

Board of Health Meeting

May 09, 2018 / 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Comm. Brad Horrocks, Comm. Ron Winterton, Comm. Randy Asay, Ms. Shanna Wheeler, Mr. Terry Nelson, Ms. Stacy Wilson, Mr. Keith Goodspeed

Mr. Jon Stearmer, Mr. Tyler Allred, Mr. Jordan Mathis, Ms. Natalie Linville

EXCUSED

Mr. Richard Jolley

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Mr. Mathis lead the group in prayer and Comm. Winterton lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

January 2018 Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Comm. Randy Asay to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was a seconded by Mr. Terry Nelson. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Closed Session

The meeting entered in closed session. A motion was made by Comm. Winterton to go in and out of closed session to discuss HR issues. The motion was seconded by Comm. Asay. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting came back into regular session at 11:02 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to allow Mr. Mathis and Mr. Stearmer to settle the Nicole Smith case. The motion was seconded by Comm. Winterton. Mr. Stearmer asked the Board to amend; the motion to authorize the Board Chair, Comm. Horrocks to sign any settlement documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

Comm. Winterton made a motion to authorize the Chair, Comm. Horrocks to sign documents on the Kimberly Aiman case when they are ready. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Board Appointments

This has already been discussed but needs to be on the record. Mr. Richard Jolley is assigned to begin a two year term starting January 1, 2018 and to end January 31, 2020. The same term has been assigned for Ms. Wheeler.

Opioid Litigation

The time was turned over to Mr. Jon Stearmer. He spoke to the national headlines around the nation about opioid addiction. He's not here to talk about illegal use of opioids. He's speaking to the doctor's who purposely withhold information and side effects of opioid use. The problem with this litigation is it's brought by the State and local health departments. Mr. Stearmer and Mr. Allred have been in a number of conversations with attorneys with regards to this issue. The three counties have put together a committee. The law firm they have decided to go with is a contingency firm, so no costs are paid up front. This is a public health crisis and we could receive money to help with drug cessation, etc. The law firms are out of New York and two others out of SLC that would be leading this litigation. Mr. Stearmer and Mr. Allred are asking for approval from the TCHD Board, after approval the attorneys will be filing in State Court. They are asking for a motion to approve a legal services contract.

A motion was made by Comm. Asay to approve Mr. Stearmer and Mr. Allred moving forward. There was a clarification by Mr. Allred saying three counties and TCHD would be filing a lawsuit as a joint group. The motion was seconded by Comm. Winterton.

Comm. Horrocks commented by saying he met at a round table discussion with the attorney general's office about bringing a program to rural Utah areas to provide training and such to the areas on opioid abuse. He's hoping that the TCHD Board would be highly involved with the program. The Board would like to be involved with Mr. Horrocks and would like updates from him.

NALBOH National Conference Request

Mr. Mathis asked about who was interested in attending the conference on August 8, 9, 10 in Rawley, NC. Mr. Goodspeed is the only one that has responded with interest.

May 17, 2018 is the chamber dinner, where TCHD is being recognized and Mitt Romney is going to be speaking. Mr. Mathis asked if anyone is interested in attending. The dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Goodspeed would like to attend. The presentation will be on environmental issues. Mr. Mathis will get tickets for those who want to attend. Comm. Horrocks will already be there.

There are some conflicts with the May 23rd meeting. Comm. Winterton asked if we could set the meeting back one week to May 30th. Mr. Mathis will make this date change.

Ms. Wilson asked a question regarding flu shots / vaccinations. Mr. Mathis stated that if an individual has insurance we just bill insurance. We don't take funds from individuals unless it's a cash pay.

A motion was made by Comm. Winterton to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. A second was made by Ms. Wheeler.

Look into policy on what employees should be doing in their spare time. Comm. Winterton suggested putting policy online so that anyone can access the handbook.