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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Revision of Policy 714, Capital Facilities Community Impact

Issue

Institutions with on-campus housing take many measures to ensure the health and safety of students living there. The proposed policy revisions will ensure those institutions with on-campus housing will provide new students with information regarding the benefits of vaccinations in preventing communicable diseases.

Background

Institutions of higher education that house students on campus continuously seek methods to keep the residents safe and healthy. Communal living poses unique public health challenges, particularly with communicable diseases. Many of those diseases are vaccine-preventable.

This policy requires institutions with on-campus housing, at a minimum, to provide the following information to new students:

- Symptoms and risks—particularly the risks for those living in group arrangements of vaccine-preventable diseases known to occur in adolescents and adults;
- Current Category A and B recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- Information regarding where individuals can receive vaccinations; and
- Benefits and risks of vaccinations, and specific information for those persons at higher risk for the disease.

These proposed policy provisions will ensure new students will have the information necessary to make informed decisions about vaccination, thereby contributing to the overall health and safety of all on-campus resident students.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Regents approve the revision to policy R714, effective immediately.

David L. Buhler
 Commissioner of Higher Education

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 Attachments



R714-1. Purpose: To provide for the development of institutional policy in matters relating to planning activities for capital facilities projects on the respective campuses where there are issues such as traffic patterns and volume, parking, impact on municipal utilities systems and other services, noise, health and safety issues, which could be reasonably expected to affect the neighborhoods or the community beyond campus boundaries.

R714-2. References

- 2.1. Utah Code §53B-6-101 (Master Planning - Board Establishes Criteria to Meet Capital Budgetary Needs)
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- 2.3. Utah Code Title 63A, Chapter 5 (State Building Board - Division of Facilities Construction and Management)
- 2.4. Policy and Procedures R710, Capital Facilities

R714-3. Policy

3.1. Institutional Policies: An institution of the Utah System of Higher Education is an integral part of the community it serves and the municipality in which it is located. Even though an institution is exempt from the planning and zoning authority of the local governmental units in which it is located, the President, with the approval of the institutional Board of Trustees, shall develop an institutional capital facilities community impact policy. A copy of the adopted policy shall be filed with the Commissioner's Office.

3.2. Topics for Consideration in an Institutional Capital Facilities Community Impact Policy: Institutional policy should address issues, where appropriate, such as: how to minimize adverse impacts on the institution's local neighborhood and community in a manner consistent with the attainment of the institution's legitimate mission and goals; consultation with affected municipal or county planning and zoning authorities; even though institutions are exempt, consideration of factors which would ordinarily be included in local planning and zoning processes; and scheduling public meetings to review campus facilities master plans.

3.3. Vaccine-Preventable Disease Information in On-Campus Housing: Public health agencies universally encourage ongoing education regarding vaccine-preventable diseases within communities. Institutions that provide on-campus housing shall provide current information on vaccine-preventable diseases to each student at the time of admission or enrollment. Information should include:

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¹ Adopted November 17, 1989, revised September 24, 1993 and July 19, 2013

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3.4. Board Review of Master Plans: The State Board of Regents conducts a biennial review of the comprehensive campus facilities master plan for each institution in correlation with academic master plans as provided in [R710-4.5.2](#). Prior to approval of an institution's campus master plan, the Board will consider reports of institutionally sponsored public meetings or other input from institutional processes established under this policy to assess the community impact of material changes in the master plan. These Regent reviews normally take place during public meetings of the Board held on the campus.

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