



UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES September 28, 2015

Members Present:			
Clyde Nielsen, RPh, Chair	X	Teresa Tavares, Vice Chair	X
Gaye L. Ray, RN	X	Mayor Jeff Acerson	Excused
Superintendent Keith Rittel	Excused	Diane Lohner	X
Dianne C. Carr	X	Commissioner Larry Ellertson	X
Henry M. Yeates, MD	X		

Others present: Ralph Clegg, EHS, MPH –Utah County Health Department (UCHD) Interim Director
 Debbi Solen – UCHD Secretary
 Number of people in attendance – 19

- Welcome by Clyde Nielsen.
- Approval of the Minutes from the July 27, 2015 Meeting

MOTION: Dr. Yeates made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Dianne Carr and passed by unanimous vote.

- Approval of the Minutes from the August 17, 2015 Meeting

The Board appointed Ralph Clegg as Interim Director or Local Health Officer and the County Commission needed approved minutes to ratify the decision. Clyde Nielsen and Dr. Joseph Miner, previous Executive Director, approved the minutes and the Board will need to ratify them.

MOTION: Teresa Tavares made the motion to ratify the minutes, which was seconded by Dianne Carr and passed by unanimous vote.

- Schedule Executive Director Interviews – Lana Jensen, UC Human Resource Director

There were 6 applicants for the position and none were physicians. This should be discussed in a closed session which can be done at the end of the public meeting.

MOTION: Gaye Ray made the motion to table the discussion, which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed by unanimous vote.

5. Board Members Report on the Annual Symposium

Dianne Carr is the Board's representative and said there were many of our Board members who attended. Park City's board members gave a very interesting presentation about some of the environmental issues in their area and how they are responding. Dr. Patton and Dr. Miner also gave very good presentations. Lewis Garrett led an excellent discussion on immunization exemptions. Dr. Gaye Ray received an Outstanding Service award. Dianne Carr will keep us informed of the UALBH Steering Committee discussions.

6. Review and Accept the 2014 Independent Audit

The audit report was much longer; just the pertinent pages were printed out for the Board's review. The surplus has increased in 2014 mostly due to a \$6-700,000 school based immunization grant funding UCHD received but didn't hire more full time staff for. They have been able to conduct these clinics with our regular staff and a few time-limited new hires since this was only a one year grant.

The audit also mentioned that some employees received paychecks when they hadn't worked. The Personnel Department is correcting this problem with the current payroll system and has made sure the new payroll system they are currently testing will correct not only this issue but some others they have encountered. They have a target date for the new payroll system which should be in place December 19, 2015.

MOTION: Teresa Tavares made the motion to accept the audit report, which was seconded by Commissioner Ellertson and passed by unanimous vote.

7. Review and Adopt or Amend the 2016 Proposed Fee Schedule

The Board was mailed out a copy of the proposed fee schedule so they could review the changes. The liver function test and a few others have not been taken off the fee schedule but have been placed together in a TB section. UCHD is still providing these services. Because of the nature of the disease UCHD does not want to prevent anyone getting treatment for TB. They do directly observable therapy. The medication is provided by the State. The family and workplace contacts of an active TB case are tested and treated as well. TB testing is not required for school personnel, only the new hires.

UCHD does provide family planning services linked with an exam, but not IUDs or abortions. Planned Parenthood or private physicians provide these services. The service is not free but the cost is modest and covers our cost and is not subsidized by taxes. The free health clinic sends all of their sexually transmitted disease clients to Planned Parenthood because they can get these services for free. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) considers a women's health exam as preventative so this is provided at no extra cost for those with insurance.

Plan reviews for school cafeterias have increased which will cover our costs. These fees are usually paid by the architect. Site assessments have increased to cover UCHD costs as these take a lot of time and require multiple trips. Public swimming pool certified operators are not charged per pool. The certified pool inspector files paperwork and can take care of multiple pools. There is just the one charge for completing the paperwork.

The wastewater and ground water monitoring fees have increased. These are requiring on average 7 trips so these fees have been adjusted to cover the actual costs. We are building in more places with high ground water. Before anything is built the area must be monitored for a year to determine how high the water table

is. The builder is required to follow certain specifications and they are the ones who dig the holes for the ground water monitoring.

MOTION: Commissioner Ellertson made the motion to adopt the proposed fee schedule, which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

8. Discussion on Immunization Exemptions

A State Personal Exemption Form and the existing Utah State Law and Utah Administrative Code was given to the Board for their review. Currently all counties are using the form but there isn't a standard fee across the state. Most counties are charging \$25, a few are charging more, and one is not charging at all. The Local Health Officers discussed this at their last meeting and would like the education given to the parent/guardian to be consistent as well as the fees.

Currently a nurse must meet with the parent/guardian and complete the form. The nurse should make it clear that if there is an outbreak their child would not be allowed to attend school until the outbreak is over. There was some discussion about having a video to be shown. About 5% of Utah students going to public schools are not immunized 10% in charter schools and 15% in the new charter schools just starting. It looks like about 38% of those getting personal exemptions are doing so for convenience. You rarely hear someone saying they can't afford the vaccines. The ACA requires insurance companies to cover vaccines as preventive care and there is VFC vaccine available for those low-income families without insurance.

Most of those who are requesting Personal exemptions are financially well off and a few are getting the immunizations on their own schedule (not recommended by CDC), and the majority do not seem to feel they have a responsibility to protect the community. They don't understand the science. Immigrants are very supportive of getting immunized, perhaps because they have more recent knowledge of the suffering these diseases can cause.

There is a group of students from BYU willing to create the education video. It's a very emotional issue for people so they hope the video will be less confrontational than having to talk with a nurse. Some states give authority to their Boards of Health to require every student to get immunized if there is an outbreak, but in Utah the State Law would have to be changed for the Board to be able to do this. UALBH would like to make a rule to standardize the exemption process and this can be done without changing the State law.

9. Other Business:

- a. **Employee Changes:** We've had a hard time getting and keeping nurses and this is the same across the state. Many are young, starting a family, or their spouse graduates from school and they relocate, and a few are retiring. The middle age group seems to be staying. We have hired a new PIO and Mosquito Abatement has many seasonal workers leaving employment.
- b. **Airport Letters and Study:** We received a letter from the Airport Board regarding our letter requesting them to make the Salt Lake City airport smoke-free. Our letter was presented to other Boards of Health. Linnea Fletcher will find out how many actually sent a letter to the Airport Board. The Smoke-Free Coalition will be meeting with Mayor Becker and the Airport Board next week to continue the discussion. Mayor Becker is against the airport becoming smoke free. Perhaps he wants to appear tolerant but this is a health issue and not a religious one.

The SLC airport was an international hub for Delta Airlines in 1990 and at that time Delta said if we made the airport a smoke-free airport they would leave SLC. So it was an economic decision to keep the airport smoking friendly. Delta no longer feels strongly about this issue and has said it is an airport decision. SLC airport is going through a major remodel so this would be a good time to look at this issue again. The architect for the new airport has changed the number of smoking rooms down from 5 to 2. There are only 7 international airports that allow smoking. The Tobacco Prevention and Control program at the State Health Department was very appreciative of the letter the Board sent to the Airport Board.

- c. E-cigarette Use: The Prevention Needs Assessment that conducts a study every 2 years shows that E-cigarette usage among our youth has increased from 1.7% (2013) to 7.6% (2015).
- d. Debbi Solen is retiring in October.
- e. There will only be one Board of Health meeting in January. There may be a potential conflict with January 25th so we have also scheduled January 11th. We'll let you know later which date it actually will be.
- f. Trampoline Injury Video: The daughter of friends of Dr. Yeates was injured Nov 22, 2014 at Lowe's Extreme Sports. She landed wrong when jumping on the trampoline and hurt her back. She was trying to decide just how hurt she was and what her insurance paid and if she should call 911. Her friends called her mother and found some plywood with a nail in it. They wrapped the nail in some padding from the gym and with her mother took her to the hospital. The gym didn't have any procedure or equipment for injuries. They didn't offer to call 911. She realized that she was jumping at her own risk and had signed a waiver, but had expected there to be some concern and medical help. She has had extensive surgery for an L-1 spine burst with fragments pushed into the spinal cord and cord compression. She was very fortunate that she didn't have more paralysis and nerve damage than she has.

There were 5 components of the proposed regulation the Board considered when this issue was last discussed, Nov. 25, 2013. They were:

- a. Mandatory reporting of injuries
- b. Signage, warning of potential injuries in at least 2" letters in well-lit areas
- c. Education on the dangers and to explain the safety rules
- d. To have a ratio of employees to patrons much like they do for swimming (1/32)
- e. To have employees trained in CPR and first aide

Utah Valley Regional Medical Center has been reporting the injuries they have treated to the health department for comparison with the injury reports received from the gyms. These will be reviewed and the findings presented at our next Board of Health meeting.

Dianne Carr said when she visited the trampoline gym a video was shown that was very good. It showed someone jumping incorrectly, stopped, and then explained why and what could happen. It was short and educational and it would be a good reminder to show this or others like it to all the patrons every time they attend the gym.

Dr. Yeates mentioned that when the Board was considering a regulation the injury rate was already too high. We wanted to see the injury rate decrease. This will be discussed further in November.

10. Board or Constituent Feedback

Dr. Miner is still the UCHD medical consultant and the Civil Surgeon for immigration exams.

11. Sneak Peeks for Next Board Meeting

- a. Household Hazardous Waste Regulation for the Board to review and approve for public hearing.
- b. Drinking Water Regulation which will allow homes with wells to be built in areas where there is arsenic in the water.
- c. Trampoline Gym Report

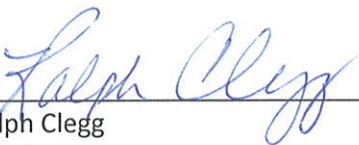
MOTION: Teresa Tavares made the motion to close the public meeting for discussion of the professional merits for the Director position, which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Dr. Yeates made the motion to open the public meeting, which seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

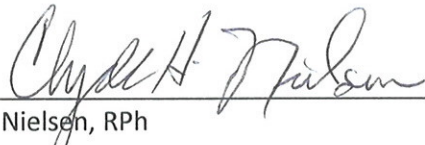
MOTION: Gaye Ray made the motion to set the date of October 9, 2015 or any other acceptable date for interviewing the 6 candidates for the Director position, which was seconded by Dr. Yeates and passed by unanimous vote.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.



Ralph Clegg
Interim Director
Utah County Health Department



Clyde Nielsen, RPh
Chair
Utah County Board of Health