next year.

## 11. Employee Changes

Employee changes were reviewed by the board. Ralph Clegg explained that employee changes are at an all-time low which is a good thing. Most of the new hires are part-time employees. Ralph reported it is still a challenge to hire Public Health Nurses and it may take a little while, but we are generally able to hire quality nurses.

## 12. Other Business

-APHA Global Public Health Film Festival: Aislynn Tolman-Hill, Public Information Officer at UCHD created a video based on the algal bloom at Utah Lake in 2016. The video presented Utah County Health Department's response to the bloom. The film was shown at the film festival which was held in Atlanta, GA in November.

-OUTRAGE! Youth anti-tobacco group has invited the board of health members to a dinner on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Utah County Courthouse ballroom.

**MOTION:** Dianne Carr made the motion to move to a closed meeting which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Dianne Carr made the motion to open the meeting which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed unanimously.

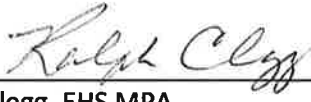
Rick Nielsen made the recommendation for the Board to set the compensation for Ralph Clegg, Executive Director, to the Utah County Commission to be established at the appropriate step and level of the salary schedule; understanding that the current salary schedule would be around \$152,000. But we (the Board) understand the new salary schedule would put that at \$160,000.

**MOTION:** Rick Nielsen made the motion to set the salary at the appropriate step and level of the salary schedule. Jeff Acerson stated that when the new salary schedule is adopted (by the Commission), Ralph will receive the one step increase as a correction. Teresa Tavares seconded the seconded the motion which passed with unanimous vote.

Rick Nielsen did go on to say, "The last thing you would want would be for us to make the recommendation to the Commissioners that is out of alignment with the salary schedule. We all believe that the Commission will adopt the new salary schedule; but if they stick with the old one, since we can't predict what they are going to do, I don't think you want to be the one outlier out there. That was our thought process."

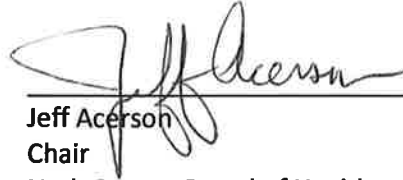
Jeff Acerson went on to say, "We have covered things either way. If the Commission passes the proposed salary schedule, you get the one step increase on the new schedule; if it doesn't pass, you get to adopt the step on the other schedule."

**MOTION:** Teresa Tavares made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dianne Carr and passed with unanimous vote.



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Ralph Clegg, EHS MPA  
Director  
Utah County Health Department



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Jeff Acerson  
Chair  
Utah County Board of Health

