

**Weber-Morgan Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
May 22, 2023**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on May 22, 2023, in the Health Department Annex conference room at 455 23rd Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. With Ali Martinez presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ali Martinez	Cheryle Allen	Jared Andersen
Leonard Call	Jason Boren - Virtual	
Bonnie Wahlen	Kevin Eastman - Virtual	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Douglas Jacobs	Angela Choberka	Ken Johnson	Dr. Frank Brown
Sharon Bolos			

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Cowan	Norma Odeh	Cami Sullenger
Michela Harris	Bryce Sherwood	Kristen Anderson
Lori Buttars	Jarelyn Cox	Scott Braeden
Lekelsi Talbot	Sean Hansen	Autum Whitten
Amy Carter	Sandy Flores	Sherrie Waters
Skyler Pyle	Dakota Clem	Zachary Heuscher
Brianne Sherwood	Kysa Remley	Andrea Williams
Katie Williams	Katie Lewis	Jose Lopez
Edna Ramirez	Kim Quintana	Alicia Gamon

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brandan Quinney

Welcome and Introductions- Ali Martinez

Ali Martinez calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes of April 17, 2023

Motion Passes

A **MOTION** is made by **Bonnie Wahlen** and **SECONDED** by **Cheryle Allen** to approve the minutes as written. The **MOTION** passes all in favor with the exception of Jared Anderson who abstains.

Environmental Health Fees

Motion Passes

Scott Braeden provides information regarding Environmental Health fees. Scott Braeden states that every 5 years the health department is reviewing fees for each department. Explains that the division had its last review and fee increase in 2018.

At that time the service fee calculation used an \$85 per hour cost. The proposed fees for 2023 include a new hourly rate of \$105 per hour. The rate calculation includes salary, benefits, training, transportation, and administration costs. The new rate was plugged into the set calculation and adjustments were made to most user-based fees. The division also compared the increases to those of other local health departments and DEQ to make sure they were similar. **Ali Martinez** suggests a more timely review of fees every three years to minimize hardship or impact on clients. A **MOTION** is made by **Jared Andersen** and **SECONDED** by **Bonnie Wahlen**. Roll call vote is taken and all vote aye. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Environmental Health Lead Testing Report

Information Only

Dylan Martinez with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality provides information about the EH lead testing. He explains lead testing requirements in schools. The program started in 2020 requiring testing for lead in all school drinking water systems. Schools, health departments, and DEQ have been collecting samples in 48 schools in the Weber school district. All but three have provided data. 3,119 samples were taken in the summer of 2022. One lesson learned were to completely flush the system and not test the stagnant water to get results indicative of regular use patterns. Typically 11% of samples come back above the action level of five parts per million. The results of summer samples were at 29%. Systems components were flushed and retested and results are now coming back at 13%. There is a long-term plan to use federal funding to remediate. Dylan continues to explain that Ogden City Schools have no date established for testing so far but they seem to be in process. Morgan School District is part of the volunteer process and is currently resampling.

After Action Report

Information Only

Skyler Pyle presents the after-action report and starts by thanking Kim Quintana, Katie Lewis, Kysa Remley, Brianne Sherwood, and Andrea Williams for their work. The report was an important factor for a picture of what happened during the pandemic. The report is required to evaluate the response and fulfillment of accreditation requirements. Skyler explains the details of the Weber-Morgan Health Department plans and response. Continues to describe how the after-action team assessed information, interviews, documents, and engaged partnerships. Stats provided:

- August 2020 to May 2023 there were six testing sites,
- Dispensed 43,480 antigen tests to 59 entities, and 83,270 at-home tests to 51 entities.
- Vaccination 2021-2022, there were 125,000 Covid-19 shots, and posted 221 clinics, and hundreds of vaccination transfers. The Weber jurisdiction had 65% of the population has at least one dose and 59% have been fully vaccinated by June 2022.
- During 2021-2022 there were 125,459 pieces of PPE distributed to dozen of entities. None of this could have been done without the help of the medical reserve corp.
- In 2020-2022, we had over 330 volunteers that provided 17,000 hours, which is valued at \$629,000.

Gaps were identified and improvements in communication, dissemination, and technology to respond to a large volume of concerns. Also implemented was an

inventory management system, and maximizing partnerships. The WMHD has made new progress in improvements by hiring an epidemiologist, and informaticist, creating a outsource web management, adding a new response team with FEMA training, the nursing department upgrading to a new NexGen program to improve data management, and the Emergency Response Team currently updating all-hazards plan to clearly define ITS roles.

Health Equity Update

Information Only

Edna Ramirez presents the strategic plan and goals that the Community Health Workers (CHW) have set. The goals consist of integrating CHWs into public health, developing community infrastructure to support the CHW's resource bridging and utilization, and expanding the CHW's capacity. Edna states that all the CHWs are being cross trained in all departments to make sure they are giving a good representation in our community. Edna introduces Jose Lopez and he demonstrates the work they did from January 2022 to December 2022, 1,967 shots were given at seniors centers, over 1000 in homeless shelters, and 1,000 per day through the drive-thru events. Over 150 air purifiers and 1700 replacement filters were delivered to senior centers and daycares and provided living well classes to help with chronic conditions and diabetes. Dakota presents the partnerships they have been working with. Healing Team, United Way, and coalitions such as Safe Kids, Morgan Chamber of Commerce, Reentry Fair, and Healthy Eating. Alicia Gamon explains all these classes are also offered in Spanish. Edna Ramirez states that CHWs work hard to increase participation and they are working to get referrals from providers. Edna talks about the health equity committee that has been established at the health department. Members have been navigating through bias training, updating signage to ADHD, and providing grant writing classes. Lastly, starting a social determinant of health form to be used so that CHWs can connect clients to resources they may need.

Directors Report

Information Only

Brian Cowan expresses gratitude for the CHW's work and for helping bridge the gap with the community and community partners. He is looking forward to maintaining the CHW staff. Brian continues to give updates on each department and programs that are starting back up during the summer. Brian gives an update on the NACCHO conference he attended along with eight staff members, one from each division, in April and states it was a good conference that covered a broader focus on what LHDs actually do. Brian reminds the board members about the NALBOH conference and encourages them to register.

Chairs Report- Ali Martinez

Information Only

Ali Martinez has no report but would like to extend an invitation to all board members who would like to be a part of the Utah Association of Local Boards since her term is ending. Ali thanks everyone for their services and attendance. The meeting adjourns at 4:34 pm.