**TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
November 27, 2018  
151 N. Main Street Tooele, Utah

**PRESENT:**  
Board: Linda McBeth, Commissioner Bateman, Lynn Falkner, Mayor Brent Marshall, Mayor Brian Johnson, Kyle Memmott, Devan Clevenger (phone), Anthony Howes  
Absent: Colleen Johnson  
Public: Mark Watson with Tooele Transcript Bulletin  
Staff: Jeff Coombs, Bryan Slade, Brad Gillies, Ericka Jordt, Jamie Zwerin, Scott McKenzie, Amy Bate, Ranae Lems, John Contreras, Mikayla Holt

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<td>Welcome- Approval of September 25, 2018 meeting minutes - Action Item</td>
<td>Chairperson, Linda McBeth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Linda asked for a motion to approve the September 25, 2018 meeting minutes.</td>
<td>Myron Bateman motioned to approve the minutes, Brent Marshall seconded the motion, and all were in favor, motion passed.</td>
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<td>Board Member Appointment – Anthony Howes Action Item</td>
<td>Anthony Howes introduced himself and shared his background and experience with the group. Anthony is replacing previous board member, David Rupp.</td>
<td>Anthony Howes took the oath of office and was sworn in as board member representing Public Health and Environment.</td>
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<td>Approve Meeting Schedule for 2019 - Action Item</td>
<td>The group discussed the proposed 2019 meeting schedule. Linda asked for the January meeting to be moved back one week to January 29th, the group agreed to holding the May meeting in Wendover on May 9th, the group also agreed to hold the November meeting earlier in the month due to the holidays, new date is November 12th.</td>
<td>Brent Marshall motioned to approve the 2019 Meeting Schedule with the proposed changes, Kyle Memmott seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.</td>
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<td>Community Health Committee- Board Member Participation</td>
<td>At the last meeting, Linda shared that she had learned the difference between being an effective board, a functional board and a high impact board depends on the involvement and participation of its members in committee meetings within the community. She asked the group to volunteer to participate in the community boards listed in the Community Health</td>
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**Information Item**

**Linda McBeth**

Improvement Plan (CHIP) handout she provided. Devan Clevenger offered to participate in the Reducing Substance Abuse group, Brent Marshall offered to participate in the Improving Mental Health and Preventing Suicide group and Kyle Memmott offered to participate in the Promoting Healthy Living group. Information will be sent to these members about the work groups. Scott McKenzie noted that the CHIP document that was handed out at a previous meeting contains the information for goal teams. The plan is a five-year plan from going from 2018-2022. Both an annual and close out assessment will be done at the end of the five-year plan, at which time a new plan will be made. Let Scott know if you need another copy of the plan, it is also available online at [www.tooelehealth.org](http://www.tooelehealth.org). Jeff explained that the Community Health Assessment (CHA) is the companion part of the plan that contains the data for each of these groups. The CHA is a comprehensive process including an assessment that shows qualitative and quantitative data about each of these areas. This information is presented to the community and they are asked to select which three areas they are most concerned about. From this community feedback these three CHIP goal teams were formed with participation from our community partners.

| Health Officer’s Report-
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At the last meeting Jeff showed the group a presentation titled “Tooele County Opioid Abuse”. He noted that one of the top CHIP priorities is substance abuse. A special study on opioid use in Tooele County was recently done that included a focus group of past and current opioid users as well as family members of past/current users. To share the information learned from the study Jeff introduced John Contreras – Epidemiologist for TCHD and director of Westminster College Master of Public Health program along with Mikayla Holt- student at Westminster College. Together they worked on this project and through in-depth research and information obtained from the participants they have put together a presentation that gives insight to the opioid and heroin usage here in Tooele County. Data was collected from 25 participants in three groups; current users, former users and family members of current/former users. Some important findings included:

- Tooele County ranks as the 3rd highest county in Utah for overdose death which costs the state more than $237 million per year in additional healthcare costs.
- Six Utahns die every week from opioid overdose.
- 80% of heroin users reported using prescription opioids before starting to use heroin.
- Tooele County has zero rehabilitation centers.
- The majority of the focus group participants answered that the abuse of opioids started
**Staffing Update**

**Information Item**  
Jeff Coombs

Jeff introduced new employee Ranae Lems. After completing an internship, she was hired as an Environmental Health Scientist in August. Ranae is a great addition to our team of health inspectors. Jeff also announced that current employee Jamie Zwerin has been promoted to Aging Services Director. Jamie previously worked as the In-Home Services coordinator for Health & Aging Services. Jamie will fulfill Sherrie Ahlstrom’s duties, as Sherrie will be retiring in January. Jeff thanked Sherrie for her years of service and for her accomplishments in successfully combining the two divisions. Interviews for the Nursing Director position were completed this week, and he is in the process of making an offer for the position.

Jeff requested that this presentation be shown to the Reducing Substance Abuse CHIP workgroup. This is one of our priority areas from the Community Health Assessment.

**Medical Marijuana Legislation – Information Item**  
Jeff Coombs

Jeff noted that while Proposition 2, Medical Marijuana Initiative has passed, a compromise bill that was previously drafted which focuses on making medical marijuana accessible only through a restrictive process and is also designed to keep it out of recreational use may replace Prop 2 if it passes through a special legislative session. Jeff noted that while the Local Health Officer’s Association has taken a neutral stand, the compromise bill will pull local health departments in to the process by assigning them to be the final distribution point in addition to some private pharmacies in the State. The bill would only allow for licensed cultivators and processing facilities, approval only for those with an approved medical condition, patient would have to apply for a medical marijuana card which would require a background check, product distributed only in a pre-packaged state and only given once identification has been verified among other restrictions. State legislation may mandate that all counties have a mil levy to help cover additional costs, but since Tooele County already has a mil levy the slight increase would not offer much financial help. A positive note from the public health side of this bill is that it limits distribution to medical application only instead of recreational use.

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<th>Environmental Health Proposed Changes to Regulation #10 Body Art-Action Item</th>
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<td>At the last meeting Bryan presented a copy of Health Regulation #10 Body Art Facilities showing proposed language changes. He explained that the current regulation prohibits anyone from practicing body art without first obtaining a Body Art Operator Permit, and in order to obtain said permit they must first complete a bloodborne pathogen training course. The current regulation does not specify what bloodborne pathogen course is required. There are a multitude of courses available to take online and some provide less than ideal training. The proposed</td>
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<td><strong>Propose Changes to Regulation #4 Food Sanitation</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Action Item</strong>&lt;br&gt;Bryan Slade</td>
<td>language change now specifies that only those blood borne pathogen courses listed on the health department website <a href="http://www.tooelehealth.org">www.tooelehealth.org</a> are accepted courses. The board approved the proposed changes and requested that a public hearing and thirty-day comment period be held. Bryan reported that he did not receive any written or verbal comments from the public regarding the proposed regulation changes.</td>
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| Brent Marshall made a motion to approve the proposed language changes to Regulation #4 Food Sanitation, Anthony Howes seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion passed. |}

| **Emergency Services Update – Overview of Emergency Services**<br>(Information Item)<br>Scott McKenzie | Scott gave the group a handout titled TCHD Emergency Services Board of Health Training. He explained this the first in a three-part series of trainings for this board. Scott noted the differences between TCHD Emergency Services and Tooele County Emergency Management including roles, responsibilities, response and funding. Scott also explained the five major management functions, the chain of command, how reimbursement for funding works and how our community partners tie in with our day to day operations. Scott noted we receive federal funds passed down through the state through a Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) fund. This funding is set aside to be used in emergencies and can help alleviate the burden of having to wait for months to be refunded for funds spent. At the next meeting he will discuss the roles of this board and how board members are required to respond as set in statutory requirements. Linda asked about communication options during emergencies. Scott noted that the Public Information Officer is responsible to get accurate information out as quickly as possible through applicable outlets including social media. He also explained the emergency alert system called Tooele Alerts. Sign up information can be found at [www.tcem.org](http://www.tcem.org), Ericka will also email the information to the group. He noted that this system can be used to set up reverse 911 calls to both landline and... |
Jeff recognized Scott for his role in leading TCHD to be the first in the state to become accredited in public health and response through Project Public Health Ready. This was achieved in collaboration with Salt Lake and Davis County.

Aging Services Update - (Information Item)

**Jamie Zwerin**

Jamie shared her background, education and experience. Jamie has worked as the In-Home Services Coordinator for the last four years, she also has previously worked at Valley Behavioral Health and at Salt Lake County Aging Services with the Ombudsman program. She noted she will continue striving towards incorporating aging services programs with health services programs. Going forward will focus on offering more evidence-based programs such as the Tai Chai classes currently being held, opioid addiction in the senior population, expanding resources offered to the rural communities and increase services offered by the transportation department. Sherrie was commended for her work with both Health & Aging Services throughout the years.


**Brad Gillies**

Brad reviewed the handout titled Actual vs. Budget report ended October 31, 2018 (83% of the year). Operating Revenues are only showing about 77% of what was budgeted due to some reimbursements from the state being two months behind and a big item which is seasonal is fees collected for flu vaccines. He doesn’t foresee any reason that we won’t meet our budgeted revenue amount. As of now budgeted expenses are running about 77.5% of what is budgeted for the year. $50,000 was taken from the capital improvement fund and used to upgrade building security equipment and software. Some funds were also taken from the fund balance and were used towards completing additional active transportation projects.

Changes to 2019 Budget - (Action Item)

**Brad Gillies**

At the last meeting Brad presented the 2019 Proposed Budget to this group and then last week he presented an updated budget to the County Commissioners. There were some anticipated changes that have happened since then, Brad reviewed some amended items. There was a fund reduction in several contracts and grants. The mil levy amount ended up being more than what was proposed at the last meeting. It was proposed that the mil levy would remain level, but the County Commissioners suggested to increase it slightly to account for inflation and so we wouldn’t have to use as much from our fund balance in the future, this increase will result in additional revenue of about $59,000. Changes were made to lower the projected expenses as a result in the reduction in funds from several contracts and grants, this included a reduction in force for an employee whose position was grant funded. A 1.2% COLA employee increase was approved and included in

Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the amended 2019 Proposed Budget, Lynn Falkner seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion passed.
these figures. The original proposed amount to be used from the fund balance was also lowered by $78,000. The public hearing will be next week, it is anticipated that this proposed budget will pass. Myron noted that $30,000 was approved to be added to the county’s Medicaid match budget, this amount will be used by the health department to hire a Medicaid Coordinator position, this would be a contract position and reimbursed eventually since we must match 20% as a county for our mental health and substance abuse services. This position can be used towards the match.

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<td>Adjourn</td>
<td>Linda entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.</td>
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Lynn Falkner motioned to adjourn, Devan Clevenger seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Attachments:  Actual vs. Budget ended Oct. 31, 2018, 2019 Proposed Budget, Regulation #4 Food Sanitation, Regulation #10 Body Art, TCHD Emergency Services Board of Health Training