

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Special Meeting of the Salt Lake County Board of Health and
Salt Lake County's Legislative Delegation
MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2016 – 7:30 AM
Government Center S1-120

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Booth
Scott Brown
Kelly Christensen
Dr. William Cosgrove
Tom Godfrey

Brooke Hashimoto
Chris Hemmersmeier
Paula Julander
Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Dr. Jeffrey Ward, Chair
Councilman Arlyn Bradshaw
Clare Coonan

Judy Cullen
Mayor Robert Dahle

LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Bruce Cutler
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Adam Gardiner
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Lynn Hemingway
Sen. Jani Iwamoto

Rep. Brian King
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Elizabeth Weight
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Mike Winder

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, SLCoHD Exec. Director
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director
Beverly Neville, CHS Director
Patrick Reimherr, Mayor McAdams Office
Christian Mower, Intern
Heather Edwards, Admin.

Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director
Audrey Stevenson, FHS Director
Karen Crompton, HS Director
Diane Orcutt, Deputy District Atty.
Tracy Altman, University of Utah

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:45 AM by Gary Edwards, Executive Director, Salt Lake County Health Department.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Gary asked each person present to give a brief introduction.

OVERVIEW OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Gary reviewed the Board of Health authority, governance, and responsibilities outlined in a handout distributed during the meeting. He explained two ways to think about public health issues; governmental public health, which includes the Utah Department of Health and Local Health Departments; and public health systems, which includes healthcare facilities, providers, public safety, schools, and other services on a broader scale. Gary stated that the Health Department regularly evaluates the health status of the county and referred legislators to

information provided in a handout demonstrating health indicators for Salt Lake County. He stated that the vision of the department is to become the healthiest county in the nation.

For more detailed information, please see the handouts included in the Board of Health meeting folder.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

Gary distributed a list of policy issues and reviewed the following titles of interest to the Board of Health:

- Air quality
- Cannabis/Medical Marijuana
- Direct Food Sales Amendments (Rep. Sandall)
- Local Food Advisory Council (Rep. Handy)
- Opioid overdose
- Immunization (Rep. Thurston)
- Food Trucks and Carts
- Establishing Local Health Departments
- E-cigarette Taxation
- Tobacco Use Age 21
- Suicide Prevention

Gary informed the legislative delegation that any questions regarding public health issues could be directed to the Board of Health member assigned to their district. This contact information is included in the handout distributed during the meeting.

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QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

Many of the legislators present identified topics they may develop as bills. Numerous questions were asked about the Board and departments position on certain topics.

Gary adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 AM.