



UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PROVO, UTAH 84601

MINUTES March 28, 2022

Members Present:			
Jordan Singleton, Chair	X	Ryan Schooley	X
Carl Hanson, Vice-chair	X	Shane Farnsworth	Phone
Gaye Ray	X	Ann Anderson	X
Mark Donaldson	X	Michael Kennedy	Phone
Amelia Powers Gardner	X	Julie Fulmer	X
Jeffrey Ogden	X		

Others present:

Eric Edwards, MPA, MCHES UCHD Executive Director
Jaclyn Karsies for Julie Dey UCHD Secretary
Dr. David Flinders UCHD Medical Director
Number of people in attendance 14

1. Welcome by Jordan Singleton, Board of Health Chair
2. Approval of the minutes from January 24, 2022

MOTION: Carl Hanson made the motion to approve the minutes from January 24, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ann Anderson and passed by unanimous vote.

3. Welcome of new board members

Eric Edwards introduced Dr. Michael Kennedy, Julie Fullmer, Mayor of Vineyard, and Dr. Jeffrey Ogden.

4. Presentation proposed of Tuberculosis (TB) testing policy

Utah County Health Department is the only local health department in the state that requires routine TB testing for K-12 children entering school who are arriving to our county from other countries throughout the world.

TB testing is currently required for people coming to Utah County from various countries; the proposed changes to the Health Department's TB testing policy will alleviate some of the economic burden for some of these families. New and updated wording in the proposed TB policy was taken directly from the state policy.

Dr. Flinders, Utah County Health Department Medical Director, reported that worldwide tuberculosis is the leading cause of death by infection (with the exception of the COVID-19 virus in the past two years). TB deaths exceed HIV, Aids, diabetes, and diarrhea in third-world countries. TB remains a major challenge worldwide in terms of death and illness.

Question and answer session between the board members and Dr. Flinders; Jennifer Stoker, Utah County Health Department, Public Health Nurse; and Michael Leman, Utah County Health Department HIPAA Compliance Officer/Nurse Practitioner. Concerns were raised by Board of Health members about the cost effectiveness of the current program. Board members asked for additional data to help them with their recommendations regarding the future of this program and proposed TB policy.

Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner asked if the board can terminate the current TB policy during the meeting.

Ben VanNoy, Utah County Attorney explained that the board does not have authority to do so. The proposed TB policy was presented as a discussion item only. Eric Edwards as the Health Department Executive Director has the authority to implement policies for the Health Department. This agenda item was presented to the board to seek input. Ben further acknowledged that there was a lot of input provided by the board and then explained there is no action to be taken by the board today.

Ben suggested Eric take the proposed policy back to revisit it and present it again at a later date.

Eric concluded that the Health Department will pull together the data to show where the active and latent TB cases are from and the age groups of those affected and will be able to report the findings at the next board of health meeting on May 23, 2022.

5. Review and adopt Health Department fee schedule updates

Eric Edwards and Ben VanNoy reviewed the proposed Health Department fee changes and wording changes with the board.

Question and answer session between board members and UCHD staff regarding fees. Board of Health members expressed their concern over the proposed increase of fees from \$15 to \$18. A request for more financial detail in the future was made to help board members comprehensively understand the need for proposed changes.

MOTION: Gaye Ray made the motion to approve the updated Health Department fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Jeffery Ogden and approved by a majority vote.

For: Jordan Singleton, Carl Hanson, Gaye Ray, Mark Donaldson, Ryan Schooley, Ann Anderson, Shane Farnsworth, Julie Fullmer, Jeffrey Ogden, Amelia Powers Gardner.

Against: Michael Kennedy

6. Approve an amendment to the Utah County Health Department Regulation 2010-01 for Commercial Tanning Facilities

Zachary Zundel, Utah County Attorney, provided background on Regulation 2010-01 Commercial Tanning Facilities. Current Utah State Regulation already covers many items and duplicates items in the Utah County Regulation 2010-01. Utah County is scaling the regulation back to match state law and state regulation.

Jason Garrett, Division Director, Environmental Health, Utah County Health Department answered the board's questions.

MOTION: Ann Anderson made the motion to approve the amendment to the Utah County Health Department Regulation 2010-01 for Commercial Tanning Facilities. The motion was seconded by Julie Fullmer and passed unanimously.

7. Employee Changes

New employees presented along with list of departing employees over the past two months.

8. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Jeffrey Ogden reported on data regarding Utah County antibody response and answered questions from board members.

Dr. Flinders reported that it is not appropriate at this time to authorize a COVID booster vaccine because when the COVID vaccines were approved, they were approved under 'emergency use authorization;' and explicitly the law is that when a medicine is under an emergency use authorization (not full FDA approval), you have to follow the letter of the law. There is no latitude as a physician to prescribe or use the medication outside the information statement from the FDA. Now, Moderna and Pfizer are both FDA approved. If a physician wants to give the COVID booster, they have the right to do so. So, with Moderna and Pfizer, we have some latitude; but Utah County Health Department Immunization Nurses must check with Dr. Flinders before they start giving boosters because it is not FDA recommended.

Dr. Michael Kennedy thanked Utah County Health Department staff for the COVID response and said the staff should be proud of the progress. "I appreciate, as a private clinician, the

opportunity to collaborate with the Health Department both formally and informally through this difficult time. Dr. Kennedy thanked Dr. Ogden for his data report.

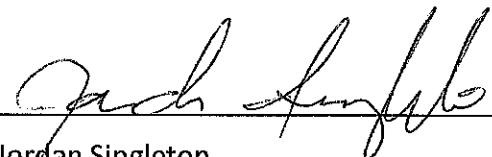
Dr. Kennedy asked Eric Edwards to forecast the future of funds for COVID testing from the federal government. Eric explained that Utah County Health Department did not participate in COVID testing. COVID testing was provided by the state and private contractors throughout Utah. Our health department staff were dealing with the crushing demand of vaccinating the public, along with the ongoing COVID contact tracing and case investigation. The vaccination effort along with COVID surveillance made it so we were unable to provide any support for COVID testing.

As far funding goes, our FEMA project dollars (Emergency Preparedness funds) come through from the Utah County Emergency Response Program operated within the Sheriff's office. Those funds have been extended through July 2022. We are currently unaware of new COVID funding streams at this point.

9. Other Business

MOTION: Gaye Ray made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ryan Schooley and passed unanimously.


Eric Edwards, MPA, MCHES
Executive Director / Local Health Officer
Utah County Health Department


Jordan Singleton
Chair
Utah County Board of Health