

**Weber-Morgan Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
September 23, 2019**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on September 23, 2019 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	Frank Brown	Ken Johnson	Gage Froerer
Tina Kelley	Karen Harrop	Jennifer Bodine	Ali Martinez
Cole Brinkerhoff	Lee Dickemore	Roland Haslam	Donna Chapman

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Kevin Eastman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Bennion	Brian Cowan	Michela Harris	MaryLou Adams
Colleen Jenson	Adriana Pruitt	Michelle Cooke	Scott Braeden
Summer Day	Gage Jacobson	Amy Carter	Jarelyn Cox
Jacob Newman	Lyndsey Winger	Melissa Freigang	JoAnn Wengreen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Crockett	Brandon Bingham	Brooke Tucker	Aimee Urbina
Shelby Stults	Megan Olsen	Mat Carlisle	

Welcome and Introductions – Neil Garner

Neil Garner calls the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m., welcomes those in attendance, and excuses Kevin Eastman.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes of August 26, 2019

Motion Passes

A **MOTION** is made by **Ken Johnson** and **SECONDED** by **Ali Martinez** to approve the minutes as written. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Ogden Energy Wise Community Plan Goals-

Information Only

Shelby Stultz/Aimee Urbina

Shelby Stultz, Program Coordinator with Utah Clean Energy, gives a brief summary of the Utah Clean Energy project. The organization works with local utilities and is funded by the Department of Energy. Energy consumption in Ogden will be analyzed to create a baseline number. Community members are encouraged to fill out a survey and board members are encouraged to participate. A strategic plan will then be created to help solidify goals along with ways to achieve them. This project will culminate a plan that could be a reputable model to use in other communities throughout the nation. **Brian Bennion** states that part of the health department’s strategic plan is to look at our buildings to make them more energy efficient. The department will look into going through an energy efficiency audit through Weber State University to see where improvements could be made.

2019 Budget Update/2020 Budget Projection-Brian Cowan Information Only

Brian Cowan highlights discussion from the Board of Health Finance Committee meeting held earlier this month. Funding for the Center of Excellence, additional requests towards market adjustments to salary positions, and the potential completion of the second floor of the WIC building were items discussed. He gives handouts of what was submitted to the county for the 2020 year budget and explains use of the fund balance. Capital expenses include parking lot maintenance and third floor carpeting. A new column for the Prosperity Center of Excellence has been added and the health department will be managing their budget. Based off actual costs the fund balance projected use has been extended to the year 2025. **Neil Garner** expresses his appreciation to the committee and the health department’s accounting team.

E-Cigarette Update-Amy Carter

Information Only

Amy Carter gives an update on the cluster of lung injury cases that have been reported nationwide over the past few months. Utah joined the investigation in early August when several providers saw people with very severe respiratory failure or illness. Patients had a history of recent vaping or e-cigarette use which potentially contain nicotine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol (CBD) oils or other additives. As of September 19, there have been 530 lung injury cases nationwide in 38 states and 1 U.S. Territory with 7 confirmed deaths in 6 states. When Utah joined the investigation about 5-6 weeks ago the number nationwide was around 200. Utah’s numbers as of last week were 42 cases with at least 14 more under investigation. Morgan County has no cases reported and Weber County has 4 confirmed or probable cases with 2 additional cases under investigation. Patients start with flu-like symptoms and 94% have required hospitalization, many in critical care. About a third of the hospitalized cases have needed assistance with breathing tubes and ventilators. Utah Department of Health is leading the investigation to figure out the cause of these sudden cases by interviewing patients, collecting and testing samples of products used, and communicating with other states to see if they have similar results, which so far they do. Most cases are young and fairly healthy males, early 20’s but as young as 15 and the oldest being in his 50’s. Still no specific cause but available evidence does not suggest this is an infectious disease and no specific product has been linked with all cases. The health department is actively involved in sending a message to educate the public of the risks of using these products. The legislature is updating the state rule to address this and add an e-cigarette tax much like the cigarette tax already in effect. The Utah Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control have links on their websites with more information and current updates.

Immunization Record Requirement for School and Early Childhood Employees Regulation-MaryLou Adams

Motion Passes

MaryLou Adams informs board members that no comments were given at the public hearing held last week and recommends adoption of the regulation. A **MOTION** is made by **Cole Brinkerhoff** and **SECONDED** by **Tina Kelley** to approve the regulation. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

**Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Regulation-
Scott Braeden**

Motion Passes

Scott Braeden says there were no comments given at the public hearing held last week and recommends adoption of the regulation changes. The changes are necessary in order to remain in compliance with the state plan. There is discussion on meeting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state requirements, holding station owner accountable, ensuring the county remains in compliance, ramifications of not adopting the changes, and discussions that were held with the now dissolved Board of Health Air Quality subcommittee. There is further discussion on how there were no comments, this Board is responsible to the entire public, not just station owners, and how other employers have to be responsible for what their employees do. A **MOTION** is made by **Jennifer Bodine** and **SECONDED** by **Tina Kelley** to adopt the changes to the regulation. The **MOTION** passes with three dissenting votes from Cole Brinkerhoff, Gage Froerer, and Roland Haslam.

Variance to Food Service Sanitation Regulation-Michela Harris Motion Passes

Michela Harris tells board members that one person attended the public hearing who was in favor of the variance and 24 comments were received via email. The comments are 20 in favor and 4 against approving the variance to allow dogs on restaurant patios. Board members discuss how many restaurants would actually want to apply for a permit, how many would be able to due to size and location restrictions, and how restaurants would enforce any issues that may arise. Restaurants would have an additional inspection per year, need to educate staff, and display a sign forewarning customers that dogs are permitted. Discussion includes realizing that this was initiated by the public and not the health department. A **MOTION** is made by **Gage Froerer** and **SECONDED** by **Ali Martinez** to approve this variance to the Food Service Sanitation Regulation. The **MOTION** passes with two dissenting votes from Tina Kelley and Roland Haslam.

Director's Report-Brian Bennion

Information Only

Brian Bennion expresses his appreciation to the Board for their discussion about these regulations and explains staff does their best to be consistent, fair, and appropriate as they enforce local health regulations. There were six board members attending the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBOH) symposium earlier this month and he thanks them for their support. He says the legislature will be asking for support from the local health departments for a resolution to support an e-cigarette tax.

Chair's Report-Neil Garner

Information Only

Neil Garner encourages board members to get their flu vaccines and to be careful with standing water around their homes with the West Nile virus scare that the county has had this past month.

The meeting adjourns at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 25.