

**WEBER-MORGAN BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 22, 2014**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on September 22, 2014 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. with Neil Garner presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neil Garner, Chair	Tina Kelley
Ken Johnson	Jan Zogmaister
Dr. Frank Brown	Toby Mileski
Kerry Gibson	Dave Holmstrom
Brent Taylor	

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Matt Bell	Jamie Grandpre
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Bennion	Kay Larrison
Lou Cooper	Claudia Price
MaryLou Adams	Dung Banh
Cindy Read	Lori Buttars
Cathy Bodily	Brian Cowan
Michelle Cooke	JoAnn Wengreen
Michela Gladwell	Summer Day
Bryce Sherwood	Anna Guymon
Lori Greene	Kristi Jones
Abby Weymouth	Peter Stoker
Suzanne Clifford	Jacob Matthews
Brie Kennedy	Talisha Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sydney Marchant	Janae Duncan
Jennefer Brynjulfson	Kathie Robinson
Elon Jensen	Karlee Adams
Kristy L Jones	Zachary Williams
Tera Grant	Tammy Grant
Rep. Paul Ray	Dr. Scott Barton
Amy Petersen	Dr. Darlene Petersen
Janelle Gardiner	Hanen Abraham
McKenzie Romero	Sheridan Sheffield
Austin Francis	Francis Fukofuka
Cathy McKitrick	

Welcome and Introductions – Neil Garner

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

Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2014 – Neil Garner

Motion Passes

A **MOTION** is made by **Brent Taylor** and **SECONDED** by **Jan Zogmaister** to approve the minutes as written. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

2015 Budget Presentation/Fee Schedule Approval–Kay Larrison

Motion Passes

Kay Larrison presents the Board with the proposed 2015 Budget and Fee Schedule. She reviews handouts with the projected numbers for 2015. Staffing is the majority of the budget with salaries and benefits making up 75% of the budget. Building costs, utilities, grant requirements, fees, and training and travel have all been reviewed and included. She goes on to explain that some projects that were started in 2014 have been incorporated into the budget such as the Strategic Plan, Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement (CHIP). Capital improvements are planned as well as short term staffing for CHA and CHIP. It includes a new program for immigration exams and additional cancer screening under the Be Wise program at the state, tobacco compliance for E-Cigarettes, and new WIC computers. In 2015, we will be using \$278,000 of the fund balance, \$260,000 related to costs outlined and \$18,000 for ongoing programs. Fees have not been revised for next year and the budget assumes that the county tax dollars remain level. The Board of Health finance committee has met and will meet again with comments forwarded to the board members. There is discussion about interest earned on money in the fund balance. A **MOTION** is made by **Toby Mileski** and **SECONDED** by **Ken Johnson** to approve the 2015 Budget and Fee Schedule. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

**E-Cigarette Regulation Presentation &
Request for Public Hearing- Brian Bennion**

Motion Passes

Brian Bennion reviews the regulation with the board members and explains the purpose of the regulation and what it is designed to do and recommends we take it to public hearing. He distributes a handout that outlines the two main purposes of the regulation, the first of which is to reduce illegal sales to youth by implementing compliance checks that are similar to the existing program that the department has in place for conventional tobacco sales, which has been hugely successful with eighty-one percent reduction of sales to youth within the last eleven years. A license would be required to sell the products and penalties would be assigned for noncompliance. The second purpose is to reduce childhood poisonings related to electronic nicotine delivery systems by requiring a license to manufacture the nicotine liquid (e juice), conduct random audits of manufacturing sites and as a part of that ensure that childproof capping is being used, and to assign penalties to those not in compliance. A couple of weeks ago when doing a spot check, five of fifteen stores sold to underage youths and twenty percent of Weber and Morgan County youth from eighth to twelfth grade say they regularly use e-cigarettes. **Anna Guymon** introduces the following: Rep. Paul Ray, Utah House of Representatives, Dr. Scott Barton, Utah Tobacco Free Alliance Chair, Dr. Darlene Petersen, practicing medicine in Roy, specializing in family medicine and addiction medicine, Sheridan Sheffield, President of the Weber County Medical Alliance, Janae Duncan, Program Director for the UDOH Tobacco Prevention and Control program, Zach Williams, Public Information Officer for Ogden School District, and Austin Francis, Fremont High Student and Weber-Morgan Governing Youth Council Member. **Rep. Paul Ray** informs the board members that this regulation mirrors what he will run in the legislature again this year. Last year it passed in the Senate but time ran out to concur in the House. If it does pass this year, it will set a base requirement for the state, yet allow counties to modify if desired. He says he was notified by law enforcement that liquid marijuana is now being introduced to the market as a vapor and being sold online to vapor shops and

individuals, and spice is now being liquefied and used in e-cigarettes. This regulation targets those who sell to youth and will help prevent youth gaining access to it. He supports this regulation. **Dr. Scott Barton** starts off by saying that this product has been promoted as a safe alternative to smoking or a way to quit but recent studies have shown it is not safe and is actually a gateway drug heading toward tobacco use especially for the youth as their exposure to nicotine increases. He asks the Board to consider the regulation to help keep it from addicting our youth as he sees the adverse effects of tobacco not only on mothers but on fetuses as well. **Dr. Darlene Petersen** points out the five-hundred percent increase in youth that are using e-cigarette and that it is apparent that the youth are being targeted by the flavors offered. During back-to-school physicals, when asked if they smoke, children will pause and say they are vaping. Vaping is being done openly at schools and we have opportunity to do something and it needs to be regulated. On the addiction medicine side, the New England Journal of Medicine published an article in September about how nicotine in e-cigarettes are priming the brain for future addictions which is a concern. **Sheridan Sheffield** shares how they as a medical family support adopting the regulation so the health department has authority on a county level to regulate the e-cigarettes industry in the area. She is concerned that youth perceive e-cigarettes as harmless and contain no nicotine, when in fact they do, it's just not stated on the packaging. She says this regulation is needed to act urgently and boldly to rapidly decrease the harm caused by tobacco and nicotine use. Other long term effects are still unknown, but physicians are seeing the devastating health effects nicotine use causes. **Janae Duncan** distributes two documents and goes over a policy statement that was ratified unanimously by local and state health officers which has a critical policy measure requiring licensing to sell e-cigarettes and related paraphernalia. She says without licensing it is difficult to fully enforce current laws and there is important regulation needed at federal, state and local levels. She supports our Board of Health in taking this important step. The second document is a letter of scientific evidence regarding e-cigarettes from the CDC in which she highlights that licensing enhances enforcement of key tobacco control policies, such as verifying age of purchasers, banning self-service displays and vending machines and selling in only face-to-face exchange. **Zack Williams** reports that the school district, while focused on the academic success of the students, supports efforts to promote the health and safety of children and they treat e-cigarette violations at school the same as traditional tobacco products. The school district partners with school resource officers, Ogden Police Department, and administrators who effectively send the message that controlled or illegal substances are not to be tolerated in the schools. When students are not in the care of the school district, they are not receiving the same message regarding the appropriateness or legality of these products. The school district supports all efforts to regulate these products which are considered a nicotine based tobacco product and appreciates the health departments involvement in this matter as we work together to promote the well-being of the children. **Austin Francis** tells the Board that at Fremont High, he has seen his friends, who have never smoked before, use e-cigarettes and the reason they keep coming back is that the e-juice is addictive and it needs to be regulated. He cares about his peers and doesn't want them to be guinea pigs. He would like e-cigarettes kept out of youth's hands to give their brains time to develop in order to have better success in life and further their achievements. **Anna Guymon** wraps up how it has been established that there is a problem, what is proposed does work, and there is no penalty if retailers follow the law. She gives feedback from town hall meetings that have been held and says shop owners recognize that the data they have is valid and can't disagree with a policy that holds them to a level playing field. **Neil Garner** says that one shop owner came to a town hall meeting ready to argue because he was concerned it would affect his selling to adults but

after the presentation said he couldn't argue as he is against selling to minors. **Anna Guymon** reiterates that this regulation only affects youth access. There is discussion among the board members about section 9.5. A **MOTION** is made by **Brent Taylor** and **SECONDED** by **Kerry Gibson** to take the regulation to public hearing. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Board of Health Self-Assessment Survey Results- Ken Johnson

Information Only

Ken Johnson asks to postpone for one month in order to allow for more participation. He will summarize the survey and send out results prior to next board meeting with suggestions about hot topics rather than spend time going through each item. **Neil Garner** encourages those who have not taken it to complete the survey and if anyone has objections to let him know.

Directors Report- Brian Bennion

Information Only

Brian Bennion thanks board members for their prompt response to the e-mail sent out regarding NACCHO funding of \$15,000 for the Community Health Assessment Grant. We received seven positive votes so we were able to apply for the grant in time. The grant was found two days before the deadline so the quick reply was very much appreciated.

UALBH Annual Symposium

Brian Bennion expresses his appreciation for the support and thanks Tina Kelley and the Commissioners for the wonderful baskets from Morgan and Weber Counties. **Brent Taylor** and **Dave Holmstrom** report that the classes were very valuable, informative, the speakers were great, and encourage other board members to go.

Monthly Leadership Report

There were no comments.

Chairman's Report- Neil Garner

Information Only

NU Hope Suicide Awareness Walk

The walk was held last Saturday with over 900 individuals who participated and he was very proud that some were from our health department.

UALBH Annual Symposium

During the UALBH nomination, Ken Johnson received the Outstanding Board of Health Member of the Year and he reads a list of his accomplishments and says how impressed he is at how well Ken was recognized in numerous states for his leadership and his expertise in public health. He says it was a pleasure to serve with Ken and presents him with a plaque.

Public comment

No public comment.

The meeting adjourns at 5:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.