# Weber-Morgan Board of Health Minutes of Meeting May 19, 2025

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular and annual meeting on May 19, 2025 in the Health Department Annex at 455 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. with Angela Choberka presiding.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Angela Choberka Sharon Bolos Lee Schussman Tiffany Bears Cheryle Allen Vaughn Nickerson Neal Berube Kevin Eastman

Ali Martinez Ken Johnson

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Frank Brown Bonnie Wahlen Gina Buttars

# **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Cowan Michela Harris Bryce Sherwood Lori Buttars Scott Braeden Sean Hansen Jarelyn Cox Bryce Sherwood

Amy Carter Lekelsi Talbot

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lauren Thomas Dr. Greg Gouchner

Joy Harris (PHAB)

## Welcome and Introductions - Angela Choberka

**Angela Choberka** calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes of March 24, 2025. Motion Passes A MOTION is made by Cheryle Allen and SECONDED by Dr. Schussman to approve the minutes as written. The MOTION passes unanimously.

# Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Presentation Information Only Sean Hansen

Joy Harris from PHAB highlighted the benefits of accreditation, including improved quality improvement, employee training, and community health equity. Key metrics: 100% reported stimulation of quality improvement, 93% improved employee training, and 80% applied equity to internal policies. Challenges include limited staff time, staff turnover, and leadership changes. The annual cost for Category 2 departments is \$8,400. The meeting also addressed the feasibility of choosing pathways over accreditation, noting limited data due to the newness of the pathways program. Dr. Schussman asked about return on investment for increased public trust and credibility that may come with accreditation. PHAB provides numerous public information materials including press releases to highlight the department once accredited. Angela Choberka asks for follow-up statistics about LHD retention rates for re-accreditation. Staff will find those numbers and report back.

#### **Dr. Gochnour Presentation**

**Information Only** 

Dr. Gregory Gouchnor introduces himself and outlines his contractual role with the health department, which includes authorizing standing orders and guiding shared clinical decision-making. He discusses various public health programs he supports, including cancer screening, tuberculosis care, immigration health checkups, and infectious disease monitoring, management, and treatment.

## 2024 Annual Report Presentation - Brian Cowan

**Information Only** 

Brian introduces the report which includes detailed program service numbers, financial information, progress the department has made on strategic plan goals, and some successful division QI projects

# **Chair's Report-Angela Choberka**

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**Angela Choberka** thanks the presenters, staff and BOH members for their work and participation.

The Annual Meeting adjourns at 5:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 23, 2025.