



UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES January 22, 2018

Members Present:			
Mayor Jeff Acerson, Chair	X	Teresa Tavares, Vice Chair	excused
Gaye L. Ray, RN	X	Daril Magleby	X
Superintendent Rick Nielsen	X	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 – 12

1. Welcome by Diane Lohner, as acting board member
2. Approval of the minutes from November 27, 2017

MOTION: Rick Nielsen made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Dianne Carr and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Welcome to the reappointed board members

Gaye Ray, Dianne Carr and Daril Magleby were sworn in for their new terms prior to the meeting by Andrew Haun from the Utah County Clerk's office.

4. Community Health Assessment Report

Linnea Fletcher, Health Promotion Program Manager at UCHD, presented a draft of the Utah County Community Health Assessment Report. Topics in the assessment were discussed:

- a. Utah County's Rating as a Healthy Community

- b. Top 4 Health Concerns in Utah County: Mental Health, Drug Addiction, Chronic Disease, Air Quality.
- c. Home Safety & Emergency Preparedness
- d. How Residents Receive Information During an Emergency
- e. Personal and Family Health
- f. Chronic Conditions
- g. Immunizations
- h. Access to Healthcare
- i. Health and Safety of the Community

Ralph and Linnea asked the board members to review the draft and look at it from a layperson's point of view. Please provide feedback, recommendations, corrections or updates.

Board members are invited to the Key Partner Meeting – Forces of Change: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:30 am. This meeting will go into additional details of the report.

5. Mission, Values, Organization Chart

Ralph Clegg reviewed the mission statement, values and organization chart with the board members.

The mission statement and values are reviewed with the executive staff at health department on an annual basis. The executive staff then review the mission and values within their divisions to make sure their staff understand how their positions support the mission and how important what they do is to our mission and values.

Jeff Acerson arrived and chaired the meeting.

6. Adopt a Proposed Fine Schedule for E-cigarette Violations

Linnea Fletcher explained State Rule R384-415 requirements for an Enforcement Protocol regarding E-cigarette violations occurring in vape shops. This fine structure has been proposed to all Local Health Officers (executive directors of the health departments) in the state regarding the fine structure for what has been put in place for compliance checks. There are categories of low priority violations vs. high priority violations. This fine structure pertains to bottles of liquid only and not the closed devices. Devices are exempt.

In 2023, all big e-cigarette juice companies will have to provide a premarket analysis done by the FDA for all of their liquid products.

Linnea explained the responsibility for enforcement, imposing fines and the consistency to agree to treat violations the same across local health departments in the state and the process to present the fine structure to the boards of health throughout the state for approval to occur.

Linnea presented the fine structure to the board of health to ask for the adoption by the Board. Ralph explained that the schedule is necessary so that the fines are the same amount throughout the state and so the fines don't vary by county. This schedule will standardize fines and will be effective February 1, 2018. Ralph re-emphasized, that the local health departments are not in the business of wanting to receive funding from fines, but rather the education of the vape shops who distribute the liquids to retain proper documentation.

There are also bills at the State Legislature that could change this fine structure before the end of the year.

MOTION: Gaye Ray made the motion to adopt the fine schedule as in accordance with state rule R384-415 Enforcement Protocol which was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed by unanimous vote.

7. Hepatitis A Update

Ralph Clegg reviewed the Hepatitis A outbreak in Utah County with the board. The outbreak has mainly been in the homeless population and the incarcerated population and up to this point, we have been thankful it hasn't passed to the general population. The homeless and incarcerated populations have approximately 40 cases of Hepatitis A. Our nursing division has been working with the jail and the homeless to provide vaccinations since last fall. However, in January 2018, we found we had two separately infected food workers in two restaurants in Spanish Fork.

Utah County Health Department issued a public notice of possible Hepatitis A exposures through written, broadcast media, and on Facebook and other social media on January 9th to notify the public who had eaten at The Olive Garden or Sonic Drive In in Spanish Fork (on certain dates) as well as informing the public that food from The Olive Garden was donated to Tabitha's Way and distributed. Both restaurants were very good to work with.

The health department set up a call center for public questions. On the first day, the call center received approximately 625 calls. For the first three days the total number of phone calls was 1,435. The first day of the response, the immunization clinic gave 603 vaccinations. The total number of vaccinations in the first three days was 1,742. We improved processes so that lines moved more quickly for those waiting for immunizations.

The Utah Department of Health put up a website for Utah County to help people go through an assessment to identify if individuals had an exposure during the dates given at the two restaurants. Day one of the website had 4,500 completions of the assessment. Eric Edward's said the website had a decision-making algorithm for epidemiology for potential exposure.

The different divisions at the health department came together: Environmental Health, Health Promotion, Immunizations, Epidemiology, Nursing and even volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps and interns. The staff was spectacular. We did everything we could to help the public.

Commissioner Graves addressed another piece of 'how do we make the public aware of these situations' to Aislynn Tolman-Hill, Public Information Officer, UCHD. Aislynn reported that we strategically notified the public as soon as possible when the state assessment tool (website) and the phone call in center was ready. Within one day, we were able to make these things happen. We sent out a media release and we timed that with social media posts. We had a media availability opportunity the following morning rather than a press conference. Spokes people from the health department were available for the media's questions all at the same place and the same time.

Jeff Acerson said that, "Anytime you have a crisis or something of an emergency in nature, you do what you can as quickly as you can; and after the crisis has passed, set a time to evaluate what areas could be improved. It would be nice to see that analysis at the next Board of Health meeting. Develop the groups that need to be contacted."

Ralph reported that the Utah County Commissioners have approved funding for a new epidemiologist position for 2018.

Public Comment regarding Hepatitis A:

Aaron Lowe, Practice Administrator for Canyon View Medical Group in Spanish Fork explained, "We (Canyon View Medical Group) are the private side dealing with Hepatitis A; and we were dealing with it as the epicenter at the Spanish Fork Clinic. We appreciate the information we did receive; however, it would have been nice if the health department had known in advance to notify their practice, so they could have prepared as the health department had prepared. When there is an outbreak, let the private healthcare providers know as far in advance as the health department knows. Canyon View Medical was extremely busy and had to order vaccine three times. They used all the vaccine each time they received within an hour."

Mr. Lowe went on to explain, "This has made the community think about their immunizations. For example, 'I was immunized as a kid, but I haven't had the immunizations that were developed later in life.' Generally, people do not received immunizations later in life unless they are serving missions or going on foreign travel. There are a lot of immunizations that those of us that are faithful immunizers, still aren't immunized against such as shingles and tetanus boosters. The outbreak has caused a good public awareness of what immunizations the public should still be thinking of receiving. Canyon View is working on a campaign to educate their patients about getting caught up on adult immunizations and not just reacting every time there is an outbreak."

Ralph Clegg indicated that the press release was sent to private providers when it was sent to the media but made the point that the health department should give the physician offices additional information as soon as possible. Ralph made the point that not only was the health department very busy but so were doctor offices and pharmacies. We cannot do it with out the private sector of doctor offices/pharmacies and community partners who step in and help.

Gaye Ray acknowledged that the Hepatitis A vaccine is a two-shot series and posed the question, "Now we have many people in the community with one of two shots, is there a designed follow

up?” Ralph said the health department will do additional media release campaigns encouraging people to come back in at six months.

8. Open Meeting Training,

Pona Sitake, Deputy Utah County Attorney, provided Open and Public Meeting Acts training to the board members and provided sheet of questions and answers for the board.

9. 2018 Legislation Review

Legislative bill watch will be emailed to board members regularly throughout the legislative season.

10. UALBH Steering Committee Report

UALBH Annual Symposium will be held in Vernal in September.

Cameron Mitchell with UALBH will be coordinating the legislative issues that the local health officers have found to be very important with the board of health member who has been assigned legislative issues (Teresa Tavares). Teresa will then distribute the information to the board members let the board members know what they can do to contact our legislators about upcoming bills and providing information to them.

11. Constituent Feedback

12. Employee Changes

Employee changes were normal with changes being mainly with part-time staff.

13. Other Business

- Eggs and Issues 2018, Saturday, January 27, 7:15 am – 9:00 am, Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, Northwest Plaza, Clark Auditorium

- Wasatch Mental Health Open House, Monday, January 29 1:00 – 3:00 pm, 2185 N 1250 E, Payson (The Health Department will have WIC, Vital Records and Immunizations available there in 2019.)

- Bills and Bagels 2018, Saturday, February 3, 7:30 am – 9:00 am, Nebo School District Offices, Spanish Fork

- Key Partner Meeting – Forces of Change: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:30 am. (Community Assessment Meeting)

- UALBH Annual Symposium, September 6-7, 2018 Vernal

MOTION: Diane Lohner made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed with unanimous vote.



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Jeff Anderson
Chair
Utah County Board of Health