



UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
 PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES

November 24, 2008

Members Present:

Name	
Erin Maughan, PhD	✓
Clyde Nielsen, PharmD	✓
Doris Baker, BA	excused
Dennis Hess, MD	✓
Saundra M. Huff	✓
Chris Sorensen	✓

Name	
Viola Ramos, MRC	excused
Jerry C. Washburn, Mayor	excused
Gary Anderson, Commissioner	✓
Joseph K. Miner, MD, MSPH	✓
Ralph L. Clegg, MPA	✓

Others present: Wayne Parker - Provo City, Dave Johnson - UCHD, Donald W. Meyers - SL Tribune, Terry Beebe - UCHD, Lynn Flinders - UCHD, Eric Edwards - UCHD, Rachel Page - UVU student, John Amadio - UCHD, Toni Carpenter - UCHD, Emilee Pike - UCHD, Paul Wake - Utah County Attorney

- Welcome / Introductions** - Rulon Barlow welcomed those in attendance.
- Approval of Minutes** - September 22, 2008

MOTION: Superintendent Sorensen made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Hess and passed by unanimous vote.

- Public Hearing for a County Regulation on Smoking in Outdoor Public Places.

Mr. Barlow opened the Public Hearing. Ms. Tischler and the representatives from the youth advocacy group, OUTRAGE, gave a short presentation on the overwhelming public support for smoke-free parks. She presented information from the police chiefs' meeting where she also received overwhelming support. She reported the city councils of Salem, Cedar Hills, and Mapleton voted in support of the ordinance. Intermountain Health Care and MountainStar Hospitals have also made their campuses smoke free.

Ms. Tischer explained that 13,747 signatures had been collected from adults and older children in favor of the regulation. A handout was given, showing the support city by city. Dr. Amadio from the health department assisted with the statistical analysis, and the youth members were recognized for their work on this program.

Wayne Parker from Mayor Billing's office shared a concern about section 3.1 of the regulation which is on the website, where it referenced "Library Square" as a public park. They assumed this was in the regulation because it was taken in large measure from the Salt Lake Valley Health Department's regulation. They were not aware of any facility called "Library Square" in Utah County, and were not certain if the Utah County Board of Health regulation had reference to the grounds of some or all public libraries in the County which are addressed elsewhere in the state law. Mayor Billings requested that the terminology be removed or clarified. Dr. Miner said that library square was not in the regulation for public hearing tonight, but was erroneously included in a previous listing on the website. Mr. Parker also expressed concern that similar administrative actions taken by cities with a strong mayor form of government such as Provo may be affected or nullified by the regulation. He said the mayor had already considered the same factors as the Board of Health, and had already taken steps to protect the public from smoking in Provo City parks. They felt that to have the Board of Health adopt regulations in conflict with administrative action by a strong mayor created confusion and conflict. They proposed that the proposed regulation be amended to include an additional exception under section 5.0 of the regulation, and suggested the following:

5.3 The regulation does not apply in cities within Utah County in which the city has adopted an ordinance or a "strong mayor" administrative policy governing smoking in public parks or other public places.

MOTION: Mr. Barlow made the motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

4. Consider adopting the proposed Regulation on Smoking in Outdoor Public Places.

MOTION: Commissioner White made the motion to adopt the regulation on smoking in outdoor public places, with the exceptions included in 5.3, which was seconded by Sandra Huff and passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Adopt for Public Hearing a Swimming Pool Regulation Amendment Addressing Entrapment Prevention.

Dr. Miner explained the recent passage of a federal law called "The Virginia Graham Baker Pool and Spa Act". This law is intended to prevent the horrible injuries and deaths caused by the strong drain suction which can entrap children in pools. This amendment to our existing swimming pool regulations makes a reference to the requirements of this new federal law, which addresses new and existing pools. Since the federal law becomes effective in mid-December 2008, Dr. Miner thought it would be good to add this reference in our pool regulation. Terry Beebe sent good faith letters to all public pool operators, who in turn are making efforts to comply. He said enforcement would need to be delayed if approved drain

covers are not available to allow compliance with the requirements of the federal law. The Health Department enforces the pool regulation rule.

MOTION: Dr. Baldwin made the motion to take the pool regulation amendment to Public Hearing at the Board of Health meeting on January 26, 2009, which was seconded by Dr. Hess and passed by unanimous vote.

6. Immunization records of WIC Clients

Doreen Radford, Director of WIC, gave a presentation on the WIC Immunization Project. It was a collaborative project between WIC and our immunizations staff to assure WIC children are up to date on immunizations and to enter that information into the Utah State Immunization Information System (USIIS). Doreen explained that with no additional funding, over 4,000 records have been collected on the children so far, and nurses have entered over 58,000 individual immunizations into their data base. The WIC computer program was updated to allow USIIS records to be retrieved. As a result of these efforts, WIC is now a strong team player in the immunization coalition. The Board applauded Doreen and the staff for their success on this project.

7. Budget adjustments for the economic slowdown

Ralph Clegg, Deputy Director of the Health Department, explained that everyone is feeling the crunch of the present economy and the County is also affected. The final budget will be adopted next month and some vacant staff positions will be left unfilled for now. All County departments have reduced their non-personnel expenses as much as possible. The County property tax contribution planned for our 2009 budget is \$1.25 million, with is half of what we have received for several previous years. The balance will come from our fund balance which will be \$3.9 million in 2009. Previously a few million dollars of fund balance were used for a property purchase in the north part of the county, so after this year our surplus could be around \$2 million, making 2010 a difficult year.

8. Board Members' expiring terms

Dr. Miner explained that Rulon Barlow's and Dr. Baldwin's second terms end December 31, 2008. Each has served a five-year and a three-year term, for eight years total. Sandra Huff's three-year term is also ending, but she is willing to serve a second term if the Commission appoints her. The County's policy for service on other boards is two, four- year terms. Rulon suggested that since Health Board terms are only three years now, the commission may want to consider appointing members for three, three-year terms in the future to allow them enough time to learn the process. Dr. Baldwin recommended there be more emphasis on board members attending the state association meetings. Rulon expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and for all he learned from working with Dr. Miner. He encouraged the newer board members to attend meetings of the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health. Commissioner White presented Mr. Barlow and Dr. Baldwin plaques of appreciation for their years of outstanding public service.

9. Nomination/recommendation to fill Board vacancies -

Dr. Miner suggested two people who expressed a willingness to serve on the board: Clyde Nielsen, a Pharmacist in Spanish Fork, and Erin Maughan, RN-BC, MS, PhD. who is a faculty member at the Brigham Young University College of Nursing. Board members agreed to nominate the two recommended individuals. Commissioner White explained that a public notice of vacancy would be published and the positions would be filled by January 2009. A chair and a vice chair are elected each year at the January meeting of the Board.

10. The proposed 2009 Board of Health meeting schedule was distributed by Mr. Barlow.

MOTION: Commissioner White made the motion to adopt the 2009 Board of Health Meeting Schedule, which was seconded by Sandra Huff and passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Hess and Superintendent Sorensen asked to be given advance notice of other meetings that the Board may attend.

11. New employees - Dr. Miner reviewed the list of new employees with the Board.

12. Other business

The gastroenteritis outbreak at the Ranches Academy in Eagle Mountain has increased to several dozen cases. The outbreak is a form of Norovirus, which is very contagious causing illness within a couple of days and lasting only a couple of days.

Our Department's Academic Health Department activities are underway and a Community Advisory Committee has met to encourage research opportunities.

Dr. Miner pointed out the new Utah County Health Department logo, which depicts a green triangle and a rising sun between blue mountains.

13. Next meeting - Monday, January 26, 2009 at 4 p.m.

Joseph K. Miner, MD
Executive Director
Utah County Health Department

Mayor Jerry Washburn, Chair
Utah County Board of Health