

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
November 2, 2017 7:30 AM
County Government Center
Suite N2-800

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. William Cosgrove, 2nd Vice Chair
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw
Scott Brown
Clare Coonan, by phone
Judy Cullen
Mayor Robert Dahle

Chris Hemmersmeier
Roderic Land
Leticia Medina
Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge
Dr. Jeffrey Ward

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Brooke Hashimoto
Russ Booth

Kelly Christensen
Paula Julander

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, SLCoHD Exec. Dir.
Dagmar Vitek, SLCoHD Deputy Dir.
Zack Stovall, SLCoHD Fiscal Mng.
Nicholas Rupp, SLCoHD PIO
Kelly Wright, Dist. Atty.
Eric Peterson, EH
Dale Keller, EH
Richard Valentine, EH
Debby Vanetti, Admin
Heather Edwards, Admin.

Dorothy Adams, SLCoHD Deputy Dir.
Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.
Pamela Davenport, SLCoHD PIO
Karen Crompton, Human Services Dir.
Mitch Park, Dist. Atty.
Jorge Mendez, EH
Corbin Anderson, EH
Kevin Condra, CHS
Kevin Walenta, Fox13 News

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 AM by Dr. William Cosgrove, 2nd Vice Chair, of the Salt Lake County Board of Health.

MINUTES:

Dr. William Cosgrove, 2nd Vice Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2017, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Judy Cullen, seconded by Scott Brown, to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2017, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye." Board member Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw was not present for the vote.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Excused Board Members

Dr. Cosgrove informed the Board that Brooke Hashimoto, Russ Booth, Kelly Christensen, and Paula Julander asked to be excused from the meeting today and Clare Coonan was participating by phone.

Public Hearing Health Regulation #8

Dr. Cosgrove informed Board members that the public hearing for Health Regulation #8, *Automotive Dismantler/Recycler & Scrap Metal Recycling Facilities*, will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at the Environmental Health building, beginning at 5:00 PM. Dr. Cosgrove will be conducting the hearing and Board members were invited to attend.

Legislative Breakfast Meeting

Dr. Cosgrove informed Board members that the department is working to determine the December meeting date for the legislative breakfast meeting. He reminded Board members to respond to the email on date availability.

Executive Director Evaluation

Dr. Cosgrove reported that it is time to complete the Executive Director evaluation. Heather will email the evaluation questionnaire to all Board members next week and they will be due by November 17.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gary thanked Dr. Cosgrove for chairing the meeting.

Hepatitis A Outbreak

Gary informed the Board that the department is still involved with the hepatitis A outbreak and there are currently 50 cases in the County, with 44 of those related to the outbreak that is occurring in other states. The outbreak is occurring in the homeless, incarcerated, and illicit drug user populations. The department has provided over 3,000 hepatitis A vaccinations and has conducted 20 onsite clinics in these populations as well as team of nurses providing vaccines to individuals along the Jordan River. To date the outbreak has costs \$93,000 which does not reflect the cost of vaccines because they are being provided by CDC. It is anticipated that the outbreak will continue for several months. The department continues to work with area establishments on proper cleaning procedures and is looking at ways to offer handwashing stations or distribute hygiene kits to individuals.

Operation Rio Grande

Gary informed the Board that the department has collected over 300 tons of debris from encampments since the beginning of August. This has been done by working with several partner agencies; County jail inmate labor crews, UDOT, County Parks and Rec., Department of Corrections inmates, Unified Police Department, Salt Lake City Public Works, and other municipality personnel. The cleanups will be scaled back as the winter months approach so that tents, sleeping bags, and blankets will not be removed.

County Programs Transferred to Health Department

In 2018 two County programs, noxious weeds and beehive inspections, will move under the Health Department from Public Works, due to funding requirements. There is one employee working in the weed program and the County contracts for bee inspections services. Gary will be working with the noxious weed program to setup a Board as required by state statute.

Lead Testing in Schools

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) made a recommendation to state school districts to voluntarily perform lead testing in schools. As a result, 198 facilities/schools were tested, with 4% of those testing higher than recommended levels for lead. All the facilities that have been remediated are below the EPA action levels and DEQ is determining how to move forward with testing requirements.

Employee Engagement Survey

Gary informed Board members that the department completed an employee engagement survey as a follow up to one conducted by Salt Lake County a few years ago. The results of the survey show that

the department has made improvements in all areas surveyed with some work still to do. The department will continue to follow up with the results through 2018.

2017 BUDGET UPDATE:

Zack Stovall, Fiscal Manager, presented information on the 2017 budget through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- 2017 Revenue Projection
- 2017 Expenditure Projection
- Budget Updates

Zack informed the Board that there has been a debt service increase to the proposed 2018 department budget. The Mayor proposed his County budget on October 24 with Council budget meetings occurring now until mid-November, and the budget will be adopted in December.

For more detailed information, please see a hardcopy of the presentation and handout included in the Board of Health meeting folder.

NAME FOR NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING IN SALT LAKE CITY:

Gary Edwards, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Salt Lake County Council, during their October 24 meeting, requested the Board of Health consider additional names for the new health department building in Salt Lake City and asked Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw to bring Councilmember recommended names to the Board meeting today. Councilmember Bradshaw, informed the Board that during the Council meeting councilmembers discussed several considerations for ways to name the new building, which included naming the building after a fallen service member, but no other suggestions were given by Councilmembers. He stated that the Board set a precedent with the naming of the previously constructed building, based on location. Board members concluded that it would be best to name the building based on location and wish to continue the precedent set of naming health department clinics with directional way-finding names. Board members expressed that Salt Lake Public Health Center was their choice for the building name.

Dr. William Cosgrove, 2nd Vice Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve forwarding Salt Lake Public Health Center to the County Council for consideration. *The motion was made by Mayor Robert Dahle, seconded by Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, to recommend the building name, Salt Lake Public Health Center, to the County Council for their consideration.* The motion passed showing all Board members present voted "Aye."

ENCAMPMENT CLEANUPS:

Jorge Mendez, Community Outreach Coordinator, presented information on encampment cleanups through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- My Role
- Salt Lake City
- The Initial Focus: Salt Lake City
- The Biohazard Argument
- No End in Sight
- Cleanups Continue

- Greater Risks with Increased Frequency
- Operation Rio Grande
- August 14th ORG Begins
- As Daily Cleanups Continue
- Dispersion
- Dispersion (Slide 2)
- The Jordan River Project
- Partnership
- Protective Wetlands & Pristine Environments
- South Camp (Millcreek)
- Bunker West Valley City
- Structures in West Valley JR
- Structure Removal
- Staging Areas
- Staging Areas (Slide 2)
- The After Clean Up
- Current & Largest Project WVC
- Setbacks (Millcreek)
- Sustainability
- Sustainability Plan

Jorge stated that the cleanups will transition during the winter weather months so that camp items are allowed but will continue to coordinate with community partners to ensure that there is not a large amount of solid waste allowed in the encampments. Karen Crompton thanked Jorge for his continued coordination of these efforts and his ability to remain compassionate toward the individuals he comes in contact with daily that are experiencing homelessness.

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

AIR QUALITY STRATEGY UPDATE:

Royal DeLegge, EH Director, introduced Richard Valentine, Air Quality Bureau Manager, and asked Richard to update the Board on the Vehicle Repair Assistance Program (VRAP). Richard presented information through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- 144 SLCo Vehicles Repaired in 2016-17
- 144 Vehicles Repaired = 19 Tons Air Pollution Prevented
- \$700 Average Repair Cost Per Vehicle
- Client Testimonial
- Emission Testimonial
- Air Quality – Win
- Future

Royal distributed a handout to the Board outlining an idle free education pilot study that will be occurring at two senior high schools in the Salt Lake City School District. The study will sample indoor and outdoor air quality at the schools and allow students to be involved in the data collection

that will occur. Gary informed Board members that the Andeavor Foundation (formerly Tesoro Foundation) supports the VRAP efforts in the County and he will be meeting with representatives next week to discuss other ways the foundation funding can support air quality efforts. He encouraged Board members to participate in the Clear the Air Challenge during the winter inversion months.

For more detailed information, please see the hardcopy of the presentation and handout included in the Board of Health meeting file folder.

Dr. William Cosgrove adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:54 AM.