UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES

March 24, 2014

Members Present:

Name		Name	
Gaye L. Ray, RN	X	Teresa Tavares	X
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 attended - 26

1. Welcome and introduction of new board member, Teresa Tavares, by Commissioner Witney.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting

Follow up questions were asked regarding the Festival of Colors. The mass gathering plan review has been completed and there will be food inspectors on site. Parking and safety issues have been addressed. Environmental Health staff will contact the local emergency rooms to identify any increase in respiratory illness and report at the next Board of Health meeting.

The air quality is getting better with the warmer weather and it was suggested that this would be a good time for the Clean Air Task Force to start advertizing some of the ideas such as not using drive-up windows, consolidating vehicle trips and using public transportation, walking or riding a bike.

MOTION: Dianne Carr made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Jeff Acerson and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Recognize Businesses who did not sell tobacco to minors

Sarah Simons presented awards to Utah County businesses that did not sell to under-aged tobacco buyers. Only 5% or less of tobacco retailers sold to minors. Businesses are inspected four times a year when an under-aged youth auditor tries to purchase tobacco. It is the retailers responsibility to train their employees to check IDs. There are many retailers who have been compliant for less than 5 years, but the following Utah County retailers were recognized for having no violations for 5 years or more:

For 12 yrs: Maverick Store #314/Orem, Harts/Lehi, Crest General Store 7th E/Provo
For 11 yrs: Wal-Mart #2511/American Fork
For 10 yrs: Rite Aid #6126/Orem, Smiths Food & Drug #73/Pleasant Grove
For 9 yrs: Quigleys/Payson,Wal-Mart #5167/Payson, Timp Chevron/Provo, Reams #4/Springville
For 8 yrs: Lee's Roundup Chevron #2/American Fork, Wal-Mart #5270/Lindon, Smith's Fuel Center #75/Payson, Sag Shortstop/Spanish Fork, Wal-Mart #3208/Springville
For 7 yrs: Walgreens #09681/Lehi, Crest General Store-Mtn. View/Orem, Walgreens #09192/Orem, Wal-Mart #1768/Orem, Texaco/Orem, Payson Market/Payson, Smiths Food & Drug #107/Saratoga Springs, Oil Spout/Spanish Fork, Johnnys Drive Up/Spanish Fork, Sunroc Corp/Springville
For 6 yrs: Kohlers Food Store/Lehi, Holiday Oil #15/Orem, Quik Fix Inc/Pleasant Grove, Combos Provo Inc./Provo
For 5 yrs: Maverik Store #380/Eagle Mountain, Double BS (A Partnership)/Goshen, Fast Gas #5/Orem, Common Cents/Orem, Maverick #399/Orem, Fast Gas/Orem, Walgreens #11150/Orem, Fast Gas/Payson, Crest General Store-EB/Provo, Hookah Connection LLC/Provo, Stogies/Provo, Smiths Fuel Center #107/Saratoga Springs, Walgreens #10104/Saratoga Springs, Dans Dash In/Spanish Fork, Extra Mart #60/Spanish Fork, S&S 66/Spanish Fork, Fresh Market/Spanish Fork, Good to Go Gas & Lube/Spanish Fork, 7-Eleven #19326B/Springville, Travel Plaza/Springville, Walgreens #09974/Springville

4. Discussion of the Specialty Smoke Shop bill and OUTRAGE

Sarah Simons, Coordinator for OUTRAGE of Utah County, works with youth age 12-18. March 19th was "Kick Butts Day" and this year they had a video contest. Sixty-eight videos were entered and can be seen at www.UtahCountyHealth.org Anti-tobacco presentations were given at many schools that highlighted the tobacco companies tactics in making youth their target.

In 2012 HB95 became a law. It is not well known or understood by many cities in the county. Sarah has contacted all the cities to inform them of the law so they can be compliant when issuing business licenses. Under section 10-8-41.6 of the Utah Code, a municipality cannot issue a license to a retail speciality business if it is located within 1,000 feet of a "community location," school, church, library or park, or within 600 feet of a residence.

The rate of e-cigarette use among Utah youth is double the 2012 national rate of e-cigarette use among high school students. 80% of kids that start smoking in high school will continue to smoke into adulthood and 90% of adults that purchase tobacco for kids are less than 21 years old.

5. Bus Rapid Transit Presentation by Utah County Clean Air Task Force

Andrew Jackson gave a presentation on the proposed bus rapid transit system that will go from UVU in Orem to BYU and southern Provo. A bus will run every 5 minutes during peak times and every 10-15 minutes other times. There is 75 million federal dollars available and will require an additional 75 million local revenue dollars.

The savings will not necessarily be all monetary. Some of the benefits will be better air quality, commuters won't have to drive to the Front Runner station, there will be fewer cold starts and cars on the road, we won't have to pay for construction to enlarge the streets by adding more lanes, etc. Provo City Council voted to approve the project with a cost benefit analysis to be done to study the feasibility of the project. Federal Transit Authority (FTA) has already looked at the project and approved it.

Some things to consider:
1. The rates. Will it be affordable for those who use the system?
2. Will there be free ridership during the bad air quality days?
3. 60% of our air quality problem comes from vehicles. Will the buses be natural gas? Would it be feasible to change all the buses to natural gas, perhaps with smaller buses with more routes and/or running more often? In Japan they found it to be the most cost effective to buy the high polluting vehicles from the owners.
4. Do electric vehicles pollute less? It depends on the source of the electricity.
5. The police and sheriff have been asked to give "Fix it Tickets" to drivers of smoking vehicles. This has not been implemented very well and will be discussed with the mayors at the next Council of Governments meeting.
6. Just 2 or 3 bad air quality days can cause significant illness.
7. Wood burning stoves are also contributing to the bad air quality. Is there money available to convert these homes to gas heating?
8. Federal money could be delayed or lost if we don't meet air quality standards.

The Board would like to see a written ranking of the most cost effective things to do to improve our air quality. Everyone wants cleaner air, it's how to spend limited public funds in the most cost effective way that needs more discussion. Andrew Jackson will come back with his environmentalists and the Clean Air Task Force ranking list for further discussion.

MOTION: Dr. Yeates made the motion to support the transportation alternatives that improve air quality, such as BRT, and encourage the Provo City Council to move forward which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed with unanimous vote.

6. Proposal to set After-Hour Fee for Vital Records

Vital Records is called after hours when people who are traveling suddenly realize they need a birth certificate to take with them; for example, on a cruise and they need the certificate right away as the ship is leaving before we open again. We like to accommodate them as we feel it is good public service; however, we need to cover our costs. It costs about $35 an hr for vital record expenses plus mileage for the employee.

If the employee comes in on a weekend they are able to time adjust the following week, but if they come in on a Friday then the County has to pay overtime. They try to get the employee who lives the closest to come in. It was proposed to charge a $50 fee when someone from vital records has to come in after hours and on holidays to process a birth certificate. This would be in addition to the cost of the birth certificate.

MOTION: Diane Lohner made the motion to charge an after hour fee of $50 which was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed by unanimous vote.

7. 2013 Program Cost Report

Ralph Clegg explained the program summary list and reviewed the expenditures.

8. Legislative Summary for 2014 Legislature

HB112 - The bill calls for manufacturing regulations, requires sellers to have a license and prohibits the advertising of e-cigarettes as a cessation device. Supporters say it is designed to keep e-cigarettes out of the hands of teenagers and children. There were many versions of this bill but none of them passed.

HB154 - This bill was about wood-burning and did pass. It is to provide education to the public with an awareness program about the effects of wood burning on our air quality. There is no provision for enforcement.

9. Board Member Feedback from Constituents

1. Positive feedback from North County residents about the AF clinic.
2. There have been many requests for a special free Household Hazardous Waste site in the North County. Micron has shown an interest in providing space at their facility. You can always take this waste to the solid waste transfer stations but there is still their standard charge. Many would like to see no charge at the transfer stations for hazardous waste if no other waste is brought in.
3. Hang Time has sent their injury report. Lowe's hasn't since Fall 2013 and Jump on It has never sent in an injury report. We are still waiting for the hospital to send the latest quarterly report. We'll give them a couple of weeks before sending a reminder of the need for their voluntary compliance. Many residents are counting on the Board to make these business safer. We said we'd review the trampoline park issue in 6 months.

10. New Employees

Board members were referred to the list of employee changes.

11. UPHA Conference

April 15-16, 2014 in Provo at the Convention Center. We will pay for your registration if any of the Board members would like to attend. Debbi will email the link to each member. You can attend either day or both.

12. Other Business:

1. April 7th NHANES will be in Utah County. This is a National Health and Nutrition Examination to identify rates of different health measures nationally. They conduct free physical exams on randomly selected individuals throughout the County. This is how the U.S. Public Health Service determines what is medically normal in the country. NHANES performs 5,000 physicals a year nationally and participants receive not only a very comprehensive health exam but $100.
2. Women's Infants and Children (WIC) has a new clinic in Payson and will hold an Open House April 4th from 11-1 at 910 East 100 North.
3. Commissioner Witney met with the County Sheriff Dept. and explained about the Smoking Vehicle Ordinance. Steve Alder will meet with the mayors at the Council of Governments meeting next month.

Our next meeting will be May 19, 2014.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Joseph K. Miner, MD

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Executive Director
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Commissioner Doug Witney
Chair
Utah County Board of Health