

Weber-Morgan Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
June 28, 2021

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on June 28, 2021 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street. The meeting is called to order at 4:01 p.m. with Frank Brown presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Brown	Ali Martinez-Virtual	Alex McDonald - Virtual	Bonnie Wahlen
Gage Froerer	Jer Bates-Virtual	Donna Chapman	Kevin Eastman
Leonard Call	Neil Garner	Tina Kelley	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken Johnson Jared Andersen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Cowan-Phone	Michela Harris	Amy Carter-Virtual	Jarelyn Cox
Jeralyn Perkins	Cami Sullenger	Lekelsi Talbot	Lori Buttars
Scott Braeden	Sherrie Waters	Summer Day	Stella Martinez
Travis Olsen	Zach Heuscher		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brandon Quinney Chad Holbrook MaryAnn Hails MJ Munger

Welcome and Introductions-Frank Brown

Frank Brown calls the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes of May 24, 2021 Motion Passes

Tina Kelley request the spelling of her name be amended. A **MOTION** is made by **Bonnie Wahlen** and **SECONDED** by **Leonard Call** to approve the minutes as amended. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Nominations for Finance Committee – Brian Cowan Information Only

Brian Cowan indicates that a new finance committee needs to be appointed. This committee will discuss the budget and how the completion of the second floor of the Annex will be funded. He lists names of previous committee members. **Frank Brown** requests clarification on committee timeframe and number of meetings to be held. **Brian Cowan** reports there will be meetings held in July, August, and September of 2021 then quarterly. **Tina Kelley, Gage Froerer, and Neil Garner** request to continue on the committee. **Ali Martinez, Leonard Call and Bonnie Wahlen** volunteer to join the committee. **Brian Cowan** explains that training will be included at the first meeting.

Approval of Fee Schedule Changes – Michela Harris Motion Passes

Michela Harris presents the proposed fee schedule changes. Nursing and Vital Records have no fee increases or additional fees. Changes are to be in line with the state fees and to include price adjustments for vaccines. Environmental Health removed two fees from Inspections and Maintenance that are obsolete. Food Program language changed for Food Worker permits and removed Food Safety Manager permit fee per state law that prohibits health departments from collecting fees for a Food Safety Manager. Removed Renewable Operating Permit Name Change from Wastewater

fees. **Frank Brown** clarifies to the board members how general fees have changed to user fees and inquires on immunization fees for low income individuals. **Brian Cowan** informs the board that immunization fees are not marked up. The fee includes the cost of the vaccine in conjunction with an administration fee. Fees are collected from insurance companies or waived depending on the circumstances. **Frank Brown** explains to the board that an assessment was completed a number of years ago to determine the administrative fee. A **MOTION** is made by **Alex McDonald** and **SECONDED** by **Bonnie Chapman** to approve the fee schedule changes. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Way to Wellness – Travis Olsen

Information Only

Travis Olsen, Weber-Morgan Health Department Community Health Educator, introduces the Way to Wellness guide. He explains the background, contents of the guide, and future plans. Ogden CAN (Ogden Civic Action Network) was founded in 2016. The focus area is 20th to 30th and Harrison to Washington. This is the central east residential area with one of the highest poverty areas. It was found through Intermountain Healthcare, Weber-Morgan Health Department and the state of Utah that help with obesity is needed in the Weber-Morgan area and throughout the state. The Ogden CAN coalition was formed based on the needs found in several community assessments. The Healthy Lifestyles Workgroup is one of the groups under the Health Subcommittee, and they address the risk factors that lead to obesity. Nutrition and physical activity are major factors. **Travis Olsen** introduces community partners. **Chad Holbrook**, Weber State University, became involved in Health Lifestyles' subcommittee over two years ago because mental and physical health interest him. He enjoys being a part of the committee and helping the community. It has been a great opportunity. **MaryAnn Hails Reynolds**, Associate Professor of Nursing at Weber State University, indicates that she has been involved with OGAN and Healthy Lifestyles as a nurse in this community. Also, Ms. Reynolds is involved with the first Doctoral of Nursing practice. She has found wellness opportunities for Doctoral of Nursing students with OGAN and Healthy Lifestyles like implementing a nutrition program and a new elementary afterschool nutrition education curriculum at Odyssey Elementary. Ms. Reynolds has enjoyed working with these committees. She believes there are many needs in Ogden and many opportunities for department of health professionals and Weber State University facility and students. **MJ Munger**, Ogden Can - Community Leaders Network Manager, reports that they are implementing an internship program for five or six local agents who live in east central area. They are looking into using the Way to Wellness guide as a part of a community project to find to find out what their needs are so they help solve their own challenges. **Travis Olsen** thanks the speakers and conveys that this has been a team effort. He explains that the guide has resources to low and no cost activities for the community. It includes items such as, new nutrition facts label, nutrition and weight management information, 211 guide, food pantry locations, hiking and biking trails, pickle ball courts and more. The program workers made sure to include a diverse set of activities for the communities in Weber and Morgan counties. The guide is

available in English and Spanish as well as electronically. The Community Health Workers are giving these out to the general public as well as at targeted events such as West Haven Days, Juneteenth event, Rancho Markets, Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership, United Way of Northern Utah, and other community partners. Each board member is given an English and Spanish guide to give out in their community. **Frank Brown** questions if there is still a community health information center in McKay Dee Hospital. He suggests that this would be a beneficial place to hand out these booklets as well as local libraries. **Mr. Brown** acknowledges Weber State University's partnership and appreciation of their staff. **Travis Olsen** reports that the goal is for the idea to spread to other schools and counties. **Donna Chapman** conveys the concern about transportation options for the community being a problem for them to access the resources listed in guide. **Mr. Olsen** acknowledges this is a good idea to include UTA and other transportation information and will plan to present that in the future versions of the guide. **Ali Martinez** requests copies for the Midtown Community Healthcare Clinic. **Mr. Olsen** indicates that he delivered several to her staff last week. **Donna Chapman** requests copies for the Porter Clinic. **Mr. Olsen** provided Ms. Chapman with several copies.

Director's Report - COVID-19 Update- Brian Cowan Information Only

Brian Cowan updates board members on statistics of nation, state, and local COVID-19 numbers. First COVID-19 case in March 2020. Three-day trajectory displays incidence growth per 100,000 individuals. Orange indicates growth and yellow indicates a plateau. Over last five weeks there has been a growth. Numbers cover March 2020 to June 2021. There has been an average 900 to 1,000 active case for a five week period with a 30 to 31 active positives per day. Definition of active is 21 day after a positive test. These numbers are broken down by county. Does not anticipate change in numbers within counties. The 7 day and 14 day rates are shown and explained by **Brian Cowan**. Health department recommends mask use if not fully vaccinated. He goes over percentages of age groups and race/ethnicity that are vaccinated. The age group of 70 years and older remains the highest with the 12-18 year olds being the lowest individuals vaccinated. Health department has switched from vaccinating at the Dee Events Center to mobile clinics, community events, and working with employers. Numbers are lower however successful. Weber and Morgan counties remain in the moderate transition level. Weber and Morgan counties are in a plateau trend.

Brian Cowan reports on staffing changes. Lekelsi Talbot hired as Public Nursing Administrator. Cami Sullenger hired as nursing supervisor. Bryce Sherwood hired as Health Promotion Administrator. Health Promotion supervisor position to be filled soon. Jeralyn Cox, WIC Administrator, in her position a year and a half. All other leadership has changed in the last year.

Brian Cowan updates the board members on the progress of the Annex building. Health department will need the second floor Annex for new hires in upcoming temporary and permanent positions.

Brian Cowan shares that the Weber-Morgan Health Department's Tobacco Awareness program is sponsoring the Raptors' baseball game on July 9, 2021 and he will be throwing the first pitch. Game starts at 7 pm. If you would like tickets contact Heidi Niedfeldt or Bryce Sherwood in Health Promotion.

Gage Froeror questions when we can expect the transmission risk level be reduced to low for Weber County. Brian speculates unless there's an uptake in vaccines administered prior to the school year beginning it will most likely remain at moderate. **Gage Froeror** asks with upcoming holiday weekend and all the events happening in our communities, is it expected that there will be an uptick in case rates. **Brian Cowan** reports that due to most events being held outdoors the transmission risk is lower however we do expect a slight increase in cases.

Donna Chapman questions if Brian thinks that the Delta variant is more prevalent now than on memorial weekend. Brian Cowan shows a graph showing delta variant, growth percentage of positive cases, and indicates there may be an increase in cases this next holiday weekend.

Ali Martinez inquires on document that was created in 2019 that required teachers be vaccinated and are we gathering data on how many teachers are being vaccinated. Brian is not aware of any data being collected passed on occupation just ethic, age, area vaccination rates. Target community and focus on those individuals. Brian will follow up and see if there is data to tell us if the teachers are vaccinated and report back at next meeting.

Frank Brown requests Brian Cowan follow up at the next board meeting on data collected.

Chair's Report-Frank Brown

Information Only

Frank Brown reiterates value of attending the National Association of Boards of Health (NALBOH) and Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBOH) meetings.

Public Comment

There is no public comment.

The meeting adjourns at 5:07 p.m.