

# **Weber-Morgan Board of Health Minutes of Meeting**

## **June 27, 2022**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on June 27, 2022, in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23rd Street.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Frank Brown	Dr. Kenneth Johnson	Gage Froerer (virtual)
Ali Martinez	Cheryle Allen	
Dr. Doug Jacobs	Kevin Eastman	
Jason Boren	Bonnie Wahlen	

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Leonard Call, Jared Andersen, Angela Choberka, Dr. Lee Schussman

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Cowan, Michela Harris, Scott Braeden, Jarelyn Cox, Amy Carter, Michelle Cooke, Summer Day, Lori Buttars, Elvira Odeh, Brandan Quinney, Edna Ramirez, Kimberly Quintana, Sherrie Waters, Skyler Pyle, Lyndsey Winger, Kristen Anderson, Zachary Heuscher, Katie Lewis

### **Welcome – Dr. Frank Brown**

**Dr. Frank Brown** calls the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

### **Approval of Board of Health Minutes of April 25, 2022**

### **Motion Passes**

A **MOTION** is made for approval of the April minutes. **Dr. Kenneth Johnson** makes a motion to pass February minutes and **Jason Boren** seconds the motion. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

### **Request for a Travel Vaccine Consultation Fee**

### **Motion Passes**

**Amy Carter and Lyndsey Winger** are proposing to implement a \$45 travel consultation fee. Weber-Morgan Health Department has offered travel consultations to the Weber and Morgan County residents at no charge for 17 years plus. Offered detailed consultation and education, vaccination including yellow fever, typhoid, routine vaccinations, and malaria prophylaxis. In 2018- 2019 over 600 travelers were seen in the clinic each year, 2020- 2021 numbers dropped to just over 200 each year, 2022 YTD over 130 this year so far and within the last 6 weeks, phone calls are starting to pick up with people requesting appointments. The goal of the travel services is to reduce illness and injury for residents traveling internationally or living abroad. Lyndsey Winger describes a walk-through of the Pre-travel consultation appointment, process, and services provided. Nurses go into detail with the patient's itinerary and gather information about where the patient is traveling, has layovers, excursions, and a lot of outdoor activities to help identify potential risks like ticks, and mosquitos. Nurses also use the Shoreland Travax program for detailed recommendations of

vaccination that are needed, maps of things they need to be concerned about for certain cities, and it goes through safety and health concerns. Also provides additional information about vaccines like typhoid and yellow fever vaccinations that are offered based on a map and customization of the patient's itinerary. Amy Carter explains that the Weber-Morgan Health Department has offered travel consultations previously to Weber-Morgan residents at no charge. Travel consultations are not funded by federal or state contracts or grants. Nursing division currently uses the largest portion of funding from taxpayer dollars to cover services, including travel services. An analysis was done to compare other Utah LHDs and travel clinics and Weber-Morgan Health Department in many cases still has a lower cost than most surrounding local health departments and private travel clinics. Travel consultation services have not had any client's request fees waived but like other programs, nursing supervisors do have the ability to waive or reduce fees. Ali Martinez asked if there is a process to apply for assistance. Amy Carter stated there is not a formal application to apply, but supervisors and directors have the ability to make the decision if it is requested. Ali Martinez expresses concern about how it will be determined if the client's fees can be waived and if the staff is getting proper training to make that decision. Amy Carter stated that nursing is working on write-off policies and some other procedures for administration and leadership to use so that there is constancy, and also outline criteria for clients requesting fees waived. Cheryl Allen asked how many travel consultation appointments are done a month. Amy Carter states that; the nursing department offers 4 to 5 appointments a day, it could be 10 to 12 people a week but due to Covid-19 appointments are a little fewer. Dr. Frank Brown asked if there is any competition with private clinics that offer travel consultation services, Amy stated they charge more for example, Passport Health Clinic charges \$99 for the first client and \$50 for each additional family member, and the University of Utah Travel Health Clinic, which is the largest, charges \$70 for the first client and the second family member is \$50. Both clinics each have a similar process in billing that the Weber-Morgan Health department will also establish, not only consultation fees but also vaccines and prescriptions as well as billing insurance for services that can be billed. Amy Carter explains this travel consultation fee is not the only consultation fee the Weber-Morgan Health department charges customers, STD clinic, and immigration clinic and currently, the nursing division offers services to the Weber County Sheriff's office employees to do basic line screen and vaccines upon hire. Amy Carter requests approval of the travel consultation fee. A **MOTION** is made by **Dr. Douglas Jacobs** and **SECONDED** by **Ali Martinez** to approve the Travel Consultation fee of \$45. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

### **VRRAP Program**

### **Information Only**

**Scott Braeden and Sherrie Waters** provide information regarding the Vehicle Repair and Replacement Program, this program has been approved since 2018 and a 5-year grant was given by the EPA. This program is for low-income individuals who have vehicles that can't pass emissions. The qualification for vehicles is, failed emissions test, the vehicle has been registered in Utah for the last 12 months, the vehicle is registered in one of the non-attainment counties, the vehicle must be registered to the person applying for the grant and the vehicle has no evidence of tampering to the emission control systems. In 2021 vehicles 2003 or older about 5 cars were replaced, in 2022 we have had 1. Vehicles in for repair in 2021, we had 15 cars that were 2004 or older, and in 2022 we so far had 12. The VRRAP is an income-based program. Applications can be found in the phablet. Application is submitted and once approved a voucher is given to take to the participating car shop or dealerships to replace or repair. The VRRAP has a new website that provides further information for

customers. Dr. Ken Johnson asks if dealerships that are involved in the program also contribute to funds given to applicants. Scott Braeden responded the EPA raised the funding because vehicle pricing increased in the last 2 years. Dr. Frank Brown asked if the program is an ongoing program, Sherrie Waters stated the program is being funded only for 5 years and will expire in 2024. Dr. Douglas Jacobs expressed the VRRAP program is a good program and questioned how they will know once emission fails, Sherrie Waters explains that they receive a detailed report and informed clients how they may apply. Board members express appreciation and support moving forward.

## **Emergency Services Report**

## **Information Only**

**Skyler Pyle** introduces Emergency Services staff, Katie Lewis, Kysa Remley, Brianne Sherwood, Andrea Williams, and Kim Quintana. Skyler gives an update on the Emergency Services division events they have attended in March such as the Be Ready Expo which helps on how to be prepared for a disaster. The Utah Emergency Management Association helps focus on a positive mentality. April, Great Shake out all WMHD staff participated in a full drop, cover, and hold on earthquake and then evacuation drill on April 21, 2022. Basic Disaster Life support learned about Triage. CPR/Frist Aid learned about Basic first aid and CPR Certification. Attended the National Association of County and City Health Officials Preparedness Summit in Atlanta and learn about how we can better support our hospitals and medical clinics to help reduce stress and trauma. May, Utah Department of Public Safety Summit Learn about extreme weather events concerns of wildfire weather, lakebed heavy metals/minerals, summer heatwave, and winter cold wave. Medical reserve Corps State Summit MRC Coordinators across the state are collaborating on a standardized training system that can be implemented with each district's unique program. June, working on reports for end-of-year grants. Emergency Services offered a Northern Utah Resilience and Preparedness Conference. Projects in 2022-2023, Covid-19 After Action Report to help assess capacities and capabilities, identify challenges, lessons learned, and best practices that happened during a response. Direct future planning and collaborative efforts that optimize overall preparedness and response. From the report, an improvement plan will be developed and implemented moving forward. Bonnie asks who is in charge of monitoring air quality in Weber County, Skyler Pyle responded Department of Environmental Quality. Dr. Ken Johnson requested information on how he can receive a monthly newsletter, Skyler Pyle stated it is internal but be will forwarded to all board members. Dr. Ken Johnson asks if the Weber-Morgan Health Department promotes the stop the bleed kits and if schools have them, Skyler Pyle stated when working with the Ogden City school district she requested kits to be placed in all Ogden City Schools. Skyler Pyle also orders Stop the Bleed Kits for the WMHD as well as the 24-hour kits and staff will be training on how to use. Dr. Douglas Jacobs expresses interest in adding Stop the Bleed kits in schools and nurses are ready to be enrolled in training as well. Kevin Eastman requested information on numbers for data in regards to the health responder's mental health, Skyler Pyle states she was given information by commissioner Jess L. Anderson but did not follow up. Dr. Frank Brown how is the health department coordinating with the sheriff's department and other emergency management is this facility used or where is the command center, Skyler Pyle states DOC in the WMHD was used for COVID-19 for a small response, but when a large disaster happens the sheriff department will open their EOC Emergency Office Center. Dr. Ken asks if there

is ongoing funding, Skyler Pyle states funding is provided by different grants that are available like admin fund and through emergency services program.

## **Breastfeeding Fair**

## **Information Only**

**Jarelyn Cox** introduces new Breastfeeding Fair that WIC Division is organizing for world breastfeeding week. This will be the first time WIC will offer this to its participants and just depending on the response, WIC will continue to have breast feed fair but will expand and open to the public. Education, games, gifts and prizes. WIC will have resources available. Dr. Frank Brown asks about the formula shortage, Jarelyn explaining that shortage of formula is getting a lot better but has pushed a lot of families to get help on how to breastfeed. The shortage has affected infants with allergies and they cannot find hypo allergic formula, most of these formulas are ordered through pharmacies there are some formulas that aren't available at the stores and will pick up from WIC office.

## **Director's Report**

## **Information Only**

**Michela Harris** introduces Kristen Anderson the public health informaticist for the WMHD. Kristen Anderson speaks to the members all the new changes on the WMHD website add information on lab-confirmed cases by month and year, new cases for Covid-19 over the last 2 weeks, and hospitalization over the last 2 weeks. Eventually, she will create a dashboard that will be interactive where you click on different tabs that will be more accessible. Other health indicators will be analyzed and updating the website each day and data will be available in the future for easy access to STDs, birth defects, and tobacco use. Michela reporting on Covid-19 started vaccinating children 6 months and older, Moderna is currently the only vaccine provided since it only requires a two-shot regimen. Weber County is at a medium risk transition and Morgan County is at a low transition rate we have seen an overall slow growth, averaging about 90 cases a day for the last 7 days and between 20 to 30 percent positivity. Statewide adult ICU has 86.7 percent capacity and pediatric ICU is at 33 percent, Weber-Morgan currently has 24 residents hospitalized. Staff continues to do case investigations and will shortly start planning school monitoring. Staff has delivered 11,500 Rapid home tests distributed to assisted living homes, food pantries, libraries, and senior centers, and also the WMHD has been working to purchase and distribute HEPA air filters to all schools in the Weber-Morgan areas. Michela Harris recognized Zach and Edna Ramirez for their help in locating the best filter units for schools. Filters have been distributed to Morgan county district schools, just placed an order of 1,800 units plus 5400 replacement filters for Weber School District, Ogden City School District, and Charter schools. A third-order will be placed for around 200 units for daycares and other youth programs. Health promotion has fully moved into the Annex building. Morgan's project completion was set back to August 1<sup>st</sup>, planning an open house for August 31, 2022, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Board members express excitement for future board meetings in the new Morgan County building.

**Chair's Report****Information Only**

**Dr. Frank Brown** expresses appreciation for the involvement of the health department with the monthly division reports and also for all board members attending the Board of Health meeting. Dr. Frank brown encourages members to attend NALBOH offers a great conference and a very good learning experience for all members. Requests to resend details of NALBOH conference. Reminds BOH finance committee of meeting scheduled July 07, 2022.

**Public Comment**

There are no comments

The meeting adjourns at 5:09 pm.