

# WEBER-MORGAN BOARD OF HEALTH

## MINUTES OF MEETING

February 24, 2014

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on February 24, 2014 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with Neil Garner presiding.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neil Garner, Chair  
Toby Mileski  
Brent Taylor  
Matthew Bell  
Jamie Grandpre

Ken Johnson, Vice-Chair  
Dave Holmstrom  
Jan Zogmaister  
Kerry Gibson  
Tina Kelley

### BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Frank Brown

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Bennion  
Louis Cooper  
Cindy Pitcher  
George Chino  
Michelle Cooke  
Michela Gladwell  
Anna Guymon  
Amy Carter  
Lori Greene

Kay Larrison  
Colleen Jenson  
Lori Buttars  
Brian Cowan  
JoAnn Wengreen  
Bryce Sherwood  
Kristi Jones  
Abigail Weymouth

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Allred  
Sondra Mitchell

Monette Hurtado  
Cami Hansen

### Welcome and Introductions – Neil Garner

Neil Garner calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

### Deputy County Attorney Recognition and Appreciation – Neil Garner

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Neil Garner acknowledges Chris Allred and expresses gratitude from the Weber-Morgan Board of Health for his ten years serving as the Weber County Deputy Attorney assigned to the health department. Chris Allred thanks the Board and receives a gift. Monette Hurtado, Mr. Allred's replacement, says she has worked with the county attorney's office for 20 years and this will be her first time at the health department. She looks forward to working with the department.

### Employee of the Quarter - Kay Larrison

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Kay Larrison congratulates Sondra Mitchell as Employee of the Quarter for ensuring all of her duties were transferred and trained prior to her retirement. She is given a certificate and gift card.

**Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2014 – Neil Garner**

**Motion Passes**

A **MOTION** is made by **Ken Johnson** and **SECONDED** to accept the minutes as written. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

**Adoption of Revised Body Art Establishment Regulation – Michela Gladwell**

**Motion Passes**

**Michela Gladwell** reports that the public hearing for the Body Art Establishment Regulation was held on February 18, 2014 and did not receive any public comment. She points out that one addition was made to the permit fee section saying that “Failure to renew the permit after 90 days is considered operating without a permit and may result in further legal action as allowed by law.” She asks the Board for approval of the regulation. A **MOTION** is made by **MATTHEW BELL** and **SECONDED** to adopt the Body Art Establishment Regulation with addition of the permit fee section. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

**Air Quality Advisory Committee Update – Lou Cooper/Brian Cowan**

**Information Only**

**Lou Cooper** says he spoke with the Air Quality Advisory Committee about a potential committee expansion to work on all air quality issues, not just automotive. They were in favor of it and would rather expand to a larger committee. He says the resolution that created the advisory committee will need to be changed if expanded. The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) has transportation and air quality committees, and they meet in March. He will update the Board after the meetings. There is discussion about new committee member recommendations, the focus/expansion of the committee, and financial burden of restaurants that cook with wood and diesel truck businesses. **Brian Cowan** reports that elections for the advisory committee were held and Rick Gerber from Young Subaru was elected as Chair and Rusty Spinden from Tony Divino as Vice-Chair. The major discussion was expanding the committee and the upcoming Applus contract renewal. He suggests a fleet representative from Weber State University sit on the advisory committee.

**E-cigarette Position Paper Presentation – Anna Guymon/Kristi Jones**

**Information Only**

**Anna Guymon** refers to a handout with national statistics of electronic cigarette (e-cig) use. She says that our state has a high usage/experimental percentage. In 2011, the experimental usage for Weber-Morgan County was under 10%, and now two years later, we are at 30%. There is discussion whether surveys are comparable each year, or if data is collected differently each year. Utah data collected on odd years is random and is related to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) which added e-cig questions in 2011. Through the handout, she gave insight as to how easily accessible they are and where kids are getting products. She states that there are regulatory gaps that need to be addressed. There are compliance checks for other products. Retail compliance used to be at 62% non compliance, but now at 6.1%. As of now, there is no license required to sell, so we have no idea how many retailers are in Weber County. She requested help from the board in restricting the use of products in minors and in licensing requirements. **Kristi Jones** addresses the efforts to educate children and school teachers. School teachers may not recognize an e-cigarette and think it is just a pen. She has some youth councils involved, and feels that youth can help with mentoring, education, sharing information with friends in school and keeping them involved and empowering them. She related how Roy Jr. High confiscated one pack of cigarettes and over thirty e-

cigarettes. She feels that strengthening the policy, educating teachers, building a united force to educate, along with peers sharing information with their friends in school, and keeping them involved would help empower them. In response to questioning, she explains that the department can do compliance checks but we can't fine them. The clerk can be cited but the store can't be fined because e-cigs are not yet specified in the laws. There are nine stores that sell only e-cigs and six of the eight stores they went to, sold to minors. There is further discussion about tracking overall nicotine use, studies that show heavier tobacco use with e-cigs, and follow-up data collection. **Anna Guymon** requests the Board of Health consider a policy statement restricting youth access to e-cigs. Adult rates, nicotine content, and HB112 email support is discussed. Board members express appreciation for the work done with the youth on tobacco education.

### **Pertussis Outbreak - Amy Carter**

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**Amy Carter** said that over the last two years rates of pertussis cases have increased. New CDC guidelines say that if there are more than two cases, it justifies an outbreak and on February 19, 2014, the department declared an outbreak. There are now seven confirmed cases with five at Wahlquist Jr. High. Siblings were involved and multiple schools affected. A letter was sent home to parents and a report about the outbreak sent to clinics and doctor's offices. If parents decide to exempt their student from having vaccines, they will be excluded from going to school. She mentioned that immunizations are only 80% effective, but individuals tend to have milder cases if they contract the disease. The symptoms of those in the outbreak started around the first of the year so the bacteria may have expanded through sports and travel through the holiday. The health department has an option to administer prophylactic antibiotics. There is also concern about misdiagnosis. Doctors were given a link to a site to study so they can make a correct diagnosis. The department's main goal is to prevent infants under age one from getting the disease and to prevent illness spreading to the public.

### **Directors Report**

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#### **Discussion on Fund Balance/Public Health Tax Rate Changes**

**Brian Bennion** compliments the staff and said he has been very impressed with their abilities and level of expertise. He references the discussion last month about the budget and fund balance for 2014 and how long funds will last if using \$280,000 a year. He would like to establish a finance committee consisting of board members and staff, and he plans on setting up a strategic plan and a workforce development plan. There is discussion among board members about the Weber County mill levy for the health department, and how money, once in the health fund, can only be used for public health. **Matt Bell** says that the Commission must hold a public hearing to adjust mill levies for the library, health, paramedic, and general funds but they can move rates between the funds without a public hearing. There is general consensus to form a finance committee. **Ken Johnson** states this is a significant issue; grants are earmarked. There are community needs; the health fund will eventually run out and the department will lose staff. There is discussion on where the fund balance should be, having Dan Olsen address the Board, guidelines for the finance committee, and who will sit on the committee. **Brian Bennion** will report on this next month.

### **Legislative Update**

**Brian Bennion** reports that HB112 is out of committee and going to the House; he feels it has a great chance of going to the Senate. SB12 regarding the age requirement moving

from 19 to 21 years of age for tobacco use is not moving fast and the session ends March 13, 2014. HB154 regarding wood burning stove education has opposition. HB358 is a tax amendment for cigars.

### **Monthly Management Report**

**Brian Bennion** reviews the report saying Health Promotion has a Safe Kids Day coming up April 26, 2014. It will be held at the Dinosaur Park this year from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are looking for sponsors and volunteers. If interested, let Kay Larrison know. Health Promotion is also working with Ogden City Schools in implementing a height/weight program.

### **Annual Meeting Discussion**

**Brian Bennion** reminds the Board that the annual meeting will be held in April. The Board discusses what type of information or training would benefit them. Ideas consist of a finance committee, budget discussion, training new board members, and working on the Board of Health Evaluation tool. **Neil Garner** suggests that through the survey (evaluation tool) the Board can learn a lot and help the health department; it takes more involvement from board members. **Dave Holmstrom** requested an organizational flow chart which will be sent out.

### **Public comment**

George Chino is leaving the department after 10 years. George has been the Public Health Emergency Services Program Manager. He is thanked for his years of service.

The meeting adjourns at 5:28 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.