

**Weber-Morgan Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
August 26, 2024**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on August 26, 2024, in the Health Department Annex conference room at 455 23rd Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. With Chair Ali Martinez presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ali Martinez	Sharon Bolos
Cheryle Allen	Kevin Eastman
Dr. Frank Brown	Jacob Taylor
Neal Berube	Jared Andersen - Virtual
Ken Johnson	Dr. Lee Schussman- Virtual
Bonnie Wahlen	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Andy Jensen	Angela Choberka
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Cowan	Amy Carter	Andrea Williams
Jarelyn Cox	Ryan Klinge	Katie Lewis
Lori Buttars	Sean Hansen	Nicole P Turner
Lekelsi Talbot	Cami Sullenger	
Kristen Kingston	Kim Tinio	
Bryce Sherwood	Skyler Pyle	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Crockett	Lauren Thomas
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Welcome and Introductions- Ali Martinez

Ali Martinez calls the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance. Brian Cowan welcomes everyone to the Board of Health meeting and introduces Jacob Taylor, the new representative from Ogden Regional Medical Center. Jacob Taylor introduces himself and mentions his background and experience in healthcare. Brian introduces Lauren Thomas as the new Attorney. Lauren Thomas introduces herself and mentions her background and recent move back to the area.

New Employee Introduction

Brian Cowan introduces new employee Kim Tinio, the new employee at Weber-Morgan Health Department, who has joined the Community Health Division as a community health worker. Kim Tinio is introduced to the board, and Brian Cowan highlights her impressive educational background.

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Approval of Board of Health Minutes of June 24, 2024

Motion Passes

A **MOTION** is made by **Kevin Eastman** and **SECONDED** by **Sharon Bolos** to approve the minutes as written. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor with the exception of Jared Anderson who abstain. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

West Weber Ground Water Aquifer Classification

Motion Passes

Brian Cowan discusses the proposal to participate in a project with the Utah Geological Survey, Brigham Young University, and the Friends of Great Salt Lake to classify the groundwater aquifer in Weber County. The project involves sampling groundwater and reviewing historic data to establish parameters for classification under the Utah Division of Water Quality. Brian Cowan requests the board's support to use up to \$15,000 from the Health Trust Fund to supplement the costs of the study. Ali Martinez suggested \$20,000 to have sufficient flexibility for any additional cost change. A **MOTION** is made by **Neal Berube** and **SECONDED** by **Ken Johnson** to approve the allocation of 20, 000 for the West Weber groundwater aquifer classification. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Rabies Control Policy

Motion Passes

Amy Carter and Nicole Turner present an update on the rabies control and management policy and standard operating procedure. The policy has not been updated since 2012, and the changes include updated language, definitions, and references. The board discusses the importance of the policy in reducing rabies cases and the role of the health department in managing rabies exposures. A **MOTION** is made by **Ken Johnson** and **SECONDED** by **Bonnie Wahlen** to approve the updated rabies policy. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Emergency Preparedness Update

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Skyler Pyle presents an update on emergency services and the health department's role in emergency preparedness. The health department is part of emergency support function eight, which includes responsibilities such as health surveillance, medical care personnel, and patient evacuations. The board discusses the importance of emergency preparedness and the need for continuous training and exercises. Skyler Pyle discusses the Public Health Ready project, which aims to protect public health and strengthen public health infrastructure. The project involves a multi-year integrated preparedness plan and continuous quality improvement. The board discusses the importance of the project and the need for ongoing training and exercises. Skyler Pyle presents various training and education opportunities for board members, including online modules, incident command structure training, and U train. The board discusses the importance of ongoing training and the potential for board members to participate in planning and response efforts.

NALBOH

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Dr. Frank Brown and Dr. Ken Johnson share insights from the National Association of Local Boards of Health meeting in Nashville and thank Michela Harris for such detailed notes. The meeting included sessions on public health infrastructure funding, and spreading public health messages. The keynote speaker from the CDC suggested

having a Health Action Alliance. The board encourages engagement with business leaders as part of the health department's public health efforts which will help foster trust in the community. The board also discusses the value of networking with each other and the potential for future board retreats. Dr. Ken Johnson invites all members to attend next year's NALBOH, which will be held in Savannah, Georgia.

Director's Report

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Brian Cowan mentions the availability of training resources for board members, including the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health. The board is encouraged to take advantage of these resources to enhance their knowledge and skills. Brian Cowan discusses the procedure for electing the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Health. The board considers the need to discuss and update the bylaws regarding the leadership positions. The board is encouraged to start thinking about nominations for the 2025 elections.

Chair Report- Ali Martinez

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Ali states there is no chair report and thanks everyone who attended. The meeting adjourns at 5:12 pm.