

**TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

January 23, 2018

151 N. Main Street Tooele, Utah

**PRESENT:**

Board: Devan Clevenger (phone), Mayor Brent Marshall, Linda McBeth, Commissioner Bateman, David Rupp, Dennis Rockwell, Lynn Falkner, Colleen Johnson, Mark Whitney

Absent: Jeff Coombs

Public: Mark Watson, Tom Isom, Michael Hartingson

Staff: Bryan Slade, Ericka Jordt (phone), Kristen Bolinder, Scott McKenzie, Sherrie Ahlstrom, Brad Gillies, Amy Bate, Cissy Morton

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS
<p>Welcome- Installation of New Board Members- Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair- Approval of Nov. 2017 minutes- Action Items <i>Mark Whitney</i></p>	<p>Mark Whitney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Mark Whitney asked for roll call of board members and roll was taken.</p> <p>Mark Whitney introduced new board members, Linda McBeth as Tooele City Appointee and Mayor Brent Marshall representing Grantsville City.</p> <p>Mark asked to move the appointment of chair and vice chair positions to take place after agenda item #6 Health Promotion.</p> <p>Mark entertained a motion to approve the November 28, 2017 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Mark asked to move the appointment of chair and vice chair positions agenda item to take place after the Health Promotion agenda item, all agreed.</p>	<p>Linda McBeth and Mayor Brent Marshall were sworn in as new board members.</p> <p>David Rupp made a motion to approve the November 28, 2017 minutes, Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed and minutes were approved.</p>
<p>Introduction of New Employees- Information Item <i>Sherrie Ahlstrom</i></p>	<p>Sherrie announced several new employees have been hired in both Health &amp; Aging Services. David Bracken started Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> as a UTA Fleet Maintenance employee. On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Kristy Drummond will start as the Environmental Health Secretary, Shayna Mayoh will start as a UTA Shuttle Driver, Kristen Bolinder will begin as an Activity Specialist at the Tooele Senior Center and Tracy Frailey will begin as a half-time Emergency Planner Assistant. A job posting for a full time Emergency Planner Assistant is open until Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. In December, Scott McKenzie was promoted to Community Services Supervisor.</p>	

<p>Health Officer's Report- Information Item <i>Sherrie Ahlstrom</i></p>	<p>In Jeff's absence, Sherrie provided the Health Officer's Report. Sherrie reported that Jeff did not have any legislative items to discuss at this time.</p> <p>Sherrie turned the time over to Scott McKenzie to report on the status of becoming accredited through Project Public Health Ready (PPHR).</p> <p>Scott McKenzie announced that TCHD applied for and received confirmation that we have become PPHR certified by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). TCHD worked together with Salt Lake County and Davis County to reach accreditation status and were recognized as the first health departments in Utah and among the first 500 counties within the United States to achieve this status.</p> <p>This accreditation status is similar to the accreditation status the health department achieved in 2014 except it is specifically related to Emergency Management programs. Three goal areas covered were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All Hazards Response Plan- completely updated the plan and integrated with Tooele County Emergency Management</li> <li>2. Workforce Capacity Development- expanded all community partners within Emergency Management program</li> <li>3. Exercises in Training- robust training over last 18 months and continuous employee training including participating in exercises with various agencies including Red Cross, Mountain West Medical Center etc.</li> </ol>	
<p>Appointment of UALBOH/NALBOH Representative- Action Item <i>Sherrie Ahlstrom</i></p>	<p>Mark Whitney asked for nominations to appoint a board member to represent at the Utah Association Local Boards of Health (UALBOH) and the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) meetings. Linda McBeth offered to attend in Commissioner Bateman's absence.</p>	<p>Mayor Marshall nominated Commissioner Bateman to represent the board at UALBOH and NALBOH, Linda McBeth seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion passed</p>
<p>Environmental Health Approve Proposed Changes to</p>	<p>Bryan gave an update on the changes to Regulation #12 Wastewater Disposal since some members were not at the last meeting.</p> <p>TCHD became aware that some developers were proposing to create several one hundred plus lot subdivisions that would be serviced by installing a septic system for each lot.</p>	<p>Lynn Falkner motioned to postpone voting on the proposed regulation change of adding section 3.3 until staff provide</p>

<p>Regulation #12 Wastewater Disposal- Action Item <i>Bryan Slade</i></p>	<p>TCHD was concerned that this immense increase in additional septic systems could negatively impact the groundwater so they decided a study should be completed before approving or declining additional proposed developments.</p> <p>About 2 years ago, the county commissioned an engineering firm, Hansen, Allen &amp; Luce to conduct a ground water study in the central Tooele Valley area to determine if the number of existing septic systems was negatively impacting the groundwater. The study was completed and did confirm a degradation in the ground water due to nitrate levels from the pristine areas of the benches and the mountains to the central Erda area. The EPA has set the nitrate level in drinking water at 10 parts per million (ppm). Some community and private wells in the Erda area are approaching 5 ppm. Usually pristine areas of recharge wells measure nitrate levels typically at 1 ppm or less. Although we are still under the EPA limit, there is concern that if we continue to allow additional conventional septic systems to be installed the nitrate levels will continue to increase and permanently contaminate our drinking water. The study recommended that TCHD only allow new subdivisions serviced by conventional septic systems to those with a minimum lot size of 5 acres. Last spring the BOH voted to approve this minimum lot size requirement in to the rule. At the Sept. 2017 meeting the board then approved adding another section to the rule that applied the 5-acre minimum lot size to new subdivisions only in the unincorporated areas of the Tooele Valley. Bryan explained that all unincorporated areas between the Stansbury Mountain range and Oquirrh Mountain range (east and west) and South Mountain and the Great Salt Lake (north and south) is considered unincorporated areas of the Tooele Valley. He also clarified that this only applies to conventional septic systems not alternative septic systems, alternative systems have and continue to be approved on lots that are less than 5 acres in size. There was concern from some that this rule change would prevent property owners from subdividing off 1 acre of their property to give to their kids to build on. Bryan felt that by allowing an exception to the rule for minor subdivisions as defined in the Tooele County Code it could alleviate this concern while not having too large of an impact on the groundwater. Also noting there are engineering plans in place to install sewer lines in Erda, and within 5-10 years the lower part of Erda will all be connected to sewer lines which will also help alleviate the nitrate problem.</p> <p>A thirty-day public comment period and a public hearing was held on Jan. 11, 2018 on the proposed section that reads- <b>3.3 Exceptions to the requirement in section 3.2 may be considered for minor subdivisions, as defined in the Tooele County Code, section 13-3-1, where the subdivision creates no more than four lots, is not part of a multi-phase subdivision, and the lots are at least one acre in size.</b></p> <p>The group discussed when a sewer system would be available and different situations that could warrant a home owner being required to connect to the system. Commissioner</p>	<p>information on the number of additional septic systems this exception could potentially allow to Hansen, Allen and Luce to determine what if any additional negative impact it could have to the groundwater in the Tooele Valley and what their recommendation would be. The motion was seconded by Linda McBeth, all were in favor and motion passed.</p>
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Bateman felt that approving this exception would be going against the recommendation of the study. Mayor Marshall voiced his concern that if it is an option and not a requirement to connect to the sewer system that many won't connect and will continue to use their septic systems which will continue to degrade the groundwater. Mark Whitney felt this exception should be reviewed by the firm that did the septic system study and once their recommendation was received the board could decide to vote whether or not to approve it. Linda felt that since the regulation doesn't prohibit all septic systems only conventional systems on lots smaller than 5 acres the exception should not be made. Bryan clarified that the health department is not involved in any part of zoning or rezoning property in the county, the Planning Commission is who approves or denies requests. Bryan also clarified that an existing 1-acre lot already zoned as RR1 can install a septic system as long as it is an alternative system and not a conventional system. Lynn Falkner agreed that the duty of this board is to protect public health.

Lynn Falkner asked to add a disclosure that he wants to do the right thing for the county but he also is a property owner in Erda wanting to subdivide his own property to give 2 ½ acres to his daughter to build on.

Dennis Rockwell recommended adding a section in the regulation that requires a connection to a public sewer system once it becomes available within a reasonable distance of a home. Commissioner Bateman noted that state plumbing code requires a home to connect to a sewer line if it is within 300 feet of the home. Mark Whitney and Mayor Marshall both confirmed that Stockton and Grantsville have a connection requirement of 300 feet.

Bryan confirmed the current regulation already includes:

Section 2.1 Public sewer is considered within proximity if a connection is located within 300 feet of the property line, and may be considered within proximity when it is further than 300 feet.

Section 2.2 For subdivisions, public sewer is considered within proximity if it is located within 150 feet multiplied by the number of proposed lots in all phases of development. Subdivision developments are expected to extend major sewer trunk lines if necessary.

Commissioner Bateman feels the regulation should also state that if a septic system fails and they are within reasonable distance to a sewer line they should be required to connect to the sewer system.

<p>Health &amp; Aging Services Update- Information Item <i>Sherrie Ahlstrom</i></p>	<p>Sherrie reported that although an Influenza epidemic is being reported throughout the country, so far, we have not experienced higher than normal reported cases in the state or Tooele County. Tooele County schools have not reported any abnormal absenteeism for students or teachers, it has been about the same as last year’s flu season. This could be because of the number of students given the flu vaccine at the school flu clinics provided by TCHD. As of yesterday, there were 12 people hospitalized for flu. Although the flu shot does not provide complete protection it does still offer some protection and it is not too late to get the flu shot.</p>	
<p>Combining of Council on Aging and Board of Health Update- Information Item <i>Sherrie Ahlstrom</i></p>	<p>Sherrie gave an update on the idea discussed at the last meeting of combining the Aging Services Council on Aging (COA) committee with this board to try to help streamline multiple meetings that some attendees are serving dual roles in. But it was decided against combining due to one of the rules of the Older American Act requires that 50 percent of participants have to be 60 years of age or older to participate on the Council on Aging and we didn’t want to put that stipulation on this board.</p>	
<p>Transportation Services Update- Information Item <i>Cissy Morton</i></p>	<p>Cissy Morton- Mobility Manager for Tooele County Aging Services explained to the group how the transportation program began and how it continues to grow every year in services offered, ridership numbers and the number of volunteer drivers. Transportation offices have moved from the Tooele Senior Center to the Tooele County Building. Cissy advised the program provides services for more than just the senior population, it also serves veterans, persons with disabilities, low income as well as the general public. The program offers vehicles that are wheelchair accessible, door to door service, reduces fares for some, transportation to Salt Lake for medical appointments etc. A new, grant funded program has started that provides rides for WIC clients and Healthy Smiles Dental clients to enable them to attend their appointments for these services at the health department. Cissy also noted that they are looking at working together with the school district to provide transportation for students, she noted UTA currently offers reduced fares and monthly passes for students. Sherrie noted that UTA is working on making their programs more user friendly, reducing fares, offering additional routes etc. A video was shown to the group of testimonials of local citizens explaining what a positive difference the program has made in their lives. Anyone wanting more information about the program or to schedule a ride can contact the dispatch</p>	

	<p>office at (435)843-4114. As the program continues to grow in both services offered and ridership, the need for volunteers will also continue to grow.</p>	
<p>Financial Report- Information Item <i>Brad Gillies</i></p>	<p>Brad handed out the preliminary year- end financial report reflecting revenues collected, and expenditures through the end of December 2017. Brad noted that this is a preliminary report because there will be additional expenses and revenue still coming in that relate to last year. Brad noted that several grants are written to where they do not pay for the program expenses in its entirety, instead it requires the health association to pay for a portion as well. He explained how the difference in revenue versus expenditures will be covered and that the shortfall ended up being less than expected. It is expected that we will be able to add additional funds to our capital improvement fund that is designated to use for future repairs and improvements to the building that is not part of our regularly budgeted items.</p> <p>There was an increase during the year in the amount of money collected for services from both Environmental Health services and immunizations. He commended the nursing department for being diligent in offering patients other services they may need in addition to what they were initially coming in for. A final report will be provided once everything has been received.</p>	
<p>Health Promotion Updated <i>Amy Bate</i> Information Item</p>	<p>Amy updated the group on the tobacco cessation class for juveniles called END, END stands for Ending Nicotine Dependence. In the past, when juveniles were caught with tobacco during school they were referred to juvenile court who then required the students attend the 6-part END class series taught at TCHD. The fee to attend the class was \$40. From 2015 to 2016 there was a significant decrease in the number of juveniles attending the class. This may have been due to their inability to afford the \$40 class enrollment fee. At the end of 2016 this board approved waiving the fee for one year to see if that would help increase class enrollment. But, in the middle of 2017, HB239 was passed and it changed the referral process. Since HB239 passed, if a juvenile is caught with tobacco in schools they are no longer referred to juvenile court like they were before. Now, if a juvenile is caught at school, the school is to take care of the violation and the school is referred to the END program. But there is no further action taken if the school doesn't refer the student to END nor if the student is referred to END and the student doesn't sign up for the class. This referral process change has made it difficult to know if waiving the fee had any impact on enrollment numbers or not. Other factors that may</p>	<p>Linda McBeth made a motion to reinstate charging the \$40 fee to attend the END Class with a stipulation that the full amount would be refunded only upon successful completion of the entire 6-part class series in order. Dennis Rockwell seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.</p>

	<p>have affected the decrease in the number of referrals is that some schools are better than others at referring the juveniles to END and there seems to be less of a consequence without the court requiring the juvenile to attend. Amy asked the board to consider waiving the fee again for 2018. She will work with schools on knowing and understanding the tobacco policies and their requirements to refer those who violate it and also encourage the schools to establish a consequence for the juvenile if they don't attend the class. Enrollment numbers could then be compared next year to see if it makes a difference. Amy noted that the main goal is to get the juveniles to attend the class in hopes that they will quit using tobacco. When asked about the success rate of juveniles quitting tobacco after the class series Amy responded that it is dependent on the student and since the state no longer does the follow up survey there is no real numbers to measure. The group discussed the shift in responsibility from the state to the school district. Dennis Rockwell suggested to charge the fee upfront and then reimburse the fee after successful completion of the entire 6-part course. Mark asked for a motion to charge the fee and issue a full refund once the full class series is completed in order.</p>	
<p>Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair- Mark Whitney Action Item</p>	<p>Mark Whitney opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Mark Whitney reported that the Council of Government (COG) has replaced his position on this board with Mayor Brian Johnson of Rush Valley as of the March 2018 meeting. Linda McBeth volunteered to serve as Chair as all other members who were nominated declined.</p>	<p>Dennis Rockwell submitted his resignation to the board. Mayor Brent Marshall nominated Linda McBeth to serve as Chair, Colleen Johnson seconded the motion all were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Bateman nominated Devan Clevenger to serve as Vice Chair, Mayor Marshall seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion passed.</p>
<p>Board Members Comments/ Concerns</p>	<p>Commissioner Bateman excused himself from the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting citing conflicts with Tooele County Commission Meeting. Mayor Brent Marshall brought up an issue in Grantsville on the north end of Burmester. A company is dumping whey in the fields in this area which is causing a large amount of birds have started to migrate to this area. He feels this is creating a health concern. Bryan confirmed that this company has a permit from the state to do this as it is considered a soil conditioner</p>	

	<p>but they are supposed to be tilling the whey in to the soil. Bryan will forward the contact information for both the company that is dumping the whey and the state who has issued the permit to Mayor Marshall.</p> <p>Brad Gillies reported that he is representing the health department with the Tooele Local Homeless Coordinating Council. The group will conduct a Point in Time homeless population count on January 25-27<sup>th</sup> from 4am – 6am. A training will be held Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm, volunteers are needed. The group will try to locate these individuals and gather information from them to assess their situation and needs. By gathering this information, it will help the council to get funding for programs in our area. There is an article on this project in the Transcript Bulletin tonight.</p> <p>Mark Whitney thanked staff for all their hard work. He has enjoyed his time serving on the board. Commissioner Bateman commended Mark for the work he has done on the board and the progress he has made with the new water and sewer system he helped implement for the town of Stockton.</p> <p>Dennis Rockwell thanked the board and the staff for everything they have done and their commitment to the health and safety of Tooele County.</p> <p>Sherrie thanked them both for their years of service and guidance on this board.</p>	
Adjourn	Linda entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.	Mark Whitney motioned to adjourn, Dennis Rockwell seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Attachments: Financial Report Ending Dec. 31, 2017, Regulation #12 Wastewater Disposal Proposed Changes, Transportation Schedule