



UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES May 23, 2016

Members Present:			
Clyde Nielsen, RPh, Chair	X	Teresa Tavares, Vice Chair	X
Gaye L. Ray, RN	excused	Mayor Jeff Acerson	X
Superintendent Keith Rittel	X	Diane Lohner	X
Dianne C. Carr	X	Commissioner Larry Ellertson	X
Henry M. Yeates, MD	X		

Others present:

Ralph L. Clegg, EHS, MPA UCHD Executive Director
Julie Dey UCHD Secretary

Number of people in attendance – 18

1. Welcome by Clyde Nielsen
2. Public Hearing to consider adoption of proposed Regulation for Household Hazardous Waste

MOTION: Dianne Carr made the motion to open the meeting to a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of proposed Household Hazardous Waste Regulation which was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed by unanimous vote.

Ralph Clegg, Executive Director, UCHD pointed out that the proposed regulation has updates in a couple of sections regarding wording and fees to permit holders. The biggest change is what the funds could be used for. Some funds from the proposed regulation may be used to fund an Environmental Crimes Task Force which will enforce illegal dumping of hazardous wastes.

Steve Alder, UCHD, Bureau of Air Quality, Solid & Hazardous Waste, gave an introduction to the purpose of the regulation. The Utah County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been a success for several years now. The event has grown bigger each year. The north and south transfer

stations have historically covered the costs of the event. At this point, the transfer stations have come to Utah County and said they no longer have the funds in their budgets to collect the hazardous waste from the events.

The purpose of this regulation is to create a funding mechanism so that Utah County can continue to hold the household hazardous waste collection activities. The regulation will also allow the Solid Waste Districts participating in household hazardous waste collection and recycling to remove any fees when residents take their household hazardous waste to a transfer station or a landfill. The transfer stations will still collect fees for items like tires and electronics but not for hazardous wastes such as: garden chemicals, gasoline, oil, paint and pesticides. Items like TV's can be dropped off at the yearly collection day without a fee.

The hope is through the fees collected with the proposed regulation, Utah County residents can dispose of their hazardous waste materials at transfer stations for no fee and not have to wait for the yearly collection event sponsored by the County. The other hope going forward is to have two household hazardous waste collections days instead of one. One event would be in the north and the other in the south of the County to make drop off more accessible to the population.

Steve reported that the participation at this year's collection day in April was substantially increased from 2015's event. The number of vehicles dropping off items this year was 1,866. This is an increase of 710 vehicles from 2015.

Diane Lohner posed the question, "Where will the funding come from, and are we raising taxes?" Steve Alder said, "We are adding a tonnage fee from the transfer stations and the landfills of \$1 per ton. Each household in Utah County is estimated to contribute one ton of municipal solid waste per year so the thought is that it will be about \$1 per year per household to cover the costs. The landfills charge the companies who bring the waste. That could be passed back to the consumers/residents through the cities at approximately .10 cents per month.

Steve said, "Each quarter the transfer stations and dumps will send a report to the County based on their tonnage and then the fee will be paid to the County. The County will then reimburse the transfer stations and the waste dumps for the household hazardous waste they collect and separate from the waste stream. It will also allow the County to pay for the cost of the household hazardous waste collection events going forward.

Commissioner Ellertson pointed out that the \$1 fee is charged only on the waste stream that is going to the landfill not on the household hazardous waste. Commissioner Ellertson was seeking clarification...Each of the facilities collecting the waste streams (household hazardous waste) will have to send a report to Utah County detailing what their costs and tonnages are...their costs then would be reviewed and determined what reimbursement they will receive back to offset their costs. As far as the collection goes, the same report they are already filling out and submitting to the state

is what would determine the fee they would be paid. It is the same type of reporting they are already doing.

Steve Alder recommended that passing the proposed regulation will be a positive thing in the long run. The individual cities will be able to present it as a benefit to their citizens.

Clyde Neilsen, BOH Chair, opened the meeting to public comment.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Carl Hollan, Utah County Attorney's office reported that the Environmental Health division along with Ralph Clegg and Commissioner Ellertson have worked to find a balance between providing these services without contributing a large burden to citizens. Utah County has received the support of landfills, transfer stations and Payson City as they have worked closely with them in drafting the regulation.

MOTION: Diane Lohner made the motion to close the Public Hearing which was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of minutes from March 28, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Ellertson made the motion to approve the minutes (as corrected) which was seconded by Henry Yeates and passed by unanimous vote.

4. Adopt Regulation for Household Hazardous Waste #16-02

MOTION: Teresa Tavares made the motion to adopt Regulation #16-02 regarding Household Hazardous Waste. Dianne Carr seconded the motion and was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Adopt an amended fee schedule incorporating a tonnage fee provided for in the Regulation for Household Hazardous Waste

MOTION: Commissioner Ellertson made the motion to adopt the amended fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Mayor Jeff Acerson and passed with unanimous vote.

6. Report on Meeting with Trampoline Gym Stakeholders

As the Board of Health members asked at the last meeting, Eric Edwards and Ralph Clegg met together with the trampoline gym stakeholders. Unfortunately, those representing Utah Valley Regional Medical Center Trauma Division were not able to attend. The discussions came down to one of the gyms being willing to do whatever needs to be done and the other gym being very

opposed to having local regulations and instead favoring state regulations. Both gyms are pro “state regulations” and one gym was willing to spearhead the effort working through the proper channels including the medical professionals to start working towards state regulation. They will need a sponsor with the state legislature. Both current and new trampoline gyms will be governed by state regulation.

The latest report from Utah Valley Regional Medical Center showed three or four new (trauma) injuries from October 2015 to December 2015 and no injuries January 2, 2016 to the present. We will send out the latest report from the hospital to the board members. The Board members would also like to continue to see injury reports from the trampoline gyms that the gyms voluntarily send to the Health Department.

Clyde Nielsen reiterated that the medical profession has made us aware of the issue, the Board of Health has addressed it, we have had public hearings about it, and the net result is the trampoline gyms are being more cautious and the board is not over regulating. The Health Department should encourage the trampoline gyms to voluntarily send their injury reports quarterly which will then be shared with the Board of Health members. The Board can choose to revisit the issue in the future.

7. Annual Report

Board of Health members reviewed a draft version of the annual report. The Board Members asked questions and gave suggestions. Questions were answered by Aislynn Toman-Hill and Ralph Clegg. The annual report, once completed, will be sent to legislators as well as the county commissioners and city mayors. Verbiage on Vital Records portion of the annual report regarding death certificates and fetal death certificates needs to be re-worded. The modern graphic design of the annual report was well received by the board members.

8. NALBOH Annual Conference

The 2016 NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) Conference will be August 10-12 in St. Louis, MO. If a board member would like to attend, Utah County Health Department will cover their expenses. Please contact Julie Dey by the end of May if you would like to attend.

9. Board Constituent Feedback/UALBH Steering Committee Report

Diane Lohner thanked the Health Department for sending her to the Utah Public Health Association annual event. It was an uplifting meeting with good speakers and good information. It is amazing to see what we have in our society because of public health.

Dianne Carr suggested that Board members would enjoy and benefit from the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health Symposium held September 8-9, 2016 at Daniels Summit.

10. Employee Changes

Employee changes have been routine. Mosquito Abatement is fully staffed for the season. Robert Mower, Director of Mosquito Abatement will be retiring in June. Dan Miller has accepted the position as Director of Mosquito Abatement. There has been normal turnover with part-time public health nurses.

11. Other Business

Teresa Tavares asked if the Health Department had a plan for Zika virus. Ralph said the Federal Government is passing down funding to watch for the Zika virus in our area so that we can monitor for the Aedes mosquito which carries the virus. We will also be following pregnant women who have been exposed to the virus to monitor the cases of microcephaly as it pertains to the Zika virus.

Discussion on the 2015 measles cases in Utah County that were identified by Dr. Hacking in a timely manner which prevented spread of the disease. Immunization exemption discussion followed.

Linnea Fletcher, Health Promotion Program Manager (Tobacco) UCHD, reported that Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski announced the Salt Lake International Airport will be removing their smoking rooms by the end of the year. They will remove one smoking room per month until they are gone. The extra space at the airport will be used for additional seating and retail areas.

Linnea also reported the FDA has come out with their plan to regulate electronic cigarettes. E-cigarette regulation enforcement is in limbo right now due to the FDA regulation and what may take precedent. A determination needs to be made as to whether e-cigarettes it will be regulated by the state or FDA or both.

Superintendent Keith Rittel suggested it would be helpful to request statistics from the three local school districts in Utah County providing an update on number of students who have been cited for e-cigarette use.

MOTION: Diane Lohner made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.



Ralph Clegg, EHS MPA
Director
Utah County Health Department



Clyde Nielsen
Chair
Utah County Board of Health