UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES

January 27, 2014

Members Present:

Name		Name	
Gaye L. Ray, RN	X	**Teresa Tavares**	excused
Clyde Nielsen, RPh	X	**Mayor Jeff Acerson**	X
Supt. Keith Rittel	excused	**Diane Lohner**	X
Dianne C. Carr	X	**Cmsr. Doug Witney, Chair**	X
Henry M. Yeates, M.D.	X		

Others present: Dr. Joseph Miner - Utah County Health Department (UCHD) Executive Director
Debbi Solen - UCHD Secretary
Number of people who signed attendance sheet - 15

1. Welcome and introduction of new board members by Commissioner Witney.

The Board recognized Jim Dain, former Mayor of Lindon, and thanked him for his dedicated service as a Board member. Mayor Acerson of Lindon was introduced as the new mayor representative on the Board.

2. Elections for Board of Health Chair and Vice-Chair

MOTION: Diane Lohner nominated Doug Witney to continue to be the Chair of the Board which was seconded by Clyde Nielsen and passed by unanimous vote.
Diane Lohner nominated Clyde Nielsen to be Vice-Chair which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Appoint New Representative for the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health Steering Committee

MOTION: Gaye Ray nominated Dianne Carr as our representative to the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health Steering Committee which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed by unanimous vote.

4. Brief Orientation of Board of Health Authority and Function

Joseph Miner reviewed the Board's duties. The Utah County Health Department has changed their mission statement to read, "Promote health and prevent avoidable disease and injury by monitoring the health of our community, responding to public health emergencies, and assuring conditions in which people can be healthy." With 550,000 residents in Utah County, responding to natural and man-made disasters is a very large responsibility.

Dr. Miner referred to State Statute outlining the responsibility of a Board of Health. State Statute also requires no more than half of the Board's members work in health care and that a members' term is for 3 years. The Board adopts health regulations as deemed necessary and not covered by Federal and State law. The Board also sets department policies for department employees such as seat belt usage, smoking on the job, immunization requirements, etc. not covered by County Personnel policies. Paul Jones, county attorney, will check on the level of liability protection for the Board members.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the November 25, 2013 meeting.

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

6. Retire Waste Tire Recycling, Food Service Employee Permit, and Subdivision (Water, Waste Water and Solid Waste) Regulations because they are fully covered by State Rules.

The Utah County Health Department has been doing some housekeeping and looking at our regulations. Many of them are old and have been superseded by State rules. Since by State law we enforce State rules we no longer need our local regulation.

Years ago there were very large piles of waste tires in the County which housed rodents, mosquitos and posed a fire danger. Because of recycling businesses we no longer have waste tire piles in the county. When people buy new tires they pay a fee to have the old tires taken to recycling centers.

MOTION: Dianne Carr made the motion to retire all three of the above mentioned regulations which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

7. Adopt Amended Public Pool Regulation with no substantive changes.

Some of our former pool regulation has now been incorporated into the State Rule. By State law we enforce the State rules. We have kept some additions to the State Rule which further explain the construction requirements for issuing permits. Pools are inspected yearly and sampled monthly. Splash pools and deck sprays are more difficult to sanitize and therefore potentially less safe than pools.

MOTION: Clyde Nielsen made the motion to adopt the amended Public Pool Regulation which was seconded by Diane Lohner and passed by unanimous vote.

8. Ratify and sign the February 2001 Adoption of the Temporary Mass Gathering Regulation with no substantive changes.

A Utah County Temporary Mass Gathering Regulation was adopted in 2001 to prepare for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Even though the February 26, 2001 Board of Health minutes show this was approved and adopted, State rule is now in effect for any mass gathering of 500 or more people for 2 hours or longer. Our regulation continues to include some requirements beyond those of the State rule. We need the Board to ratify that regulation so we will have a copy signed by the Board Chair.

Our largest mass gathering is "The Festival of Colors" which in the past has had approximately 80,000 people attending. Colored cornstarch is tossed in the air which is an accepted known hazard for those with respiratory issues. Cornstarch can also cause allergic reactions. Should we be posting warnings to the public? It was suggested that we find out how many emergency room visits there were for respiratory problems during the Color Festival. Environmental Health will follow up with the hospitals on this. Environmental Health is basing the number of restrooms needed on the previous year's number of attendees. They are also looking closely at the food that is prepared and sold. The parking problems are being addressed by the police, fire, and sheriff's departments. Mass gathering regulations also address first aid. City festivals and rave dances are mass gatherings because they are not held at a permanent facility like a sports arena or conference center, etc.

As a side note, even though we have regulations for mass gatherings, tanning, tattooing and body piercing businesses we have a disclaimer stating that although regulated these activities are not being endorsed by the Board. The regulations are intended to protect the public from diseases by assuring certain levels of sanitation and safety.

MOTION: Diane Lohner made the motion to ratify and sign the Temporary Mass Gathering Regulation adopted in 2001 which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

9. Utah County Clean Air Task Force

Dr. Don Jarvis, Provo City's Sustainability Officer and Andrea Jensen, our Environmental Health Educator presented the issues and many possible strategies being addressed by the recently formed Utah Valley Clean Air Task Force. Sponsors of the Clean Air Task Force are Provo City and the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce. Andrea Jensen, Steve Alder, and Dr. Miner represent the Utah County Health Department on the Task Force. Dr. Jarvis and Andrea Jensen discussed the causes of our air pollution and the different strategies to decrease pollution including enforcing no wood burning, car pooling, turning off idling cars, combining car trips, employer incentives and warning flags on school flag poles, etc.

An Air Quality School Flag Program has been started. The schools will check the air quality and fly the colored flag that corresponds with the forecast for that day. The schools are also asking that bus, parents

and carpool drivers turn off their engines if parked for more than 30 seconds. For more information visit: www.airnow.gov/schoolflag

The Clean Air Task Force has come up with 6 things citizens can pledge to do to help with pollution.

1. Not let my vehicle idle more than 30 seconds, even on cold mornings
2. Park and walk in instead of using drive-up windows
3. Consolidate vehicle trips and reduce my family's total driving
4. Car-pool, use public transportation, walk or bike
5. Not burn any wood or coal
6. Shovel my walks to make others' walking easier

For more information visit:
www.airquality.utah
www.health.utah.gov/asthma

10. Legislative Outlook for 2014

The Legislature began meeting today, January 27, 2014 and the Board members were given a preliminary list of bills to watch. The Utah Association of Local Health Departments sends out a weekly updated list of bills that are being considered and what their status is. Debbi Solen will email them out to all the Board members when she receives them.

Proposed bills will address air quality, increasing the age limit to 21 for using tobacco products, seat belt enforcement as a primary action, radon testing for home purchase, and legalizing marijuana products for treating seizures. We'd like to see marijuana go through the investigative research for a new drug and be made available for seizure treatment in a study. Utah County Legislators meet with local elected officials every 2 weeks at an "Eggs & Issues" breakfast meeting.

11. Board Member Feedback from Constituents

A letter from the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center Trauma Services was read. Not only are the doctors upset but local schools and some neighbors of the board members are as well because they felt no action was taken on the Trampoline Gym Regulation. This was tabled at our last board meeting because the gyms voluntarily committed to report their injuries. Dr. Miner will write a letter reminding the businesses of their commitment to report. These reports will then be compared with the trauma center's report. The publicity of the proposed regulation has seemed to make the public more aware of the potential hazards as the number of injuries reported by the doctors has decreased.

There have been positive comments about the Provo immunization clinic. Our flu season peaked in early January. Essentially all serious flu cases have been from the H1N1 strain which is covered by the flu shot. The large majority of those hospitalized had not been immunized. There is a breakdown "Flu View" on the CDC website. It is recommended that all pregnant women get the flu shot.

12. New Employees

Board members were referred to the list of employee changes.

13. Other Business:

February 27th there will be a "Children in Disasters" conference at the Utah Valley Convention Center. There has been overwhelming response. They have enough room to allow another 50 people to attend but will need to amend the contract to provide enough lunches for everyone.

It has been 13 years since we had the National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) conduct exams in Utah County. A sample of 452 people will be randomly selected to participate in the survey to gather information to assess the health status of children and adults. Medical examinations will be conducted at no cost in NHANES mobile examination center at BYU between April 7 through June 8, 2014. The results of these surveys are used to determine "normal" measurements of health and rate of many diseases among different populations.

Our next meeting will be March 24, 2014.

MOTION: Diane Lohner made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. Yeates and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Joseph K. Miner, MD

Joseph. Miner, M.D.
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Commissioner Doug Witney
Chair
Utah County Board of Health