



UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES

November 22, 2010

Members Present:

Name	
Erin Maughan, PhD	Excused
Clyde Nielsen, RPh	✓
Dennis Hess, MD	✓
Sandra M. Huff	✓
Chris Sorensen	✓

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Viola Ramos, MRC	Excused
Mayor Jim Dain	✓
Gary Anderson, Commissioner	✓
Diane Lohner	✓

Others present: Dr. Joseph Miner - Executive Secretary, Debbie Eyre - Board Secretary, Ralph Clegg - Deputy Director

Utah County Health Department: Ron Tobler, Terry Beebe, Jason Garrett, Lynn Flinders, Doreen Radford.

Debbie Jensen - Permanent Cosmetics Clinic, Mike Wing - Wing Ink Tattoos, Alexandra Dayton - BYU, Melissa Shaw, Justin Shaw, and Paul Child - Body & Soul Tattoo, Dianne Orcutt - Utah County Attorney, Marcus Hardy - BYU Daily Universe, Lindsay Hansen - BYU Nursing, Heidi Toth - Daily Herald, Katie Beutler - Centro Hispano

- Welcome and Introductions - Dr. Hess welcomed everyone and introduced our new Board Member, Jim Dain - Lindon City Mayor.
- Approval of minutes of the September 27, 2010 meeting.

MOTION: Sandy Huff made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed by unanimous vote.

- Body art regulation enforcement concerns - Melissa Shaw and Randy Child.

Dr. Miner explained that the Utah County Health Department regulation is designed to assure a level of sanitation and safety. Although the Health Department doesn't endorse the practice of body tattoos or piercing, we want the service done at permitted businesses that follow standards of sanitation and safety. A number of businesses operate without a permit and the Health Department is being asked by permitted businesses to more aggressively enforce this among businesses operating illegally. Melissa Shaw and Randy Childs, two operators of permitted businesses, asked to speak to the Board about their concerns.

Ms. Shaw asked for the Board's assistance in pursuing the underground movement of people tattooing and piercing in homes without permits. People who go to illegal places many times end up going to Mr. Childs and Ms. Shaw for help with associated infections. Also some of these businesses tattoo and pierce minors which is illegal. They are also seeing a serious risk of blood-borne infections being spread, such as Hepatitis C or HIV. Ms. Shaw asked that the Board deal with this problem the same as they do with other health threats such as Cryptosporidium in public pools.

Parents also come to their businesses asking for tattoos for their minor children but in compliance with the regulation, they refuse to provide the service to minors. Ms. Shaw felt that parents who ask for tattooing/piercing for their minor children should be prosecuted. Businesses operating legally are also undercut by illegal businesses. Some people actually think that spraying Lysol on their equipment or boiling their needles is sufficient for sanitation, which it isn't. She also said that Utah has some of the toughest laws to protect people who obtain tattoos. All permitted technicians are required to have training in blood-borne pathogens every three years.

Debbie Jensen, owner of a permanent cosmetics clinic, explained that her business is regulated the same as tattoo parlors. She expressed concern that the public be made aware of what the law is for these types of businesses. Ms. Jensen explained that she too is undercut by people operating illegally and out of their homes. Sometimes even the schools don't follow protocol. She also said most people have no idea there is a regulation

Dr. Miner said the Health Department plans to work with police departments to use undercover people to contact offending businesses. The County Attorney's office needs proper evidence against them to prosecute them with a Class B Misdemeanor for operating without a permit. In order for people to permit their businesses through the Health Dept., they must meet specific guidelines for health and safety.

Jason Garrett from Environmental Health explained that there are at least 50 people in the county who are operating illegally. Of those, 12 to 15 people have been turned in for violations. For the last year and a half, Mr. Garrett has been working to identify violators. Salem, Payson, and Spanish Fork cities have asked Utah County to take the lead in prosecuting offenders. Dianne Orcutt, County Attorney, explained that certified demand letters have been sent out to businesses that are suspect. A few operators responded, agreeing to comply, but in order to prosecute violators, we need hard evidence.

Dr. Hess suggested using our temporary employees to help with the undercover operation, similar to the Health Department's tobacco program. The Utah County Sheriff's office is also working with Mr. Garrett. Commissioner Anderson offered to meet with the Sheriff's Office to help facilitate and speed up the process. Diane Orcutt volunteered to handle the initial and follow up demand letters.

Dr. Miner explained that the Health Department should warn the public about the importance of only using permitted businesses to obtain tattoos and piercing. Lance was asked to take the lead with community education with public announcements, printed information, and information on FaceBook and Twitter.

The Board members agreed to pass this information on to their respective cities. Mr. Garrett explained that the industry across the board has been asking for help, and once the word gets out about the penalties, a lot of the problems should get resolved. Dr. Miner will meet with the Council of Governments, and the group will report back to the Board at a future Board meeting.

4. Presentation of the Asthma Coalition Award to Hugo Altamirano, M.D. by Toni Carpenter and Andrea Jensen - Dr. Miner explained that Dr. Altamirano could not attend the meeting today, so Toni and Andrea will present the award to him at a later date.
5. WIC's new Orem offices - Marilyn Walton, Orem WIC Manager, explained that WIC has been housed in their present Orem location on 1600 North for over 20 years. Thanks to a grant from the USDA, this clinic will be moving soon to a new location on 800 North near Win-Co. and I-15. The office was designed for WIC services to be more efficient. The cost of rent will be the same as it was for the old building. Ms. Walton showed architectural drawings of the office layout. WIC plans to open at this new location on December 15, 2010.
6. Employee Mandatory Immunizations Policy - follow up. Dr. Miner explained that as discussed in the last Board meeting, Dianne Orcutt and the County Personnel Dept. have worked together on this policy which requires all employees working with infants and children under two years of age to be immunized for influenza, MMR, and Tdap. Employees who have a medical, religious or personal reason for not getting immunized will have the option to wear an N95 mask. Lynn Flinders, Nursing Director, pointed out that the mask is uncomfortable so most will probably choose to be immunized rather than wear it constantly. Dr. Miner explained that there is a strong national move for health care facilities to require mandatory immunizations. The policy will be on Commission agenda for approval.

MOTION: Mr Nielsen made the motion to adopt the Immunization Policy, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed by unanimous vote.

7. Independent Audit Report - Ralph Clegg explained the findings of the audit. He referred to the copies of the report which were mailed out to the Board for review last week. He explained that the operating budget for next year will require about \$2.2 million in local property taxes or Health Fund surplus. If we don't receive sufficient local property taxes we will exceed our

fund's surplus. This is even a larger concern for 2012. Commissioner Anderson said a dedicated tax district for the Health Department would be helpful and could feasibly be done.

8. 2011 Budget - Ralph Clegg referred to the handout. The proposed budget for 2011 is conservative and less than it was in 2010.

MOTION: Commissioner Anderson moved that the Board recommend approval of the budget which was seconded by Mayor Dain and passed by unanimous vote.

9. New Employees - Dr. Miner read the list of new hires and those leaving. The large majority of new hires are part-time/temporary positions.
10. Recognition of Superintendent Sorensen - Dr. Miner presented a plaque to Superintendent Chris Sorensen and thanked him for his three years' of service to the Health Department and the Board of Health. This position will now rotate to Alpine School District and Superintendent Vern Henshaw. Superintendent Henshaw will come to the Board of Health meeting in January 2011.
11. Other Business
 - a) A copy of the 2011 Board of Health meeting schedule was handed out.
 - b) Clyde Nielsen shared information he received from a survey of his customers. The majority of comments were very positive and appreciative of the efforts the Health Department makes to keep the community healthy and safe.
12. Next meeting - January 24, 2011 in the H&J Building, Suite 2500

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Joseph K. Miner, M.D.
Executive Director
Utah County Health Department

Erin D. Maughan, RN, Chair
Utah County Board of Health