

# **Weber-Morgan Board of Health Minutes of Meeting**

## **February 28, 2022**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on February 28, 2022 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ali Martinez	Dr. Kenneth Johnson	Cheryle Allen
Dr. Doug Jacobs	Angela Choberka	Dr. Lee Schussman
Jared Andersen – Virtual	Kevin Eastman – Virtual	Gage Froerer – Virtual
Bonnie Wahlen – Virtual		

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dr. Frank Brown, Leonard Call, Jason Boren

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Cowan, Michela Harris, Scott Braeden, Bryce Sherwood, Jarelyn Cox, Amy Carter, Cami Sullenger, Michelle Cooke, Pedro Lozano, Lori Buttars, Elvira Odeh, Autum Whitten, Brandan Quinney

### **Virtual Attendees**

Edna Ramirez, Sierra Corey, Andrea Williams, Nicole Primarolo-Turner, Ryan Klinge, Summer Day, Jennifer Braegger, Mandy Webb, Trinity Helton

### **Welcome – Ali Martinez**

**Ali Martinez** calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

**Brian Cowan** welcomes new board members Angela Choberka, Cheryle Allen, Dr. Lee Schussman, and Dr. Doug Jacobs. New member orientation was held on February 15, 2022.

### **Approval of Board of Health Minutes of January 24, 2022**

### **Motion Passes**

A **MOTION** is made for approval of the January minutes with clarification made on page 2 to the COVID-19 vaccination rates of those hospitalized due to COVID-19 and to include the need for a replacement member of Utah Association of Local Boards of Health. **Dr. Doug Jacobs** makes a motion to pass January minutes with corrections and **Dr. Kenneth Johnson** seconds the motion. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

### **Appointment of Finance Committee Members**

### **Motion Passes**

**Brian Cowan** provides description of finance committee. **Tina Kelly** and **Neil Garner** were previous committee members and need to be replaced.

**Angel Choberka** volunteers to join committee. A second committee member will be selected at a later meeting. **MOTION** is made by **Dr. Schussman** to appoint **Angela Choberka** to the Finance Committee and **Cheryle Allen** seconds the motion. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

### **Approval of New Fees – Agritourism and Microenterprise Kitchen Permits**

**Motion Passes**

**Michelle Cooke** informs the Board of two new rules from the Utah Department of Health. WMHD is proposing a \$300.00 annual permitting fee to cover cost of office hours, inspection, and review.

- The Agritourism Permit allows a non-commercial kitchen on a working farm to cook food for an event.
- The Microenterprise Kitchen Permit allows a non-commercial kitchen in a residential home to prepare and sell food to the public.

**MOTION** is made by **Dr. Kenneth Johnson** to approve the new fees and **Dr. Lee Schussman** seconds the motion. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

### **Director's Report – Brian Cowan**

**Information Only**

COVID-19 cases in the Weber-Morgan Health Department district

- The Weber-Morgan Health Department district has had declining case numbers for several weeks.
- Since the onset of COVID-19 Weber and Morgan have had 73,328 positive cases of COVID-19. Current 7-day average is 32 new cases per day. Currently there are 1,700 active cases of COVID-19. There has been 414 Deaths in our health district. 20 of the 30 (67%) of ICU beds are currently occupied but only 4 are COVID-19 related. 241 of the 455 (53%) of other beds are currently occupied but only 35 are COVID-19 related.
- Currently 57 active cases in three school districts. 53 of the 101 Schools are reporting one or more cases of COVID-19.
- In our health district 63.3% have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, 57.3% are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and 24.6% have received the booster COVID-19 vaccine.
- WMHD is continuing to gauge level of COVID-19 prevalence by using syndromic data such as hospitalization rates and waste water data.
- WMHD vaccination rate is currently only at .5 to 1% uptake a week.
- Guidance will continue that being fully vaccinated and boosted is best method of prevention an individual can take to reduce their risk of COVID-19.
- Governor Spencer Cox has directed the Utah Department of Health to transition to a COVID Steady State by March 31, 2022.
  - WMHD will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccinations.
    - Emergency Planning will assess resources for future outbreaks.
    - Current vaccines will have an end date of funding. WMHD will evaluate implementing administrative fees for future COVID-19 vaccines. Administrative fees cover staff time, the vaccine itself would remain free.

- WMHD will evaluate providing COVID-19 vaccine for age 0-5 at no cost.
- Evaluating WMHD's role in providing testing. On March 31, 2022 testing will shift from the state systems to the private healthcare system.
- WMHD will continue to work with schools and long term care facilities.

#### 2022 Legislative Session

- Senate Bill 3 - Supplemental Appropriations Bill is to provide additional funding to the local health departments in order to meet minimum performance standards. This would provide additional funding to use towards Nursing Services and community outreach. The approximate funding to WMHD would be an additional \$405,000 per year if passed.
- Senate Bill 45 is related to the merger of Utah Department of Health and Utah Department of Human Services. In third draft of this bill, Local Boards of Health authorities have been included and restricted from not being able to adopt rules or regulations that are more restrictive than the state or federal standard. This could impact our current inspections. An amendment has been added to state that it would not affect anything prior to February 1, 2022. Asking to see what would happen in the absence of a state or federal standard.
- Senate Bill 104 has been approved. This bill requires a certification for community health workers.

#### Annex Building of the Weber-Morgan Health Department and Morgan Office

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Annex Building is on track to be completed and occupied by April 2022.
- Morgan location in the basement of the Morgan City building is currently scheduled to be completed by June 2022.

The Utah Association of Local Boards of Health 2022 Annual Symposium is scheduled for March 31, 2022 and April 1, 2022 in Richfield, Utah. The Board of Health covers costs.

#### **Chair's Report – Ali Martinez**

#### **Information Only**

- **Ali Martinez** has no updates at this time and thanks the board for their time.

**Ali Martinez** asks for a motion to adjourn and **Dr. Doug Jacobs** seconds the motion, the Board vote is unanimous.

Meeting adjourns at 4:54pm.