



# UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
PROVO, UTAH 84601

## MINUTES

May 23, 2011

### Members Present:

Name	
Erin Maughan, PhD	excused
Clyde Nielsen, RPh	✓
Dennis Hess, MD	✓
Saundra M. Huff	✓
Vernon Henshaw	✓

Name	
Viola Ramos, MRC	✓
Mayor Jim Dain	✓
Doug Witney, Commissioner	✓
Diane Lohner	✓

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

Utah County Health Department: Max Niklaus, Lynn Flinders, Zach Melton - BYU pre-med student. Dianne Orcutt - Utah County Attorney, Jim Jex - Developmental Center, Kathy Froerer and Ann Benson- Utah Association of Local Boards of Health, Heidi Toth - Daily Herald, Don Meyers - Salt Lake Tribute.

1. Welcome and introductions - Dr. Hess
2. Approval of minutes of the March 28, 2011 meeting

**MOTION:** Superintendent Henshaw made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Viola Ramos and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Presentation from the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health

Kathy Froerer and Ann Benson, Executive Director and past president of the UALBH respectively, explained the purpose of the Association. She distributed some handouts explaining the National county rankings. Erin Maughan is the new president of the UALBH and is planning the program for the upcoming board members' seminar at Daniel's Summit. The night before there will be a hands-on board member training.

4. Dental services for the intellectually disabled - Dr. Dean Robinson, a retired dentist whose two sons resided at the Utah Developmental Center for years before their deaths is an advocate for dental services to the intellectually disabled and requested to be on the agenda. Since Dr. Robinson was not able to be here, he asked Mr. Jim Jex, president of the an advocacy group for the intellectually disabled,

to represent him here. Mr. Jex explained the serious need for dentists trained to work on intellectually disabled people using some sedation. This precludes the much more expensive general anesthesia procedures and hospital emergency room visits for dental abscesses and other serious dental complications. Mr. Jex explained the Utah Developmental Center was sending their dentist to Kentucky to train on this cost-effective type of sedation dentistry. Once their dentists are trained, Mr. Jex said he would hope that similarly disabled people from community long term care facilities would be able to be treated at the Developmental Center by their trained dentists. Currently these disabled individuals outside of the Developmental Center rarely receive dental care because of the lack of trained dentists and the lack of government dental insurance coverage, such as Medicaid. Mr. Jex requested a letter of support from the Board. Dr. Miner proposed drafting the letter for the Board to review to be sent to Guy Thompson, Superintendent of the Developmental Center.

**MOTION:** Clyde Nielsen made the motion that Dr. Miner write a letter of support for Board approval, which will be sent to Guy Thompson. This was seconded by Mayor Dain and passed by unanimous vote.

5. Annual Report for 2010 - Copies of the final draft were given to the Board for review. Dr. Miner encourage board members to look the report over and comment on or ask questions regarding any parts of the report.
6. Construction of a new Mosquito Abatement Facility - Dr. Miner said that we have received approval to build a new Mosquito Abatement facility on County property in Spanish Fork, near the County jail. Currently Mosquito Abatement is in the Public Works building. This new facility will have showers and dressing rooms for employees working with pesticides, storage areas for insecticides, and space for storing vehicles and other equipment. The goal is to have it finished before the end of the year at a cost of \$650,000.

Mayor Dain addressed the lawsuit in Juab County where some individuals claim the mosquito spraying there has harmed their health and killed their bees. Dr. Miner said our Mosquito Abatement staff know where all beekeepers locate their bees, and we always spray when the bees are back in their hives.

7. Dr. Miner reported on the household hazardous waste event which was a little smaller this year due to the snow, but was still a success. Many have requested the event be held another time in the fall. Our long term goal is to locate permanent collection sites at the North and South County Transfer Stations.
8. Update of measles outbreak

Dr. Miner explained that Salt Lake County had about 8 cases of measles and we feared there may be some in Utah and other counties but no other cases have been confirmed outside of SL County. Many types of rashes occur this time of year and are sometimes confused with measles. Those individuals with rashes were tested and no measles was confirmed. This outbreak started when an un-immunized family traveled to Europe and brought it back with them. If traveling to Europe, make sure you are well immunized.

9. WIC transition to the new "Vision" electronic records system

Dr. Miner explained that Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah have collaborated to develop a computer scheduling and vouchering system for the WIC nutrition program. The system has been beta tested and staff in Davis and Weber County are being trained. Our department will do our training in August.

Dr. Miner explained how WIC is not a food stamp program, but is a very cost effective public health nutrition program which saves tax payers twice as much tax dollars as it costs. Low-income women who are pregnant or breast feeding and their infants and toddlers receive health testing and education on preparing low cost nutritional meals. Then they receive vouchers for very selected nutritious foods. Breast feeding is strongly emphasized.

10 Effective August 1, the provider of the pharmacy discount card will change from National Association of Counties (NACO) to Coast 2 Coast. NACO's pharmacy discount card has required us to market the card and some pharmacies have seen CVS marketing directly to clients. Coast 2 Coast does all their own promoting and they don't market directly to clients. In addition, a small royalty does come back to the County for sponsoring the program. Among other services, the card offers discounts for MRI scans and is available to anyone - with or without insurance. The card will be distributed to pharmacies, health departments, United Way, and other community partners.

11. Board Member feedback from Constituents

This will be a standing agenda item. Dr. Miner asked if anyone had received feedback to share, and Mayor Dain and Clyde Nielsen reported that they have received a lot of positive comments about the unused prescription take back event that was held April 9th and 30th.

12. New employees

Dr. Miner reviewed the positions of new employees and those leaving.

13. Other business

There was no other business.

14. Next meeting - July 18, 2011 in the H&J Building, Suite 2500

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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

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Erin Maughan, PhD  
Chair  
Utah County Board of Health