

Weber-Morgan Board of Health Minutes of Meeting January 24, 2022

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on January 24, 2022 in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Frank Brown	Ali Martinez - Virtual	Tina Kelley - Virtual
Jer Bates- Virtual	Donna Chapman - Virtual	Dr. Kenneth Johnson - Virtual
Doug Jacobs – Virtual	Jason Boren - Virtual	Leonard Call - Virtual
Kevin Eastman- Virtual	Gage Froerer - Virtual	Brandan Quinney- Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alex McDonald, Neil Garner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Cowan, Michela Harris

Virtual Attendees

Heidi Niedfeldt, Scott Braeden, Lekelsi Talbot, Jeralyn Perkins

Welcome – Dr. Frank Brown

Dr. Frank Brown calls the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

Brian Cowan reads the signed authorization to conduct a virtual meeting without an anchor location during a public health emergency.

Brian Cowan recognizes outgoing Board Members **Jer Bates, Donna Chapman, Neil Garner**, and **Alex McDonald**. **Brian** introduces new Board Members **Doug Jacobs** from the Morgan County School District and **Jason Boren** representing the hospital administration.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes of October 25, 2021

Motion Passes

A **MOTION** is made for approval of the October minutes with grammatical corrections made on page 2 to Dr. Frank Brown and Ali Martinez titles from President and Vice President to Chair and Vice Chair, and on Page 3 to clarify the booster vaccine dose language. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

COVID-19 cases in the Weber-Morgan Health Department district

- The Omicron variant of COVID-19 has overwhelmed local schools and businesses. Due to testing capabilities being overwhelmed, guidance from the Utah State Health Department was for people to follow COVID-19 quarantine and isolation guidelines and not to test. This can translate to an artificial plateau in our data. Other indicators of infection rates are used such as percent positive of disease growth, which is currently above 50 percent, and wastewater testing for the virus.
- Morgan County's 7-day average is at 24 new cases per day. Weber County's 7-day average is at 720 new cases per day.
- The type of hospitalizations from Omicron and Delta variants of COVID-19 have resulted in an increase of hospitalizations in non-ICU beds, but not an increase in use of ICU beds. Hospitals are averaging 15-20 ICU patients per day.
- Weber-Morgan Health District has vaccinated 68 percent of eligible population, which is those age 5 and over. Booster Doses have been provided to 31 percent of those eligible.
- Of those who are hospitalized as of May 6, 2021, 78 percent have no vaccination history for the COVID-19 vaccine, and 22 percent are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Death rates as of May 6, 2021 are at 81 percent for those with no vaccination history for the COVID-19 vaccine, and 19 percent for those who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Weber-Morgan Health District is following the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This applies to schools and general population.
 - The guidance for a positive COVID-19 case is 5 days of isolation, followed by a return to normal activities with 5 days of mask wearing. If person chooses not to mask, they should continue those 5 days in isolation.
 - The guidance for those exposed to a positive case is
 - If fully vaccinated for COVID-19, there is no requirement for quarantine.
 - If not fully vaccinated for COVID-19, quarantine at home for 5 days, then return to normal activities with 5 days of mask wearing and self-monitoring for symptoms.

2022 Legislative session

- HB183 has passed. This bill changes to the test-to-stay protocols in school districts. Rather than a test-to-stay event at a specific threshold, the school district in consultation with governor's office, state school board and leadership of state legislature will make the determination for the best approach for handling cases at that school.
- HB182 is in process. The intent is to exclude state properties from local health department jurisdiction. After discussions with State Health Officers Association, the language of the bill has been amended and the new draft should be published shortly.

- HB146 is in process. This bill is to address food truck permits and licensing. Currently food truck operators need food permits from each health district and a business license from each city. This bill would allow for one statewide food permit and one statewide business license.
- HB72 is in process. This bill addresses noise caused by noisy mufflers on vehicles. It would require that muffler noise inspections be done during vehicle emissions inspection. In drafting this bill there was no discussion with the 5 local health jurisdictions that provide emissions testing to include consideration for the financial impact on the local health departments and residents of the community.
- HB64 is in process. This bill proposes creating a special fund to support keeping water systems into compliance, upgrading to current standards, and ensuring safe drinking water to residents. Weber-Morgan Health Department supports this bill. Still in process of understanding funding.

Annex Building of the Weber-Morgan Health Department

- Construction on the 2nd floor of the annex building is still in progress with a date of April 1, 2022 for completion and occupancy.
- There is a Request for Proposal (RFP) out in Morgan County to finish the basement space in the Morgan City Building. Weber-Morgan Health Department will jointly occupy the space with Weber Human Services. There is a requirement per grant money received that this space be completed by end of June 2022.

Board of Health Training Opportunities

- Training for new members of the Board of Health will be held with Leadership team at the Weber-Morgan Health Department to help understand individual roles on the Board of Health, the basics of health department programs, and the 5 divisions of health department operations. Date and time will be provided.
- The Utah Association of Local Boards of Health 2022 Annual Symposium is scheduled for March 31, 2022 and April 1, 2022.

Chair's Report – Dr. Frank Brown

Information Only

- **Jer Bates** expresses his gratitude of the Board of Health and the Health Department's involvement in the health welfare of our community.
- **Dr. Frank Brown** discusses value of attending the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBOH) meetings.
- **Ali Martinez** provides a recommendation to maintain efforts to diversify when filling new positions on the Board of Health.
- **Dr. Ken Johnson** reminds the Board that they need to select a UALBOH representative to replace Tina Kelley.

Ken Johnson makes a motion to adjourn and **Jer Bates** seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourns at 5:02pm.