

**WEBER-MORGAN BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 22, 2015**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on June 22, 2015 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	Dr. Frank Brown	Ken Johnson	Kerry Gibson
Toby Mileski	Logan Wilde	Matt Bell	Brent Taylor
Dave Holmstrom	James Ebert		

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Tina Kelley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Bennion	Kay Larrison	Lou Cooper	Dung Banh
Melody Sullivan	Colleen Jensen	Jarelyn Cox	Brian Cowan
Michela Gladwell	Lori Buttars	JoAnn Wengreen	Elaine Wendt
Bryce Sherwood	Lori Greene	Mandy Webb	Brie Kennedy
Jesse Bush	Ellen Seely	Melissa Stenquist	Bryan Sherman
Jacob Matthews			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Crockett – Weber County Deputy Attorney	Obi Owoh	Quynh Quach
Angela Stander	Bonnie Christiansen	Jerry Paskett
Craig Butters	Leia Larsen	Rod Clendenin
Calvin Pack		

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 April 27, 2015 – Neil Garner

Motion Passes

A **MOTION** is made by **Kerry Gibson** and **SECONDED** by **Dave Holmstrom** to approve the minutes as written. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Community Health Assessment Update – Angela Stander/Jacob Matthews Information Only

Angela Stander and **Jacob Matthews** present a video narrated by Laura Santurri with information and data about the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and answer questions about how data was received and interpreted. A short video explaining PhotoVoice and the data collected from the community is presented, and health concerns that seem to be the most prevalent are discussed. Air and water quality, access to health care, mental illness and physical activity are listed as being of the most concern. This assessment has helped in creating a baseline and prioritizing concerns so the department can make a plan to help fill in any gaps.

Funding Formula – Brian Bennion

Information Only

Brian Bennion hands out a new funding formula for local health departments. No one could explain the old formulas and why counties were getting the amount they were, so this draft was created and can be evaluated and changed as necessary. Money from grants are divided and distributed to the thirteen health departments. Most grants are tied to a program, one is unrestricted. He explains that fifty percent of the funding is based on population, eighteen percent distributed to multi-county departments, and thirty-two percent for all rural departments. With San Juan County breaking off of Southeast Health Department, it has made an impact on all local departments but that was not the only reason to reevaluate the formula. Grants start July 1st and funding levels needed to be decided. There is discussion about advantages and disadvantages of a smaller county breaking off, how the legislature, state health department and local boards of health make decisions about grant money, and whether San Juan feels it made the right decision. Our health department will have an eighteen percent increase of funds while other departments have as much as a thirty-nine percent decrease. The state Department of Health will help smaller health departments offset the decrease for the first year. There will be a five year phase in period. He says that it was nice to work together as a team with health officers and the state in figuring out how to use resources for public health effectively and efficiently.

Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) Work Group Report

Discussion/Motion Passes

Appointment of AQAC member – Ken Johnson/Brian Cowan

Ken Johnson informs the Board that the work group met earlier this month and that they had a very good meeting. They discussed the makeup of the committee, how members should be selected, what kinds of issues board members could ask them to research, and how to utilize the committee better. Since the committee's guidelines give room for two more members, the group suggests we fill those two slots with individuals who are not from the automotive industry in order to better diversify the committee. He says the Board may consider meeting less often and meet as work groups on opposite months. **Brian Cowan** says from a staff's perspective, they would like to have additional direction from the Board in how to facilitate the committee and also be more involved in selection of the membership. **Ken Johnson** states that Dave Holmstrom has offered to attend meetings to represent the Board. This allows both Mr. Holmstrom and Brian Cowan to report back to the Board on any decisions, information, or suggestions that they receive from the meeting. He further explains that it was discussed to remove John Griffin from the committee as he has not been able to attend the percentage of meetings required to remain on the board. There was a question as to whether John had been contacted and if there was desire to continue serving on the committee. **Brian Cowan** answers that Brandon Bexell, the committee chairman, spoke with him a few months ago and at that time he indicated he would like to continue to be involved but was busy with other obligations. Health department staff has sent a couple of e-mails asking if he'd like to continue to participate or would like to submit an application from someone else from his organization for the board to consider serving on the committee but they have had no response. A **MOTION** is made by **Ken Johnson** and **SECONDED** by **Kerry Gibson** to remove John Griffin from the AQAC. The **MOTION** passes unanimously. A **MOTION** is made by **Ken Johnson** and **SECONDED** by **Kerry Gibson** to have Jerry Paskett appointed to the committee. **Kerry Gibson** states that during discussion at the work group, concerns arose as to whether Jerry Paskett was aware that his term

was up or that he could reapply if he would like to. The work group recognized that he had been very active in the past with a solid understanding of the issues and wanted to give him the opportunity to be reappointed if he so desires. He would like to make sure that Mr. Paskett wants to be reappointed before voting on the motion. **Brian Cowan** answers that he asked Mr. Paskett last week if it was okay to consider reappointing him and he indicated he would be willing to continue to serve. The **MOTION** passes unanimously. **Ken Johnson** goes on to explain that according to the guidelines of the committee, no one area of representation is to dominate in number, which gives it balance and adds diversity to the committee. In order to prevent the majority from being I/M station owners, applications will be accepted for review from individuals representing other areas. Two positions are open now and it is suggested in the future e-mails be sent to board members so they are aware positions are open. They can then get it on city and county websites and publicize it to make the public aware. **Brian Cowan** goes over the member composition and areas that could have representation. The areas are: I/M Program Emission Inspection Stations, Major Source and Small Business Emitting Industry, Education, Environmental and Consumer Groups, Air Monitoring Technology Industry, Weber County Citizens, and Government. Representation from any one area should not be in sufficient numbers to create a quorum. Applications are available online and through Brian Cowan, the contact at the health department. The health director, Brian Bennion could possibly write something to go along with the e-mail to go onto websites. **Kerry Gibson** says what he took away from the work group meeting is that air quality is a broad issue with a lot to think about and that there is not only one solution. We need to look in a broader perspective. He says that sometimes a smaller committee can dig deeper into issues.

Directors Report- Brian Bennion

Information Only

UALBH/NALBOH

Conferences for UALBH and NALBOH are coming up. UALBH is in September at Daniel's Summit and NALBOH is August 5-7 in Louisville, KY. We have four members going to NALBOH with **Brent Taylor** expressing interest in going if possible. **Ken Johnson** says he will check to see if Weber State University will be able to fund his travel expenses. **Neil Garner** recommends that every board member take the opportunity to attend a NALBOH conference at least once during their term if possible as it provides very good insight into their role as board members. **Matt Bell** says that Ken Johnson is President-Elect of the whole organization and has great respect from all across the nation. It is an honor to have him on our Board and in this position.

Monthly Leadership Report

Injury Prevention will be sponsoring a Raptor's game July 28, 2015.

Health Awareness Night at Ogden Raptor's

Tickets are available for the Saturday, June 27th game at 7:00 p.m. The health department will have booths with information about tobacco prevention, teenage pregnancy prevention, healthy eating, physical activity, and WIC. Please see Brian Bennion or Bryce Sherwood for tickets.

Health Department Adoption of Bluff Trail

The 1422 grant, which deals with hypertension and diabetes, is sponsoring the Bluff Trail, which is a one mile stretch of trail off 20th Street. Our staff will clean it on a regular basis and would like to work with scouting groups to complete improvements.

A plaque has been installed at the trail head which includes trail rules and etiquette. It states that the health department has adopted the trail.

Board of Health Meeting Schedule

The Air Quality Work Group and the Fiscal Committee will both be meeting in July and August to work through some issues. It is proposed to cancel the July Board of Health meeting giving these two groups time to work through some of the concerns.

Chairman's Report

Neil Garner encourages board members to read through the Public Health Connection newsletter that they received and mentions what a good job staff has done on it. He restates that the July Board of Health meeting will be cancelled and since board members may be asked to participate in work groups, Board of Health meetings may also be scheduled as work sessions, making it more of a roundtable discussion going over pros and cons, and diving into issues so the Board can make knowledgeable decisions about these matters. He recognizes Brian Bennion as one of three health officers who have been selected to meet with Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the governance committee which meets on a monthly basis to review the allocation of environmental quality resources for local health departments. They also evaluate policies that affect our local health departments for environmental quality, consider policy changes for local health departments, coordinate the implementation of these programs to maximize their quality resources, and review each DEQ application for any grants from the federal government that affect the local health departments. He says that this is a very prestigious assignment for our community and he is grateful Brian has accepted the assignment. He reports that Brian has also been elected President –Elect for Utah Association of Local Health Departments (UALHD) and will serve for one year beginning next month, then serve one year as president. He congratulates Brian and thanks him for representing our counties.

Matt Bell compliments the health department on the newsletter publication and says that they always look very professional.

Public comment

Jerry Paskett states that there is good representation in attendance from the automotive industry with four of the five people here who are station owners. He asks the Board to consider these points as they consider what kind of representation the AQAC should have. How many industries have a specific penalty schedule? How many industries are subject to covert audits? How many industries are subject to suspensions or consent agreements that could reach up to \$10,000? How many industries are required to have cameras to monitor every single test? Which industry has the most invested? He's been a part of the advisory committee for almost nine years. The automotive industry has the most participation and asks for fair balance as they have the most to lose. He explains that with every test done, which exceeds over 200 a month, he runs the risk of a technician making a mistake that can shut him down and asks for the board members to consider this and remember that station owners are very committed to air quality.

Craig Butters thanks the Board for looking into the AQAC and to Dave Holmstrom for committing to attend meetings when possible. He says that information from the

meetings are skewed by the time it reaches the Board. He explains that he was Chairman of the committee the first year it was organized, and like Jerry Paskett, had no chance to reapply. He says the health department staff screens applications and gives ones that they want to the Board; they have no idea how many were actually turned in. He says the health department staff bring to Board of Health meetings what was discussed at the committee, but not in the right context. What they bring forward is one hundred percent their opinion on how they want it done. He expresses concern that department staff is able to manipulate the AQAC, and that once Jerry Paskett was out, there was no one representing the testing and repairs industry. There are four or five government reps, education reps, but no one who has as much invested. He says his livelihood, employee's livelihood. He reviews legal issues he has had with the department and the fee charged. The health department has rewritten the State Implementation Plan (SIP), changed the rules again with \$10,000 as the maximum in fines and asks the Board if they know how that happened. He says it's not right that the health department can do that and be judge, jury, and executioner. He says getting the program up and running, with a board member monitoring it, we might be able to get it under control.

The meeting adjourns at 5:16 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.