



Minutes

November 25, 2013

Members Present:

Name	
Gaye L. Ray, RN	X
Clyde Nielsen, PPh	excused
Supt. Vernon Henshaw	X
Dianne C. Carr	X
Henry M. Yeates, M.D.	X

Name	
Viola Ramos, MRC	X
Mayor Jim Dain	X
Diane Lohner	X
Cmsr. Doug Witney, Chair	X

Others present: Dr. Joseph Miner - UCHD Executive Director, Debbie Shoemaker - UCHD Administrative Assistant

Utah County Health Department: Lance Madigan, Patty Cross, Toni Carpenter, Andrea Jensen, Carrie Bennett, Maralie Nordfelt, Sam Marsden, Bryce Larsen, Janae Letterman, Eric Edwards, Kari Schmidt, Nathan Tidwell, Paul Jones

See attendance sheet for others present.

1. Welcome by Commissioner Doug Witney
Commissioner Witney welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the September 23, 2013 meeting
Dianne Carr complimented Debbi Solen on the excellent minutes.

MOTION: Dianne Carr made the motion to approve September 23, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Diane Lohner and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Review and Consider Action on the Revised Trampoline Gym Regulation following public hearing in September 2013

Several of the Board visited gym facilities. Get Air Hang Time and Lowe's Xtreme Sports submitted injury reports to the Health Department. Utah Valley Regional Medical Center sent a report of injuries they have seen. Lowe's Xtreme Sports had video of individual injuries they have had and showed some during the visit to their gym. Gaye inquired what the difference is in the numbers being reported by the hospitals and the gyms. Dr. Miner stated we don't have good data at this point and hopefully there will be further research. Gaye stressed the point that the public needs to be adequately warned of the risks.

MOTION: Diane Lohner made a motion stating the following: “Although we feel commercial trampoline gym businesses and the public would benefit from improved public confidence and assurance that these businesses were meeting some minimal safety standards required by a Board of Health regulation, these businesses are so opposed to any Board of Health safety regulation, and claim to be willing to voluntarily report injuries and provide the notice as contained in the proposed regulation, I make a motion that the Board table this proposed regulation indefinitely, and wait to see if they will voluntarily report, as they said they would, quarterly to our health department the injuries they are seeing.” Seconded by Vernon Henshaw. Commissioner Witney stated it’s the intent of the Board, even though the regulation is being tabled, to inspect this type of business from time to time to make sure injuries are accounted for and if not, we expect this to come back to the Board again. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Baby Steps Prenatal Smoking Cessation Video Report

Eric Edwards along with Maralie Nordfelt, Toni Carpenter, and Janae Letterman presented a video about the Baby Steps Prenatal Smoking Cessation program that came about as a result of a quality improvement project. This program assists pregnant mothers to quit smoking, as well as their spouse or partner. Our data indicates a 57% quit rate compared to quit rates of under 50% with similar programs. Diane Carr wanted to know how many diaper vouchers per family. Janae stated one per month, and can stay in the program for one year after the baby is born. Within the last year 85 people have gone through the program. Baby Your Baby program, WIC and word of mouth are where the referrals come from. March of Dimes is providing much of the funding for the diaper vouchers that are purchased through Macey’s. No premature deliveries have been reported. Gaye Ray wanted to know how many nurses are involved and she was told none at this time but Dr. Miner stated the in-home visitation nurses make referrals if they find pregnant women in high risk situations. Janae indicated including the spouses of pregnant women and postpartum women on the program for a year after delivery is vital to the success of this program. Janae will also keep track of the pregnant women referrals who don’t want to quit smoking and don’t want to join the program.

5. Targeting Obesity in Preschools “TOP Star” Quality Improvement Project

Patty Cross handed out and presented information about the TOP Star project that targets daycare and preschool environments for early prevention in obesity such as making nutrition better, physical activity greater, and “screen time” minimal. The benefits for the facility participants are points toward their childcare certifications and completion of this project gives them a star ranking which is posted on the website for parents to see. Patty would like to improve our processes and tools for faster outcomes. We’d like to inspire participants to complete and earn their ratings in a timely manner. Anna Dillingham is the State Health Department consultant on quality improvement projects and has been consulted to assist with our quality improvement.

6. Delete the Extended Temporary Food Permit Fee from the Fee Schedule

Sam Marsden, Food Safety Manager, addressed the Extended Temporary Food Permit fee stating it is a nebulous category that doesn't exist in State rule, so they are requesting to delete it from the Utah County Health Department fee schedule.

MOTION: Jim Dain made a motion to delete the Extended Temporary Food Permit fee from the UCHD fee schedule. Seconded by Viola Ramos. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Approve the Meeting Schedule for the Board for 2014

Dr. Miner reviewed the dates.

MOTION: Dianne Carr moved to accept the meeting schedule for the Board for 2014. Seconded by Diane Lohner. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. Appoint an Additional Representative for the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health

Gaye Ray becomes the President Elect in January for the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBH) leaving her position vacant as our Board of Health representative on the Steering Committee. Gaye stated that meetings are held quarterly in various locations and there is a representative from every Local Board of Health, the qualification being you must be a Local Board of Health member. Dr. Miner asked Board members to consider volunteering to be our representative. Any questions about it should be discussed with Gaye. Appointing a representative to the UALBH will be continued to our next BOH meeting in January.

Dr. Miner stated the National Association of Local Boards of Health is now bankrupt and the staff is temporarily on furlow.

9. Recognize Vernon Henshaw and Viola Ramos for their service on the Board

Commissioner Witney and Dr. Miner presented plaques and thanked Viola Ramos and Vernon Henshaw for their outstanding public service on the Board, as their terms have expired.

Jim Dain did not run for mayor this year but will stay on the Board until the Commission considers appointing another current mayor to this position.

10. Board Member Feedback from Constituents

OUTRAGE is the anti-tobacco youth initiative. Dianne Carr attended the OUTRAGE function and was very impressed with the youth. Dr. Miner attended and indicated several legislators also attended, as well as Commissioner Ellertson.

11. New Employees

The list was reviewed with the Board by Dr. Miner.

12. Other Business

Recommendations for Vacancies on the Board of Health

Dr. Miner reported that Provo School District Superintendent Keith Rittel has expressed willingness to succeed Superintendent Vernon Henshaw as a board member if the Commission appoints him. He requested recommendations be sent to him for the Commission to consider appointing to succeed Viola Ramos. He will submit a letter to the Commission.

Dr. Miner introduced Nathan Tidwell who is a medical student on a 4 week Public Health rotation with Dr. Miner.

MOTION: Jim Dain made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


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Executive Director
Utah County Health Department


Commissioner Doug Witney
Chair
Utah County Board of Health