

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 17, 2015 – 7:30 AM
Government Center S1-120

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Christensen, Chair
Russ Booth
Scott Brown
Dr. William Cosgrove
Mayor Robert Dahle
Tom Godfrey

Brooke Hashimoto
Chris Hemmersmeier
Paula Julander
Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge
Dr. Jeffrey Ward

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Councilman Arlyn Bradshaw
Clare Coonan

Judy Cullen
Joe Garcia

LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. James Dunnigan

Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Brian King
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, SLCoHD Exec. Director
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director
Royal DeLegge, EH Director
Karen Crompton, HS Director

Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director
Audrey Stevenson, FHS Director
Beverly Neville, CHS Director
Heather Edwards, Admin.

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

INTRODUCTIONS:

Kelly Christensen 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

Kelly Christensen, Chair, gave an overview of the Salt Lake County Board of Health: the Board consists of 15 nonpartisan members who are appointed by the Mayor, members represent public health interests of Salt Lake County residents, and Board members do not live in every legislative district, but represent residents in all of the districts. Kelly asked legislative members to contact the Board representative to discuss questions that may arise surrounding public health policies and topics.

Health Department Overview

Gary Edwards, Executive Director, reviewed the Health Department "Agency Introduction" that was distributed during the meeting. He reviewed the three revenue types that impact the Health Department budget which are; taxes, grants, and fees. He informed the legislators that the Health

Department is currently in the construction process on a new public health center located in West Jordan City, by City Hall, allowing the department to provide additional services to Salt Lake County residents in this part of the valley; construction should be completed by August 2016.

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:

- Medical Cannabidiol Amendments (Sen. Vickers)
- Medical Cannabis Act (Sen. Madsen)
- Hemp Extract Amendments (Rep. Froerer)
- Concurrent Resolution Supporting Cannabis Research (Sen. Vickers)
- Age Limit for Tobacco and Related Products (Rep. Powell)
- Wood Burning Stove Amendments (Rep. Cox)
- Beekeeping Modifications (Rep. Roberts)
- Milk Sales Amendments (Rep. Anderegg)
- Vehicle Inspection Amendments (Rep. Anderegg)
- Concurrent Resolution Declaring Drug Overdose Deaths to Be a Public Health Emergency (Rep. Moss)
- Immunization exemptions (Intermountain Pediatric Society is in discussions with Rep. Moss)
- Air Quality Amendments (Rep. Redd)
- E-cigarette Tax Amendments (Rep. Ray)
- Concurrent Resolution Supporting Cannabis Research (Rep. Daw)
- Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act (Rep. Ray)
- Vehicle Safety Inspection Amendments (Rep. Powell)
- UDOT Noise
- Meth Sampling (Apartment Association is working on this)
- Breastfeeding Accommodation Enforcement

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 information is included in the handout distributed during the meeting.

QUESTIONS:

After brief discussion by the group, Kelly Christensen asked if there were any more questions; he adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 AM.