WEBER-MORGAN BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES OF MEETING August 24, 2015

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on August 24, 2015 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with Neil Garner presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neil Garner, Chair	Dr. Frank Brown	Dr. Ken Johnson	James Ebert
Toby Mileski	Logan Wilde	Matt Bell	Brent Taylor
Dave Holmstrom	Kerry Gibson	Tina Kelley	

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Bennion	Kay Larrison	Cindy Read	Lou Cooper
Brian Cowan	Michela Gladwell	Michelle Cooke	Colleen Jenson
Jarelyn Cox	MaryLou Adams	Melody Sullivan	Elaine Wendt
Pedro Lozano	Bryce Sherwood	Jesse Bush	Abby Weymouth
Melissa Stenquist	Sunny Hayes	Lori Buttars	JoAnn Wengreen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Crockett – Weber County Deputy Attorney

Craig Butters Kevin Lott Leia Larsen Willard Cragun

Jim Minster Tina Scarlet

Welcome and Introductions - Neil Garner

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

Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2015 – Neil Garner

Motion Passes

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

Recognition of Laura Santurri as Friend of Public Health–Brian Bennion Information Only Brian Bennion says that Laura was planning on attending today, but had to cancel at the last minute. He shows the board members the plaque they will give to her for all the work she has done on the Community Health Assessment and recognize her as a Friend of Public Health. Frank Brown applauds Brian on reaching out and partnering with Weber State University.

E-Cigarette Regulation Update-Abby Weymouth

Information Only

Abby Weymouth shows a presentation on the E-Cigarette Regulation and explains the timeline, how the regulation has been put into place, and how after implementing the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) regulation, six stores have stopped selling ENDS products. She gives numbers on tobacco sell rates compared to ENDS sell rates, goes over the nicotine needs assessment and HB415, which should be a smooth transition as we have already visited stores and educated clerks. She says that because of our regulation, our rates are dropping which is a tribute to both our regulation and education efforts. She explains how we are educating new stores, new employees, and offer training in Spanish. They will be going to schools and educating teachers next so that they can further educate their students. Town hall meetings will also be scheduled and the health department will inform board members when and where those meetings will be held. Neil

Garner asks for a copy of her presentation be sent to board members.

Air Quality Work Group Report-Brian Bennion/Brian Cowan

Information Only

Brian Bennion reports the Air Quality Work Group met for the second time on August 12th and talked about the health department's air quality education efforts in the past and what is planned for next year. They looked over the Guidance Document, and reviewed two applications for membership in the Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) with one being moved forward today.

Guidance Document for Smoking Vehicles

Information Only

Brian Cowan explains how the Guidance Document for Smoking Vehicles was developed and how it will help with HB110 in having a uniform procedure from county to county. He clarifies that there is a Level 1 and Level 2 and how they differ. If a local health department receives two or more complaints on the same vehicle, it can be bumped up to Level 1 for inspection and evaluation. The document also addresses how to evaluate the vehicles for smoking, what tools can be used, and visual tampering inspections. There is discussion about having a specific phone number to report a smoking vehicle and who they expect will be the target demographic.

Air Quality Advisory Committee Applicant

Information/Motion Approved

Brian Cowan says the Air Quality Work Group received two applications for membership in the Air Quality Advisory Committee and asks the Board to consider the application for Iain Hueton to be appointed to the committee. A **MOTION** is made by **Toby Mileski** and **SECONDED** by **Dave Holmstrom** to approve Iain Hueton for the Air Quality Advisory Committee. The **MOTION** passes unanimously. Per recommendation of the work group, the health department will continue to recruit in order to fill the one vacancy that is currently on the committee by advertising in the newspaper and on the county website.

Agenda for Air Quality Advisory Committee

Information Only

Brian Cowan says the committee has not met for a few months and in order to keep its members active and engaged, is asking the board members to provide agenda items for their meetings. Ideas are presented such as public awareness through I/M shop owners and businesses with drive thru windows, working with communities on mass transit ideas, thinking of long term goals as well as short term goals, and seeing what has worked in other counties. The next meeting for the AQAC will be September 9th and the health department will work with Dave Holmstrom to include some of these items on the agenda for the meeting.

Health Department Annex – Mayor Toby Mileski

Information Only

Toby Mileski passes out a handout and states he is Chairman of the 911 Emergency Services District and introduces other members of the Board that are present. He says they are running out of room for 911 Dispatch in the Jared Francom Public Safety Building. Their current office has 3,200 square feet with 10-26 employees on at any one time running 24/7/365. He goes over the handout and states that in order to save taxpayers money, they could use the building and would not have to pay the \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year rent they are now paying to Ogden City for their current location. 911 is prepared to fund upgrades to the building and he states that since the Weber-Morgan Health Department (WMHD) has a fund balance, it wouldn't be necessary to tax residents to pay any rent. **Tina Kelley** gives insight as to the reason the building had a second floor constructed in the first place was to save money as construction costs were lower at that time and it would provide space for expansion in the future. She explains the Board looked at it, decided it was better to build that space now rather than build later at a higher cost, and to potentially lease the space out until needed by the department. She

says if this space is no longer available for expansion, money would need to be put away to provide for expansion somewhere else. Brian Bennion says there are a lot of advantages of having the health department on a campus and should factor that in as well. The annex was not just for expanding the WIC division, but for any division which would need the space in the future. Toby Mileski explains money from the WMHD fund balance could be earmarked for expansion and goes over the needed upgrades of the building. There would be increased snow load, increased wind force, and seismic provisions as well as a secured parking area for 911 employees and providing a certain area for WIC customers with other employees and customers parking on the street or any other place available. He says the parking was enough when the building was built, so it shouldn't be an issue. As of now the building is a Level 2 and needs to be a Level 4 to house the 911 Dispatch. Whether that is required or if it is possible to work around it is discussed. They anticipate receiving a report concerning upgrade costs on Thursday. There is discussion on the presence of law enforcement and why they would have reason to come to the building, how much space 911 really needs, and what they would do if and when they would need to expand. A concern is that they would push WIC back over to the health department's main building and have clients unserved as they did before. **James Ebert** comments that 911 would be a tenant and would not dictate as they know it is not permanent, but are willing to make the investment. If they need to expand, they would not move into the first floor and would have to find another location. Toby Mileski says that benefits to the county would be structural upgrades to the building, shared expense of operations and maintenance, and saving the citizens \$5-\$10 million dollars. Tina Kelley expresses concern about co-mingling of money, as federal tax dollars were involved in building the annex, and taxes were specifically for the health department's use. She also protests that some of the board members have known about this for months where she and others are just hearing about it, don't have the same information that others have, and naturally they would have reservations, doubts, questions, and concerns that need to be addressed. Building entrances, parking, and how construction could possibly disrupting clientele is discussed, as well as how the space should be left and why this is a prime location for 911. James Ebert says WIC numbers are dropping and is not worried about expanding the WIC department. Whether the same questions would be asked if it were a call center going in and the concern that 911 may not be the most compatible with WIC is discussed. The current main health department building was downsized from the original plan, with WIC not having as much space as they previously had. They had 8,000 clients and now have 7,000. Logan Wilde suggests the health department come back with projections as to when they may need the building for expansion, and 911 needs to come back with answers about co-mingling funds and a strategic plan showing if they go ahead with upgrading this building at this cost, how long it is projected for 911 to stay in the building. If projections don't match, it's not feasible, even though it may look feasible, but they need to move forward looking as to whether it is even possible. He expressed concern that he would like to keep it clear so answering any public questions is not a problem. He applauds the fact that they are trying to save residents and the community money. Matt Bell says that once we sit down, the financial part will come together, as they don't have numbers at this time. 911 has been spending money on cost reports to upgrade. **Ken Johnson** says he has no problem exploring this idea, but one of his concerns is that they are members of both boards and representing a different group at this point, not the Board of Health. He expounds by saying that if we were a business, we would look at how we could earn money and support our business and it may be more appropriate for someone else to present rather than Mayor Mileski. He goes further to say, we are the Board of Health, we represent the health department and the health of the citizens and our interest is in the taxpayer's

health. Toby Mileski explains that he is looking at it from the taxpayer's standpoint, not that he isn't concerned about their health, but what makes the most sense to the actual taxpayer. He is here to represent the taxpayers instead of the health and says that the rent issue will probably be a political issue. Ken Johnson clarifies that if you look at the clientele of WIC, some are not being helped in any other way and to not throw out the fund balance all the time. We have to spend money to help people who can't otherwise be helped and that a good Board would not throw out funds so that we can't support ourselves down the road. Toby Mileski says that is not his intension whatsoever. Matt **Bell** says that this could be a good revenue stream and would rather pay the health department the \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year rather than Ogden City. He said that he looked at the building a year or so ago and noticed there were 7-9 exam rooms not being used. He asked if every office is being used at this point in which it was answered that there might be a couple that aren't. There are comments on how these rooms are filled with staff from grants which are not perpetual, and the health department could once again have 8-10 vacant offices in 2 years or how they could have even more grants and need more space. Matt Bell and Brent Taylor both express how they took offense to the letter from the state WIC coordinator regarding a sentence about blending public health with law enforcement activities in the same building has unintended consequences. Matt Bell says businesses would love more of a police presence in their business and yet this letter says that these people won't come to us because there might be an officer on the premises. It should be a plus with people feeling a little safer and having a police officer there or not should not make a difference. Tina Kelley asks the board members to remember who the WIC clients are: young mothers with young children. She further states that she perceives the sentence to regard a young child's perspective in wondering what's going on, wanting to know why an officer is there, and worry if they are in danger. Neil Garner further explains that as a child health professional, he knows that some children's interaction with a police officer is not always positive, depending on the environment that they are raised in. He reminds the board members to keep in mind the focus of this board, which is to attend to the health needs of all the members of our community. WIC provides a wonderful service and making access harder, be it parking, or whatever, is not in the best interest of our clients. James Ebert asks for a long term forecast of WIC clients and a projected growth of population to realistically see when the need for health department expansion would be. Those numbers can allow the board to make a better determination. Brent Taylor offers a list of items to discuss. They include parking, rent, building turnover, entrance and exits, and the option of keeping a few thousand feet for the health department to expand, having office space finished, yet saved for the health department. Frank Brown raises concerns that this is an obvious conflict of interest and believes it may be a legal question, with three board members on both boards and being a part of the decision making body. Kerry Gibson says that one of his major concerns is the comment that our health board is only interested in providing public health services, and states that we do have to weigh in the responsibility to the tax payer and create balance with limited resources. He further adds that he trusts the 3 board members that are on both boards to make a wise decision to make sure resources are used wisely, to provide those public health services. He appreciates the discussion, trusts everyone's motives, is looking for a win/win situation, and in looking forward to receiving information so he can look at all sides of this issue.

Directors Report- Brian Bennion Monthly Leadership Report

Information Only

Brian Bennion asks the board members to be aware of the upcoming events listed in the report. The department has been working with the media to get word out concerning

West Nile Virus and rabid bats. In June there was an inspection of the TB program by the Bureau of Communicable Disease which gave a very good report stating that the TB program is well-managed. Weber-Morgan's numbers were well below state and national average and comments were made about how organized, clean, well trained, and dedicated our staff was in providing the best services possible.

Customer Service Survey

There have been over six hundred surveys returned so far with ninety-eight to ninety-nine percent overall customer satisfaction. Numbers have been broken down to divisions. The next phase will be collecting surveys from customers that the health department inspects, such as restaurants and I/M stations. From the results we have seen, it looks like customers feel that they are getting their needs met.

Liaison Program

Staff has met with North Ogden Mayor and Department Directors, Ogden Mayor, Morgan County Council, South Ogden Mayor, and Roy Mayor and City Manager. Brian is very pleased with the way these meetings are going and is preparing to go to other cities in the county.

Chairman's Report

Neil Garner asks for comments from those who attended NALBOH. Ken Johnson says it was a good conference with both national and local speakers, and he got to know board members better, which he really enjoyed. Toby Mileski says he learned a lot about immunizations and vaccinations. He states how important they are and awareness needs to be at the forefront of our agenda. He also applauds the health department for their efforts in implementing the e-cig regulation and commends them for taking the initiative to move forward. Brent Taylor says he saw a presentation on accreditation and would like to have this for discussion on a future agenda. He has asked for slides from the presenter and after hearing from other boards who have gone through the process, says it seems worthwhile and strongly encourages we have a discussion in the future. Ken Johnson encourages attendance at the UALBH Symposium to be held in September at Daniel's Summit, Heber City. Seven board members are registered and plan on attending.

Public comment

Craig Butters comments on how the health department conducts covert e-cigarette checks with the way they do covert vehicle testing at I/M stations. He compares the penalty fee for selling a tobacco product to a minor of \$700 to the \$10,000 penalty an I/M shop would receive when they are both ordinances and a Class B misdemeanor if penalized. He says technicians are apprehensive of the health department's presence and owners are in fear of repercussions. He states that the I/M program has no ability to reduce fines and he would like the committee to work together with the I/M stations and pull together as they partner in promoting clean air. He stresses working together, honest communication, and getting shop owners and technicians on board to tell them when they see problems could help make the program work better. Also including board member, Dave Holmstrom to come to the meetings is also beneficial. Toby Mileski responds saying that this was discussed in the work group and these are things that the committee will want to discuss. Having I/M staff be more involved with training while they are doing shop inspections is mentioned as well as figuring out a way to cause less pressure on shop owners. Shop owners could be asked to help with the committee so there are better relations between them and the health department. Customer surveys will be sent out to I/M stations for their feedback.

The meeting adjourns at 5:52 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.