UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
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MINUTES

May 20, 2013

Members Present:

Name		Name	
Gaye L. Ray, RN	X	**Viola Ramos, MRC**	excused
Clyde Nielsen, PPh	excused	**Mayor Jim Dain**	X
Supt. Vernon Henshaw	X	**Diane Lohner**	X
Dianne C. Carr	excused	**Cmsr. Doug Witney, Chair**	X
Henry M. Yeates, M.D.	X		

Others present: Dr. Joseph Miner - UCHD Executive Director, Ralph Clegg, - UCHD Deputy Director, Debbi Solen - UCHD Secretary
Utah County Health Department: Lance Madigan, Steve Alder, Eric Edwards, Paul Jones

1. Welcome and Introductions by Commissioner Witney

2. Approval of the Minutes from the March 25, 2013 meeting

MOTION: Gaye Ray made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Vern Henshaw and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Consider a Draft: Regulations/Recommendations for Commercial "Jump Gyms"

The Board of Health is considering drafting a regulation to address the very serious injuries which are happening quite regularly to older teens and young adults in Utah County. There are two things they would like to require; first, that the gym owners/operators post warning and education signs at the gyms and second, that all serious injuries be reported to the Utah County Health Department (UCHD) by the gym owners/operators, Emergency Departments and other urgent care providers.

Serious injuries (broken bones, head injuries, spinal cord injury or paralysis, etc.) should be reported so the UCHD can track the numbers and see which facilities are having the most accidents. Paul Jones, UCHD attorney, says the County can issue citations per State code.

Draft 5.8 says, "The trampoline apparatus should be maintained in good repair and regularly inspected by a licensed engineer." It was suggested to take off "by a licensed engineer". Aaron Cobabe, from Hang Time Trampoline Park said his equipment is regularly inspected by the owners as they have had training from the manufacturer. All insurance coverage requires the equipment be regularly inspected and maintained.

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) is an international standards organization that develops and publishes voluntary consensus technical standards. They are meeting now and expect to be releasing standards in about 30 days. Van Stapley, representing another Trampoline Park, says the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) sets the safety standards for the manufacturing industry.

All in attendance at the meeting seem to agree that patron education is vital. Gaye Ray asked just how many patrons read all the way through the Liability Waivers that are signed before participating at the gym. Most do not. It is good to show a safety video before jumping, but The Board of Health wants patrons to understand the risks too.

Some Board members have observed and/or heard from constituents that there is very little supervision at the trampoline parks. Those responsible for enforcing the rules need to be older than 16 or 18 yrs of age. Young children should be separated from the older ones. Per "travel control" you need one person for every 32 people. There is some question if this is enough.

Insurance companies vary but most require that injuries be reported and logged internally. Landlords and lenders require that trampoline parks carry insurance. Nationally there are 2 serious injuries per 1000 but this number may be low. Once the County requires injury reporting then there will be a better idea of what the problem is.

Paul Jones says the ASTM standards are industry driven, but we may want to wait to see what the act says. We may want to adopt part or all of it. Dr. Miner suggested that UCHD Environmental Health or Injury Prevention personnel could inspect trampoline park records and observe their signage and operations.

MOTION: Gaye Ray made a motion that the Board wait for the ASTM standards to be published and discuss the final draft of a regulation July 22, 2013. A public hearing and final vote will be held September 23, 2013. Diane Lohner 2nd the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Request to Local Law Enforcement Agencies to enforce polluting motor vehicle laws

Many communities in Utah regularly experience serious air pollution problems during the winter months and sometimes during the summer months. This is especially true in Utah County. Our Utah County Board of Health has discussed this problem with the Utah Division of Air Quality. Cache County law enforcement agencies have successfully increased their efforts to enforce Utah State law prohibiting visibly polluting motor vehicles from operating on public highways and streets.

This State law is in Title 41-6a-1626 of the Motor Vehicle Act. Since motor vehicles contribute a large percentage of air pollution, the Board is wanting to request law enforcement officers to increase their

attention to this problem. Issuing citations to operators of obvious polluting motor vehicles will help all of our communities. This is a compliance issue, a Class C violation and the citation would need to be paid within 14 days, the Judge would decide the fine.

Salt Lake County has a similar ruling but it is only for gasoline engines. The Utah Clean Air Act allows diesels to smoke for 150'. The Utah County website has a Smoking Vehicle Report that people can report violators anonymously. The County sends the vehicle owner a letter and they come in for an inspection. Studies have been done that show the majority of pollution comes from 10% of the vehicles on the road. The EPA will be putting regulations on us we may not like in order to reach the safer air quality PM 2.5 standards. Commissioner Witney will speak to the Sheriff Department about enforcing the Motor Vehicle Act. Dr. Miner will revise the proposed letter for the Board's review before the next Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Henry Yeates made a motion to table this with the understanding that we continue this item at the next Board of Health meeting, July 22nd. At this time the letter will be completed. Mayor Jim Dain 2nd the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

5. Household Hazardous Waste Report - Penny Tomlinson

There were 74 volunteers from BYU and UVU who helped with the household hazardous waste collection day held April 13, 2013 at the Provo Towne Centre. There were 757 vehicles from 26 different cities that came through with items. Some of the cities represented are not located in Utah County (Altonah, Levan, Midway, Ogden, Riverton, Sandy, Salt Lake City, Sterling and Wales). Most of the people came from Provo, Springville, Orem, Cedar Hills and Spanish Fork. Everyone was asked if they would be willing to pay for this service and 554 said yes and 213 said no. Of those that said they would be willing to pay, 50% said $5 - $10 and 38% said less than $5. Most heard about the collection day from their city newsletter or utility bill.

Some suggested more advertizing was needed and wanted us to offer this service 3-4 times a year and at different locations throughout the County. This year glass was taken for recycling, with paint, pesticides and electronic equipment being the most common items collected. Everyone was very appreciative and felt this was a great, very well organized, free service.

Both the North and South County Solid Waste Districts are now taking household hazardous waste. They were hoping to be able to offer this as a free service, but there is a small charge for some items. There are some restrictions so you should call or check their website before going.

6. 2012 Cost Summary of Programs - Ralph Clegg

There was very little change in 2012 from 2011. The report shows every health department program and whether it is supported by fees, grants or taxes. Dr. Miner is one of the physicians that provide medical services to indigent or other qualifying residents at the Health Clinics of Utah. The H1N1 contract is over so there is no funding from this. Mosquito Abatement is supported entirely by local taxes.

7. Board Member Feedback from Constituents

The Murdock Canal Trail has been very positively received. Hundreds of people have been using the trail. Many people have said they were going to regularly use the trail to ride their bikes to work. The trails will be maintained by Utah County Jail inmates who will pick up the trash and Wildland Fire will monitor and control the weeds. The County Parks Department will maintain the bathrooms and place mile markers. Pleasant Grove and Highland have plans to build parks along the Murdock Canal Trail.

Encasing the water in the canal not only makes it safer but also means there will be no water loss. They used to lose 10% of the water from the canal. They are continuing to expand the trail under I-15 to Thanksgiving Point which will connect to the Jordan River Trail and through Provo Canyon to the Wasatch County trails. This has been a cooperative effort with the Mountainlands Association of Governments who has dedicated a certain amount of money to trails.

There is some confusion as to what the future is with the Provo River Trail at the pumphouse just south of 8th north and if it will be flooded or not. Commissioner Witney has only heard of the DNR Provo River Delta Restoration Project down by the State Park and so it is fair to say the Provo River Trail will not be impacted.

8. NALBOH Registration

This is a great opportunity for us to attend the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) as it is being held August 14-16th in Salt Lake City this year. The Utah County Health Department will pay for any Board member registration. If you want to go let Debbi Solen know by July 15th so we can get the "early bird" discount.

There is a luncheon for the local UALBH members being held August 16th from 1:30-2:30 right after the National meeting at the Hilton SLC Center.

9. New Employees

Dr. Miner reviewed the list of employees hired and those who left.

10. Other Business

A draft of the Annual Report was reviewed.

Our next meeting will be July 22, 2013

MOTION: Mayor Jim Dain made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Gaye Ray and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Joseph K. Miner, MD

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Commissioner Doug Witney
Chair
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