UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES
May 18, 2015

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	Excused
Dianne C. Carr	X	Commissioner Larry Ellertson	Excused
Henry M. Yeates, MD	X		

Others present: Dr. Joseph Miner –Utah County Health Department (UCHD) Executive Director
Debbi Solen – UCHD Secretary
Number of people attending who signed the attendance sheet – 11

1. Welcome by Clyde Nielsen

The Board recognized Paul Jones, county attorney, and thanked him for his dedicated service and Carl Hollan was introduced as the new county attorney for the Health Department.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the March 23, 2015 meeting

MOTION: Jeff Acerson made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Trampoline Gym Injury Reports

Eric Edwards reminded the Board of the agreement made with the trampoline gyms; that they would voluntarily report their injuries quarterly. We have been receiving quarterly reports from Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. We created a form for both the hospitals and gyms to use so we could get consistent, comparable information.

Hang Time and Jump on It have not sent in a report since December 2014. Lowe's has reported through March 2015. Allyson Holmes has compared the gyms reports with the Utah Valley hospital report and there have been some discrepancies.

In 2014 the hospital reported 16 major injuries. Lowe's did not report 8 of these and Hang Time did not report 2. No injuries were reported by the hospital for Jump on It. Both Lowes and Hang Time reported more injuries than the hospital did, but they were not the major injuries seen by the hospital. When asked why the major injuries were not report we were told the information from their computer didn't transfer over to our form. They were told they could re-create the form in an excel format or whatever would work with the computer. It is a simple spreadsheet.

Most of the injuries were from not landing properly, but we don't know if it is on one apparatus more than another. One gym owner said injuries happened because the patrons had "weak bodies", but the injuries are consistent with battlefield injuries. These are life changing injuries. There does seem to be fewer injuries than before we considered a regulation, perhaps because of the media attention.

In speaking with the gyms, it was apparent that they are not following up with the injured patrons. Patrons need to be educated of the risks. Safety rules need to be enforced. There does need to be trained medical personnel on site. Dianne Carr has heard Hang Time hired an EMT. We have been told by the gyms they would go out of business if the patrons were not allowed to flip. The patrons are shown a very short safety video but only the first time they use the facility. Perhaps they should see this video every time. Young children should not be on the trampolines with youth or adults. They should never dive or pencil jump into the foam pits. It isn't unreasonable to require trained safety/medical personnel at the jump gyms. For safety life guards are required at swimming pools, so many swimmers per lifeguard and a similar requirement could be considered.

Paul Jones says the Board would not be held liable if someone gets hurt because we allowed the gyms to stay in business. The Board does have the power to draft a regulation. The regulation previously considered was tabled depending on the reporting from the gyms. It would help to know what is causing the injuries so this can be addressed in the regulation. We should gather more detail on how the injuries have occurred and what the gyms plan to do to prevent them from happening again.

FOLLOW UP: Eric Edwards will give another report to the Board in 6 months. Both Timpanogos and Mountain View Hospital have committed to doing a better job of capturing the trampoline injury information we need. Allyson Holmes will continue to work with the gyms and find out if one apparatus, such as the foam pits, are causing most of the injuries.

4. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Report

Marla Brannum from Health Promotions reported on another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. This year they had 162 volunteers from BYU, UVU, and Provo College working 3 shifts. The volunteers were given breakfast, lunch, a T-shirt and safety training. The event was to start at 9 AM and they had a line of cars at 8:30 AM.

Last year there were 855 vehicles counted and surveyed and this year 1156 vehicles. The number of households participating was 1379 from 28 different cities. Seven of the cities aren't in Utah County. This year they took glass and limited the E-waste to 2 items. They also gave 1700 new gas cans (donated

by Chevron and UCAIR) in exchange for old leaky gas cans. These were gone in 2 hours. Before the event was over they had to stop shredding paper as the truck was full.

Amounts taken back:

Electronic Waste:	28,953 lbs
Shredded Paper:	9,755 lbs
Paint:	4,000 gallons
Glass	3,720 lbs
Used Oil:	4,475 lbs
Gas Can Exchange:	8,740 lbs
Household Hazardous Waste:	18,964 lbs
Prescriptions	665 lbs
Sharps:	40 lbs

They have become a victim of their success. A little more than half of the people said they'd be willing to pay $5 or less for this service. Other comments were to hold this more than once a year, have an event in the north and south of the county, give away more gas cans, enforce the "No Idling" rule, give out instructions about where to dispose of items when there isn't an event, serve breakfast and keep it free.

The event has become very large and increasingly difficult to manage. They need to find funding. The solid waste districts have been paying for the event and the County is looking at either a tipping fee of 50 cents per ton when city garbage trucks dump their load or perhaps a property tax increase. They are looking into having drop off stations located at city public works for antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint though these can be disposed at various auto parts stores and repair shops and Habitat for Humanity always accepts paint.

5. Consider Increasing the Vaccine Exemption Fee

We charge $25 per child for a personal or religious exemption from the State mandatory school and day care immunization law. This is a one-time fee for the whole school career. We receive a lot of complaints from the public for this as they don't realize the amount of work and expense each exempted child causes. Some have said to only charge the family that is involved but that could be about $105,000 or more. Large families can pay the fee in 3 month installments. There is no charge for a medical exemption.

This latest outbreak showed that there were many unimmunized teachers. Nebo School District has a policy that all their teachers be immunized. Provo and Alpine school districts are looking into this.

Most Utah Health Departments charge for the exemption fee but there is no uniform fee. Salt Lake wants to charge $150 for each exemption but this wasn't approved by their Board so they don't charge anything. The fee should be the same amount across the state, it is a state form. In the fall, the Utah Local Boards of Health will address this.

6. Consider Adopting a Late Fee for E-cigarette Permits

There are 30 businesses (15 %) that have not paid the $100 licensing permit fee. We could charge them a 20% late fee as that is the standard late fee charged by Environmental Health. Most of the places that have not paid are the little mom & pop smoke shops. However, the state has passed a law effective July 1, 2015 that says it is $30 for a 3 year licensing permit. This means that our regulation is weakened making enforcement difficult. There is no state funding for compliance checks. Health Promotions will continue to try to collect the late permit fees, about $3500. We will have to charge for a compliance fee to cover the cost of the inspections and will address this when we discuss our fee schedule in September.

7. Utah County Clean Air Task Force Update

There were 9 clean-air laws passed by the 2015 Legislature. Senator Curt Bramble has been very supportive as were a number of other representatives. The Herald printed Don Jarvis's article, "Clean Air Should Be Top Priority" which was distributed to the Board. The Clean Air Task Force will assess the School Flag Program and how it does over the summer break. The flags were provided by the Chamber of Commerce and UVU. They are also looking into getting electronic billboards for education of the public regarding the anti-idling ordinance. Provo City had a selfies contest where contestants take pictures of themselves doing something to help clean the air. The Realtors Association provided a TV as the first place prize.

8. Comparative County Health Rankings

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation collaborated with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health to conduct County Health rankings. Utah County is #1 in health behaviors, 5th for health, social and economic factors and quality of life. Utah County is ranked 7th for clinical care, but 18th for physical environment. Our Air Quality is keeping us down.

9. Review Department Draft Annual Report for 2014

We are required by State law to provide an annual report, but this is a good way to track our progress. Utah County has almost double the US rate of births. There has been an increase in reportable communicable diseases and Provo School District now has the lowest rate of nurses to students. More psychologists have been hired instead to address youth suicides. This is currently being addressed by Provo. There is a lot of information and statistical charts to review. This should go to print at the end of the week.

10. New Employees

Board members were referred to the list of employee changes.

11. Other Business:

a. NALBOH was bankrupt but is now back in action trying to get organized. They are having an annual conference in Louisville, KY August 5-7th and early bird registration by June 30, 2015. Gaye Ray will be going and if anyone else is interested just let Debbi Solen know.
b. Allyson Holmes was introduced. She will present the Quality Improvement Plan at July's Board of Health meeting.
c. The Grenny family would like to speak to the Board about their experience at one of the trampoline gyms. Dr. Yeates will speak with them about this.
d. The Color Festival went well. Spanish Fork City, the County Sheriff Department and Environmental Health seemed to have everything under control.

Our next meeting will be July 27, 2015.

MOTION: Dianne Carr made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Teresa Tavares and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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Chair
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