

Weber-Morgan Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
February 26, 2016

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on February 22, 2016 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. with Logan Wilde presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Logan Wilde, Chair	Neil Garner	Tina Kelley	Dr. Frank Brown
Dave Holmstrom	Toby Mileski	Brent Taylor	

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Matt Bell	Kerry Gibson	James Ebert	Ken Johnson
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Bennion	Kay Larrison	MaryLou Adams	Melody Sullivan
Lou Cooper	Brian Cowan	Michela Gladwell	Michelle Cooke
Colleen Jenson	Jarelyn Cox	Lori Buttars	Cathy Bodily
Bryce Sherwood	Jesse Bush	Abby Weymouth	Ellen Seely
Sheri Winn	Pedro Lozano	Lori Greene	JoAnn Wengreen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Crockett – Weber County Deputy Attorney			
Carolyn Somer	Marian Horna	Jenni Lake	Leia Larsen
Gage Church	Carole Nylander	Becky Jacobson	Eric Jacobsen
Amy Wicks	Laura Anderson	Evelyn Bertilson	Shelley Page
Luis Lopez	Suzanne Storer	Monica Williams	Peter Clemens
Matt Scanlon	Caril Jennings	Elenore Lewis	Beverly Dalley
Janice Dalley	Cristie Lewis	Lisa White	Jennifer Croft
Joe Charbonneau	Jim White	Heather Root	Karline Valentine
Iain Hueton	Cristina Duke	Clay Coleman	Pamela Coleman
John Hinds	Angelita Almodovar-Keene		

Welcome and Introductions – Logan Wilde

Logan Wilde calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2016-Logan Wilde

Motion Passes

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

Health Annex Lease Agreement-Brian Bennion

Information Only

Brian Bennion explains that there is a new draft that was shared with the Board. Commissioner Ebert and Kevin McLeod are still weighing their options and looking at other locations as well. A soil report for the annex upgrade would be a deciding factor. There are questions raised concerning the lease involving the definition of landlord, and whether repayment would go to the health department or to the county since

health department funds are being used. The landlord definition has recently been updated and payments would go to the health department. There is discussion on security, utilities, a smoking area being in violation of the health department ordinance, and improvements on the property. **Tina Kelley** expresses concern that this is a loan and not rent and **Frank Brown** questions not receiving interest on the loan.

Air Quality Advisory Committee Procedure-Brian Cowan

Motion Passes

Brian Cowan reminds the Board that staff was asked to develop a procedure for recruiting new members for the Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC). He proposes to advertise for 60 days any openings starting on September 1 of each year. This gives board members 2 months to review applicants and prepare to give recommendations at the January Board of Health meeting. Any vacancies created during the calendar year is outlined in the resolution with 3 options to consider: 1) Appoint an alternate member as a voting member, 2) Allow the vacancy to remain in place as long as a minimum number of members are on the committee, or 3) Initiate a special recruitment. He answers questions on required attendance for alternate members and there is discussion on including that in the attendance policy. There is a **MOTION** by **Neil Garner** and **SECONDED** by **Toby Mileski** to approve the Air Quality Advisory Committee Procedure for Recruitment with an addition to include the clarification in the attendance policy. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Nurse Family Partnership Presentation-Melody Sullivan

Information Only

Melody Sullivan reviews a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program. Those who qualify are low income women pregnant with their first child. A video shows how in-home advice on health and parenting can lead to improved cognitive development and language skills for a child and how they are better prepared for learning when starting school. Evidence shows a reduction in child abuse and neglect, emergency room visits for accidents and poisonings, child arrests at age 15, behavioral and intellectual problems at age 6, and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. This is a nationwide program that continues to grow because success has been proven. She shows a timeline for the health department's program starting in February 2015 when approved by the NFP National Service Office. The health department hired nurses in April, received training at the national office in May, and received the first referral in June. February numbers now show that 66 families and 30 babies have been helped by this program so far. She says they are disappointed that funding has been cut for 2017 and the department will lose one nurse in this program which will affect reaching their goal of 100 families. She states that they are proud of the accomplishments so far, are exploring other sources of funding as this program is so important to our community, and have had a great response. There are comments from board members on how working with this vulnerable population makes such a difference in children's lives that this should be a priority, and using the fund balance may be a way to keep this program going. The Board asks for a proposal on how to keep this funded for another year.

Legislative Update-Brian Bennion

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Brian Bennion reports on SB61 smoking in public places amendment which makes Salt Lake International Airport smoke free. Senator Vickers is sponsoring the bill and health officers are in support of it. SB73 concerning medical cannabis is sponsored by Senator Madsen. Concerns include the lack of restrictions in using the whole plant which includes smoking it. Health officers are opposed to the bill. **Brent Taylor** states that this bill was amended on Friday to not allow whole plant use and just extracts. He says some of the major issues were addressed but not all. It is going to the House now. SB89 Senator Vickers' bill on medical cannabis has passed with much support and is going to the House. **Tina Kelley** explains that HB221 sponsored by Representative Moss dealing with immunization exemptions was supported by Local Health Officers (LHO) and legislative committees. LHO are now in opposition as the language changed and does not include the education side of it which they believed was very important. Watching an online video then coming to the local health department was taken out making it too easy to get an exemption. Parents need to be educated and aware that if they choose not to immunize, there is an impact on children who have weak immune systems and their child could be excluded from school. HB250 sponsored by Representative Redd deals with the regulation of water heaters and NOx limits. LHO are in favor of this bill.

Directors Report- Brian Bennion

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Brian Bennion reports that Winter Trails Day was very successful with 800-1000 people participating. Upcoming events include Kick Butt's Day on March 16 at the Cinepointe Theatre and a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) exercise on March 17th. A rule change for R380-40 regarding local health department minimum performance standards has been made. Having a Community Health Assessment, an epidemiologist, and public health emergency preparedness program are now included. He introduces MaryLou Adams who will give an update on the Zika virus. **MaryLou Adams** explains that the Zika virus was first discovered in 1947 in Uganda. The CDC sited the first large outbreak in Micronesia in 2007 and started preparing for the introduction into the U.S. The first confirmed case in Brazil was in May 2015. In January 2016, the CDC activated its response to outbreaks occurring in the Americas because of increased reports of birth defects and a link with Guillain-Barre syndrome. On February 10, 2016, a total of 52 travel associated Zika cases were reported to the CDC from across the U.S. Today there have been no reports of Zika being spread by mosquitoes in the continental U.S. but with recent outbreaks the numbers among travelers will likely increase. The virus is primarily spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters and are the same type of mosquito which spreads dengue and chikungunya, both mosquito borne illnesses that have much more severe symptoms. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat the virus so prevention is key. Most people are not sick enough to go to the hospital or are even aware that they have had the illness as it is usually mild and only lasts 2-7 days. The troubling factor is the strong link between Zika and microcephaly and

other health problems like Guillain-Barre according to leading experts, but is considered only a link and not a proven cause. A *Time* magazine article states that the number of cases of microcephaly in Brazil rose from 150 in 2010 to 4,783 in 2015 and increased cases have made officials look closer at the link. Microcephaly is a condition where a baby's head is much smaller than normal because the brain hasn't developed properly during pregnancy. Guillain-Barre syndrome is a rare disorder where a person's own immune system damages nerve cells. Symptoms last from a few weeks to years but most fully recover over time with rare cases in which people have died. The virus appears to be sexually transmittable which makes it that much harder to control. The CDC has developed guidance and recommendations on Zika for travelers, health care workers and other groups, and continues to update information on their website at CDC.gov. They are working with public health partners and state health departments to alert health care providers and the public about Zika, post travel notices and other related guidance, provide health lab with diagnostic tests, and detect and report cases to prevent further spread. They will also continue studying the potential link to microcephaly and Guillain-Barre syndrome. She states that the health department is able to test for the virus and encourages people, especially pregnant women within 2 weeks of travel to an infected area, to be tested. **Frank Brown** suggests that the medical community should be made aware of the testing available.

Chairman's Report-Logan Wilde

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Logan Wilde asks board members to make a list of goals to share with each other and staff in order to consolidate efforts. Board members are asked to look at the Community Health Assessment and what the community has recommended as well as listening to the Air Quality Advisory Committee in order to move forward with a united voice. These goals are to be shared prior to April's Board meeting.

Public comment

Reverend Shelley Page expresses concern on the effect of the air quality due to the unique topography and says that humans created the problem and humans need to fix it. She says we can do our part to help and respectfully requests the Board of Health to do its part to address this very real public health issue as they have a special role to play to uphold the public interest and public trust. She hands out pages of comments and pictures from children.

Suzanne Storer says she wants the Board to be aware of how many people at this meeting are in favor of diesel testing and asks them to raise their hands.

Caril Jennings expresses her surprise to the fact that diesel testing is not done in our county. She asks the Board to fix this one part to help with the air quality. She says she used to live in Los Angeles and that they now have cleaner air than Ogden.

Angelina Almodovar-Keene says her son had respiratory syncytial virus

(RSV) 2 years ago and her pediatrician had no advice other than to say that it's the bad air and to go on vacation. She is now leaving the state and the bad air quality is one reason. She bought a Nissan Leaf but there are not enough outlets to support it. She says she is trying as are others but we need to work together to solve this problem.

Lisa White says it was a tough week when her children were not allowed to go out and play during the bad air days. As a pediatric therapist for children with disabilities, some parents were advised to keep their children out of school because of the air quality. She looks to the Board as a body that can help with this problem and says she has heard people say that they are going to buy a diesel so they don't have to worry about emission testing.

John Hinds states that he has a daughter with asthma and another daughter with two children who are suffering with respiratory infections. His grandchildren were in the hospital last night and he is very concerned about his family. He says he is profoundly moved and impressed to see all the responsibility that the Board has regarding the health of the community. He says his wife suffers from fibromyalgia and has been prescribed opiates and does not like to take them yet while on vacation to Colorado, she tried edibles which were much more effective with fewer side effects. He encourages the Board to back the medical marijuana bill that Gage Froerer is sponsoring.

Carole Nylander says that in 1992 she worked on the Governor's Commission on clean air with experts coming from Los Angeles who explained at that time the potential air quality could be worse than Los Angeles because of the mountain range. She says nothing was done then and nothing has been done since and she feels strongly about diesel emissions testing. She finds it troubling that the Pleasant View Mayor is not in support of diesel testing.

Luis Lopez says he is here as a private citizen, as a member of the Ogden City Council, and also President for Latinos United Promoting Education Civic Engagement (LUPECE). He says he is in support of diesel testing and offers his support and help in moving forward with diesel testing.

Reverend Gage Church states that air quality is not just a health issue but a justice issue as well. Not everyone has the option to go on vacation or head up to the mountains to get to clean air. He says that the very children that we are helping with programs such as NFP are suffering because of the air. He is very much in support of diesel emissions testing.

Karline Valentine thanks the Board for the things that they do for the city to help make it a healthy place to live. She says that over the last summer she has had bronchitis 3 times and developed pneumonia due to the quality of the air. This prevents her from being able to contribute to the community and she urges the Board to continue to protect the community by doing what they can to put diesel testing into place.

Amy Wicks says she served on the Ogden City Council for 12 years. She says Davis and Salt Lake counties have been testing diesel emissions and it is irresponsible to not address it here in Weber County. A lot of money is spent convincing people to live, vacation, and relocate businesses here but with the quality of air as it is, they won't want to. Ogden City has a bicycle master plan to encourage use of alternative forms of transportation but can't expect people to bike on red air days. This needs to be addressed and should be on the list of goals for this year.

Beverly Dalley explains how she has felt that Weber County's air quality was superior to Provo but feels differently now. She usually goes out to walk but on a bad air day had to drive to the mall in order to walk adding to the bad air. She asks the Board to take action as people's health is at stake and it is part of their important civic responsibility.

Pamela Coleman says that she has come to the conclusion that the bad air is killing our children. Her family moved from Cache County because they work here in Ogden. She loves Ogden and is doing what she can to help with air quality by buying a Nissan Leaf, participating in Blue Sky and looking at the solar program with Rocky Mountain Power. She says that the citizens are doing what they can and this Board needs to do their part to help.

Frank Brown expresses his appreciation and thanks to the people who have taken the time to come and voice their concerns.

Peter Clemens is a cyclist who is trying to support Mayor Caldwell's initiative in taking vehicles off the road by riding his bike to work. He explains that some diesel truck owners enjoy blowing smoke in the face of cyclists and wonders why that is allowed. He has lectured at area universities for Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment for years about air pollution and particulate matter and knows a good deal about air quality. He would like to know what the Board's thought process is regarding diesel emissions testing and understands there are other opinions on this. He closes by saying it seems in a state where we pride ourselves in clean living and what we take into our bodies would not allow ourselves to be victim of our own lack of due diligence.

Neil Garner says that he has been a pediatric health care professional for 30 years and knows how important air quality is and the direct results from bad air. He is grateful for those who have come and says their voice has been heard.

Logan Wilde thanks those who have come out and says he realizes how hard it is to address policy makers and that they will direct their goals.

Brian Bennion shares the health department strategy for air quality. He says the department promotes Ogden's 'Idle Free Week', has a 'Be Air Aware' campaign with signage on buses, participates in the 'Clear the Air Challenge', and will be reaching out to local businesses and asking them to participate in the challenge. He encourages people to report a smoking

vehicle and explains the program regarding wood burning stoves, how education and warnings are given, and that compliance is usually met once people understand. He shares that the Air Quality Advisory Committee has looked at diesel testing and its impact and is trying to approach the issue from all angles in order to find the very best approach for our community. He thanks those who have come out to voice concerns.

Lou Cooper explains Tier 3 fuel and how it could reduce emissions by 80% and how small changes like this can make a difference.

Marian Horna says he is on the Air Quality Advisory Committee and one thing people should know is there is a state bill addressing insulation standards for homes and our state is behind. He states colder areas of the state should have a higher standard of insulation.

The meeting adjourns at 5:56 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.