

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 18, 2014 – 7:30 AM  
Government Center S1002

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. George Delavan, Chair  
Russ Booth  
Scott Brown  
Kelly Christensen  
Clare Coonan

Joe Garcia  
Tom Godfrey  
Brooke Hashimoto  
Paula Julander  
Dr. Jeffrey Ward

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:**

Councilman Arlyn Bradshaw  
Judy Cullen  
Mayor Robert Dahle

Chris Hemmersmeier  
Dr. Harry Rosado

**GUESTS/STAFF:**

Gary Edwards, SLCoHD Exec. Dir.  
Representative Rebecca Chaves-Houck  
Representative Robert Spendlove  
Eric Peterson, EH

Representative Patrice Arent  
Representative Craig Hall  
Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.  
Heather Edwards, Admin.

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:32 AM by Dr. George Delavan, Chair of the Salt Lake County Board of Health.

Dr. George Delavan, Chair, stated that the meeting is an official Board of Health meeting and the meeting is being recorded.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Dr. George Delavan asked each person present to give a brief introduction.

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

*Board of Health Overview*

Dr. George Delavan gave an overview of the Salt Lake County Board of Health: Board members are nonpartisan volunteers, who are committed to the Health of Salt Lake County, members serve three year terms, and there are fifteen Board members.

*Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBH) Overview*

Tom Godfrey, Board Member, gave an overview of the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBH); Tom serves as the current President. UALBH is preparing to take a greater advocacy role with the state legislature and help to promote public health in Utah. Tom asked the Representatives present to contact Board members with any questions they may have regarding public health; if the Board member does not know, they will be able to facilitate contact with staff in the Health Department.

*Health Department Overview*

Gary Edwards, Executive Director, reviewed the Health Department “Agency Introduction” that was distributed at the meeting. He informed the legislators that there is not a Board member represented in each legislative district, so Board members will be assigned to contact legislators. Representative Arent asked that Board members sending emails to legislators need to state Board of Health in the subject line, to make this easily identifiable.

Gary Edwards announced that the Health Department was just recently awarded accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board and reviewed the health status of Salt Lake County. The vision of the Health Department is to be the healthiest county in the nation; Utah is ranked fifth healthiest in the nation and Salt Lake County is ranked twelfth in the state.

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

Gary Edwards reviewed the copy of the Health Utah Resolution that was signed by the Board of Health at the December 4, 2014, meeting, which was distributed at the meeting. The resolution is in support of Governor’s Herbert’s Health Utah Plan for Medicaid expansion and legislators were asked to work to adopt measures for the expansion.

Gary reviewed a list of policy issues of interest to the Board of Health:

- Local Ordinance Oversight Amendments (Administrative Rules Review Committee)
- Local Health Departments Emergency Funding (Rep. Ray)
- Age Limit for Tobacco and Related Products (Rep. Powell)
- Tobacco Shop Amendments (Rep. Powell)
- Safety Belt Law Amendments (Rep. Perry)
- Numerous Air Quality related bills

Gary informed the Representatives that the Health Department will be holding a public hearing later today for the Electronic Smoking Device Regulation and discussed the Health Department’s regulation regarding solid fuel burning.

**QUESTIONS:**

After brief discussion by the group, Dr. George Delavan asked if there were any more questions; he adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:56 AM.