Weber-Morgan Board of Health Minutes of Meeting June 23, 2025

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on June 23, 2025, in the Health Department Annex at 455 23rd Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. with Angela Choberka presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela Choberka Ken Johnson Sharon Bolos- Virtual Cheryle Allen Lee Schussman Tiffany Bears- Virtual Bonnie Wahlen Vaughn Nickerson Kevin Eastman- Virtual

Frank Brown Gina Butters- Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Neal Berube Ali Martinez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Amy Carter Cami Sullenger Sherrie Waters Adriana Pruitt Sean Hansen Lyndsey Winger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lauren Thomas Rob Dubuc- Virtual

Welcome and Introductions - Angela Choberka

Angela Choberka calls the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes of May 19, 2025. Motion Passes A MOTION is made by Dr. Lee Schussman and SECONDED by Ken Johnson to approve the minutes as written. The MOTION passes unanimously.

Financial Report Information Only

Adriana Pruitt introduces herself and explains her role as lead accountant for the Weber-Morgan Health Department, working in billing federal and state grants and on the county's budget. Adriana presents the mid-year financial report. The report includes grouped revenue like taxes, fees, grants, miscellaneous revenue, revised budget, year-to-date actuals, and the percentage used year to date. Brian Cowan explains that the impact of no longer receiving COVID-related funding and making some budget adjustments will affect projected fund balance usage.

Weber County Groundwater Quality Classification Study Introduction Brian Cowan and Rob Dubuc Information Only

Brian Cowan introduces Rob Dubuc, the General Counsel for Friends of the Great Salt Lake. Rob Dubuc mentions a partnership with the Utah Geological Survey in the Groundwater Quality Classification project. Rob Dubuc explains the study's purpose

and the importance of the groundwater quality of the Great Salt Lake. Rob shares the details, studies, and goal to gather data and generate new information on groundwater quality and potential contaminant sources. The study includes classification maps, TDS (total dissolved solids) levels, and in primary recharge and discharge areas, with the focus on the aquifer. Rob talks about the importance of the study for public health and environmental protection. Rob states that the next step is for the project to be reviewed by the Division of Water Quality and presented for public comment. Once the petition progresses, the information will be shared with the board for review and to make them aware of the timeline for the approval process.

Measles and Vaccine Update

Information Only

Amy Carter and Lyndsey Winger present an update on measles immunization and education. Lyndsey discusses activities to promote immunizations, such as outreach clinics, tabling events, social media, targeted reminders (sending postcards), and the First Book Program. Lyndsey explains the First Book Program, which is a non-profit that works to remove barriers to quality education for children living in low-income communities. Lyndsey thanks the board for their time and welcomes Amy Carter to give an update on Measles. Amy Carter provides an overview of the current measles outbreak in the U.S, noting 95% of the cases are in unvaccinated individuals. Amy states that the global measles activity is increasing, vaccine rates are decreasing, and also increasing are the vaccine exemptions. Amy Carter continues to explain that measles is considered one of the most contagious diseases in the world. More than 90% of susceptible contacts will get infected. Airborne transmission in closed settings can last up to 2 hours after a contagious person has left. She states the infection can be mild for some, but about 30% will have complications. Measles has no cure but it can be eliminated by reaching every child with 2 doses of the MMR vaccine. It provides long-lasting protection against measles. Amy informs the board of a provider resource and support link called Listserv. This link shares weekly updates, recalls, and health alerts. Another great online resource is epi.utah.gov, which has an A-Z disease list where providers can access dashboards, reports, and immunization data. Also, https://immunize.utah.gov/ has public information like vaccines for children, school and early childhood programs, and information for healthcare providers. Amy thanks the board for their time.

Director 's Report

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Brian Cowan suggests cancelling July's Board of Health meeting due to a lack of agenda items. Brian Cowan notifies the board of the redevelopment project on the block from 23rd to 24th, and Washington Blvd. to Adams Avenue headed by Weber County. Brian Cowan mentions that part of the project could possibly move the emissions tech center to a new location to accommodate development, and he states this could improve the drive-thru clinics that the health department organizes. Planning meetings are ongoing. Brian expresses concern about federal funding for the future, noting the lack of information for contracts.

Chair's Report- Angela Choberka

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Angela Choberka thanks everyone for their time and effort in providing information and updates.

The Annual Meeting adjourns at 5:24 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2025.