Weber-Morgan Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
August 22, 2016

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on August 22, 2016 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. with Logan Wilde presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Logan Wilde, Chair  Neil Garner  Tina Kelley  Ken Johnson
Dave Holmstrom  Frank Brown  Brent Taylor  James Ebert
Matt Bell  Toby Mileski

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
Kerry Gibson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian Bennion  Louis Cooper  MaryLou Adams  Colleen Jenson
Jesse Bush  Lori Butters  Cathy Bodily  JoAnn Wengreen
Brian Cowan  Michelle Cooke  Scott Braeden  Melody Sullivan
Jarelyn Cox  Josh Miller  Pedro Lozano  Elaine Wendt
Sunny Hayes  Lauren Sheehan  Ellen Seely  Jeralyn Perkins
Lori Greene  Jessica Spencer  Sheri Winn

OTHERS PRESENT:
Chris Crockett  Carolyn Morrison  Jean Morrison  Don Lee
Gwendolyn Lee  Iain Hueton  Victoria Hayden  Marion Horna
Skyler Liston  Mary Arnow  Dan Arnow  Bruce Hampson
Will Speigle  Karline Valentine  Leia Larsen  Carolyn Somer
Sarah Welliver  Jennifer Bodine  Sylvia Newman  Shelley Page
Beverly Dalley  Eric Jacobson  Ashley Soltysiak  Doug VanDooker
Evelyn Bertilson  Bill Self  Alice Mulder  Robert Fudge
Warren Freeman  Adam Corliss  Becky Jacobson  Kathie Darby
Amy Wicks

Welcome and Introductions – Logan Wilde
Logan Wilde calls the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes of June 27, 2016 and Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016  Motion Passes
A MOTION is made by Neil Garner and SECONDED by Toby Mileski to approve both minutes as written. The MOTION passes unanimously.

‘Clear the Air Challenge’ Report – Lori Buttars  Information Only
Lori Buttars shares results from the July ‘Clear the Air Challenge’. There were 199 participants which is double the participation from last year. She reports that 13.4 tons of CO2 was removed from the air shed, 76% of participants heard of the challenge from employers or school, 55% said e-mails helped remind them to log in their miles, and 31% participated because their company encouraged them to. She says the counsel from
the BYU advisory team for next year is to refine the process and build on what has been successful this year. Adam Corliss won the bicycle donated by Skyline Cycle for removing the most CO2 from the air shed and Josh Miller won a pair of shoes from Solomon Sports for removing the second highest amount. Sylvia Newman won the drawing and received a $25 gift card from PEAK Performance and Sarah Lovato, who was unable to attend the meeting, won a Fitbit charger from Striders. Sarah wrote a card saying brown bagging lunches helped save money and that she used her lunch time to go for walks. Adam Corliss says his son is very excited that he won the bike, that this is a great program and it was fun to do. Lori Buttars thanks our sponsors for their generous donations.

Local Health Department Minimum Performance Standards—   Information Only
Brian Bennion

Brian Bennion reports that a procedure for the Utah Code Title 26-A Minimum Performance Standards went into effect July 1st, 2016. A committee has been working for the past eighteen months on the rules and how to enforce them. Weber-Morgan Health Department meets all requirements. A letter of certification is signed every year stating that minimum standards are being met and an audit is done once every three years. Frank Brown requests this be part of the annual meeting in April so the Board has a better understanding of details and criteria.

Flu Campaign—MaryLou Adams—   Information Only
MaryLou Adams reports on clinical events happening in Weber County with positive Tularemia and Zika cases. The Tularemia case is an adult female who punctured her finger with an injured rabbit’s bone. She has been treated with antibiotics and is responding well. The Zika case is a young adult pregnant female who traveled to Mexico. There is no vaccine available and has been reported to the Birth Defects Network. An algorithm has been provided by Utah Department of Health which has proven very helpful in showing who is eligible for Zika testing. Frank Brown suggests notifying InstaCare with information. The clinic starts their flu campaign October 3rd. Also starting Oct 3rd and going until the end of the month, the clinic will be doing outreach and going to 42 Ogden and Weber School District elementary schools. The flu mist will not be offered this year as the Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) and Advisory Committee Immunization Practice (ACIP) have suggested it has not proven effective. Brian Bennion recognizes MaryLou as the new nursing director and says she is very qualified and has worked in public health for 25 years.

NALBOH Conference Report—Brian Bennion—   Information Only
Brian Bennion says that the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) was held in St. Louis, Missouri with Neil Garner, Ken Johnson, NALBOH President, Toby Mileski, and Brent Taylor attending with him. He says it was a wonderful conference with a variety of topics and invites board members to comment. Toby Mileski says he attended a meeting on legalized marijuana. A doctor who sits on the Board of Health in the Denver, Colorado area said 2 women delivered babies that tested positive for marijuana at birth and commented on how the effects on children is one of the problems they are dealing with. Neil Garner says he felt very positive in
how our counties work well together. He mentions the water problem in Flint, Michigan and how, after 2 years, there is still lead in their water samples and still affecting the community. He said it was positive to see a local Board of Health work through the issues. Brent Taylor reports on a keynote address on what communities can do to raise health in how roads are designed and cities laid out. He says a proposal on bike lanes within Weber County is in the works. Another meeting was on engaging public officials with local Boards of Health. He says it was an excellent conference. Neil Garner saw a presentation where Board of Health members and city leaders adopted a ‘Health in All’ program where they have a health component in planning streets and sidewalks. Ken Johnson expresses his appreciation for their support.

Request for Public Hearing on Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Regulation Revision - Scott Braeden
Scott Braeden goes over the revisions in the regulation to include diesel testing and requests approval for a public hearing. A MOTION is made by Toby Mileski and SECONDED by Brent Taylor to take it to public hearing. Public comments will be accepted for 30 days. A record and summary of comments will be forwarded to the Board before the September 26th Board of Health meeting. Ken Johnson volunteers to be the hearing officer. The hearing is set for September 7th at 5:00 p.m. The MOTION passes unanimously. Matt Bell suggests holding the public meeting in the Commission Chambers in order to accommodate a larger number of people and encourages taking the time needed to let everyone who would like to comment have a chance.

Directors Report - Brian Bennion
Brian Bennion reports that Zero Fatalities is sponsoring the Ogden Raptor’s baseball game this Friday and tickets are available. The finance committee has met and asked the health department to work with Ogden City on the parking issues and an architect to get updated numbers in finishing the second floor in the annex. He commends Commissioner Ebert with leading the effort with the Intergenerational Poverty Initiative and offers his support in breaking the cycle of poverty. He would like Domenica Watkins to give a presentation on the initiative in the September meeting.

Chairman’s Report - Logan Wilde
There were no comments.

Public comment
Karline Valentine attended the February board meeting and has had bronchitis 3 times since then, with antibiotics not working the last time and a fever lasting 3 weeks. She asks board members to look at this on a personal level. What if this was happening to the people closest to them? She says we need to do everything we can as she is healthy otherwise and this makes her feel like less of a human.

Doug Van Dooker explains he worked with traffic management for 15 years in air quality and doing everything you can is good as long as you have the
funds and resources to do it. With the major freeways cutting through the county, the best way to clean the air is to get people to their destination quicker. Based on his professional experience, the ineffectiveness of stop and start traffic is the bulk of the pollution and the bulk of the solution. He mentions train lines and school buses that are exempt and this targets a very small group of residents that have non-commercial vehicles. He mentions testing was put into place in other counties and what improvements were seen when it was implemented and what rise in pollution they saw when they repealed the testing laws.

Don Lee lives in Huntsville, is a non-smoker with COPD, and breathing can be difficult for him. He says testing diesels for emission may reduce pollution just a little bit, but each small thing we do can make a difference. He says that with the disasters back east, there have been valiant rescue efforts to save one life and we have the opportunity to make changes that may save a lot of lives. It may cost some individuals to have their emissions tested to reduce the amount of particulates and improve the air quality but it would be well worth it and the questions is, how many dollars is one life worth?

Gwendolyn Lee states that the emission from diesel is ultrafine particulates which is small enough to get into your bloodstream and affects everyone. She explains how pollution affects the weather which in turn affect agriculture and wildlife. She says higher ozone is also linked to higher hospital admission and that we have the power to save lives, and this will make a big difference in the future.

Iain Hueton states Utah County had testing and dropped it, but what they measured didn’t show a measurable difference, and yet people who have proximity to emission sources have a very significant health affect. If blasted by a vehicle, whether on purpose or not, it could put individuals into a health emergency which has a significant cost to them and to society. Counties may not necessarily see an economic and environmental benefit from their program, but they may not have been looking at it in the right perspective with personal cost, simplicity of implementing the program, and how it’s going to affect the health of the community.

Carolyn Morrison says she has waited 30 years for this opportunity to be heard and deals with the bad air quality on a daily basis. She has been to the Emergency Room 3 times in 3 weeks and it nearly took her life. She says she cares for her community, her county, for life, and agrees that something needs to be done. We need to stand up for what we believe in, stand up for our rights, and not be put down because we want to do this.

Tina Kelley reminds the Board that the UALBH Symposium at Daniels Summit will be Thursday and Friday, September 8th and 9th.

The meeting adjourns at 5:01 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.