



# UTAH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

151 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
PROVO, UTAH 84601

## MINUTES

March 24, 2008

### Members Present:

Name	
Rulon J. Barlow, MHA	✓
Joan Baldwin, DNSc, RN, HNC	✓
Doris Baker, BA	✓
Dennis Hess, MD	✓
Saundra M. Huff	excused
Chris Sorensen	✓

Name	
Viola Ramos, MRC	✓
Jerry C. Washburn, Mayor	✓
Steve White, Commissioner	✓
Joseph K. Miner, MD, MSPH	✓
Ralph L. Clegg, MPA	✓

**Others Present:** Lance Madigan, Patty Cross, Richard Nance, Jaycie Robinson, Eric Edwards, Dr. Amadio, RaNae Powell, Paul Wake, Lynn Flinders, Doreen Radford, Kari Schmidt, Kara Merrill, Catherine Smith, Janice Peterson, Katrina Larsen, Patty Cross

1. **Welcome / Introductions** - Rulon Barlow welcomed those in attendance
2. **Approval of Minutes** for January 28, 2008

**MOTION:** Dr. Hess made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Chris Sorensen and passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Accreditation of Local Health Departments** - As was discussed in the last Board Meeting, Dr. Miner explained that Bear River's Board asked that local boards of health draft a letter opposing accreditation. Dr. Miner read the letter which will be sent from the Board. The Board agreed unanimously to send the letter as written.
4. **Presentation: Addressing the Childhood Obesity Epidemic through Gold Medal Schools** - Patty Cross explained the program. Obesity rates have been increasing gradually over the past few years; 1 in 4 Utah kids are at an unhealthy weight. A DVD of the program was shown. Elementary schools participating in the "Gold Medal Program" are having great success. Schools are required to meet several criteria to become a Gold Medal School, including a walking program, policies that

food not be used as a reward, no-smoking policies, and wellness programs for faculty and staff. The schools are assigned a mentor from the State Health Department. Patty explained that 27 of the 79 elementary schools are participating. The program does not require extra staff to administer and is no cost to the schools. The Health Department has the staff to get the program into the schools, and is working on more strategies to increase participation. Patty asked the Board for their support in sponsoring a school and getting the word out. Rulon challenged the Board members to make contacts to schools not currently participating, and to reach out to middle schools. Chris Sorensen volunteered to find out why more schools aren't participating, and give the feedback received to Patty.

5. **State Methamphetamine Campaign** - Richard Nance explained that he participated in the Meth Campaign last year, under the direction of the Governor. The campaign was started after Governor Huntsman took a tour of the Salt Lake City House of Hope, where his eyes were opened to the drug's problems. The campaign is aimed at young women; that segment of the population makes up 64% of meth users. Utah County used the funds they received to double treatment services, open another treatment center, and create an "End Meth Now" campaign and website. Treatment outcomes for women include a decrease in meth-related child abuse and neglect, and a decrease in the number of foster care placements. There are currently 80 women in the "Promise" Day Treatment Program, where two levels of care are offered. There has been a 95% success rate after 12 months of treatment. Richard showed a video clip of the "End Meth Now" Campaign. Informational displays and a PowerPoint presentation were shown.
6. **WIC Funding** - Doreen Radford showed a power point of the WIC Status Report. The 08 WIC budget was discussed. The food budget increased 20% over FY07. The Nutrition Services Administration budget increased 15% over FY07. WIC statewide participation has increased by less than 1% since October 2007. Utah County's February participation increased 4% over January 2008. Food costs spiked in October 2007, but have been relatively flat since. Food costs per participant have decreased approximately 41 cents since October 2007. To date, Utah WIC has taken steps to make the food dollars go farther by eliminating 46 oz juice, replacing peanut butter with beans, and limiting cheese and eggs. The 2008 legislative agenda, produced by the National WIC Association, recommends the minimum FY09 funding for WIC to be increased to \$6.63 billion to serve 8.9 million participants, \$30 million for management information systems, and \$150 million as a contingency fund for WIC agencies across the US. The good news is that based on the latest figures including administrative adjustment savings, issuance, redemption and price survey data, the Utah WIC program will make it through the federal fiscal 2008 if we experience inflation rates that are equal or less than 4-5%.
7. **Summary of 2007 Program Costs** - Ralph Clegg referred to the handout which summarizes revenues and expenditures (cost) of each program. Non-state immunizations typically pay for themselves, but this hasn't been the case this past year. This can be partly attributed to a loss on our flu vaccine last year. Overall, revenues covered expenditures and the budget is healthy.
8. **Summary of 2008 Legislature Actions** - Dr. Miner referred to the summary of health-related legislation.

9. **New Employees** - Dr. Miner explained that the majority of new hires this quarter are part time temporary employees.

10. **Other Business**

- a. The Board agreed to not have their pictures or email addresses on the website.
- b. Public Health Week - April 6-12.
- c. Cryptosporidium - Dr. Miner explained that there has been some statewide planning. We anticipate another crypto problem this year and will be taking prompt corrective actions with the pools at the first sign of a recurrent outbreak. The State and local health departments have been working on revising the State Pool Administrative Rules, including better reporting and explanation of how accidents which have occurred in pools are handled, when they happen, and how they are corrected. Water resistant swim diapers or waterproof swim wear for children 3 and under may be required. Super chlorinating twice weekly, ultra filtering, or UV light treatment will required during an outbreak. Nothing will eliminate all crypto, but these measures will help cut down on exposures. Dr. Amadio explained that complaints will increase as rules get stricter and if complacency becomes an issue.

11. **Next Meeting:** May 19, 2008, at 4 p.m.

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**Joseph K. Miner, MD**  
**Executive Director**  
**Utah County Health Department**

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**Rulon J. Barlow, MHA, Chair**  
**Utah County Board of Health**