

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
August 2, 2018 7:30 AM
County Government Center
Suite N2-800

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clare Coonan, Chair
Russ Booth
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw
Scott Brown
Kelly Christensen, by phone
Dr. William Cosgrove
Judy Cullen

Mayor Robert Dahle
Brooke Hashimoto, by phone
Roderic Land
Lavanya Mahate
Leticia Medina, by phone
Dr. Ruedi Tillmann
Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Chris Hemmersmeier

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Dir.
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Dir.
Jeff Smart, CHS Dir.
Karen Crompton, HS Dir.
Kelly Wright, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Ron Lund, EH
Eric Michaels, EH
Kitt Curtis, CHS
Debby Vanetti, Admin.
Ben Lockhart, Deseret News
Heather Edwards, Admin.

Dorothy Adams, Deputy Dir.
Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.
Pamela Davenport, PIO
Christopher Otto, HS Deputy Dir.
Mitch Park, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Dan Moore, EH
Teresa Gray, EH
Jeannie Edens, Behavioral Health
Ben Winslow, Fox13 News
Mike Sadowski., KUTV News

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 AM by Clare Coonan, Chair, of the Salt Lake County Board of Health.

MINUTES:

Clare Coonan, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2018, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Brooke Hashimoto, seconded by Judy Cullen, to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2018, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye." Board member Roderic Land was not present for the vote.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Excused Board Members

Clare informed the Board that Kelly Christensen and Leticia Medina were participating by phone.

New Board Members

Clare welcomed Lavanya Mahate and Dr. Ruedi Tillmann to the Board and asked each of them to give a brief background introduction.

National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Annual Conference

Russ Booth, Scott Brown, and Dr. William Cosgrove will attend the Annual NALBOH Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, August 8-10.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gary welcomed Lavanya and Dr. Tillmann to the Board.

Hepatitis A Update

Gary informed the Board hepatitis A weekly cases have decrease significantly over the past two months, with only one to two cases per week. The department has begun to scale back on outreach efforts but will continue to offer vaccination to at-risk populations. Gary stated that the department would have to wait 100 days from the last reported case to declare the outbreak over.

2019 Budget Update

Gary informed the Board that the department is working on the 2019 budget and the Board Fiscal Committee will be asked to meet in August and review the proposal. The 2019 budget will include a new full-time position to work in suicide prevention. Gary will be meeting with representatives from the state legislature to discuss suicide prevention efforts for the upcoming legislative session.

Social Media

Gary informed Board members that the department communication team participated in a social media post and offered the "top ten public health dating ideas." This was creative way to outline health department services and was picked up by local media for several days.

Kresge Foundation

Gary informed Board members that the health department has been selected to participate in *Emerging Leaders in Public Health* through The Kresge Foundation. As a participant the department is preparing a proposal, up to \$125,000.00, for work around transformative leadership and will center the project on Public Health 3.0, which focuses on real-time, actionable public health data. Gary stated that he and Dorothy Adams will attend a training in North Carolina this month.

Public Health Matters

Gary distributed a copy of the health department's *Public Health Matters*, a publication provided to all municipalities in the County through the liaison program. This issue focuses on tobacco regulations, including the new requirement for tobacco retailers to be permitted by the health department.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PROPOSAL:

Eric Michaels, EH Supervisor, and Dan Moore, EH Supervisor, presented the proposal for a new Household Hazardous Waste facility through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- What Really is Household Hazardous Waste?
- Pounds Collected Per Year 1991-2017
- 2017 Information Overload!
- Overload Continues....
- 2017 Financials
- Time to put that Assigned Fund to Use!
- The Future We Choose

- Current Program Coverage

Eric informed the Board that Sandy City has expressed interest in giving land for a new permanent HHW facility for a centralized valley location. The department has been meeting with the Mayor's Office to discuss the proposal presented.

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

UTAH DECIDES HEALTHCARE ACT BALLOT INITIATIVE (PROPOSITION #3):

Jeannie Edens, Behavioral Health, discussed the upcoming ballot initiative, proposition #3, which would expand Medicaid health coverage program to include previously ineligible low-income residents. If passed, it would cover an additional 100,000 individuals, begin on April 1, 2019, and increase the current state sales tax rate by 0.15%.

Clare asked Board members if they wanted to take a position to support the ballot initiative. Gary asked the Board about submitting a letter to the County Council informing them of their motion to support the ballot initiative; Councilmember Bradshaw stated that the Council does support full Medicaid expansion and would appreciate the letter from the Board. *The motion was made by Councilmember Bradshaw, seconded by Scott Brown, to support the ballot initiative and forward a letter to the County Council outlining the motion to support the initiative.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

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

UTAH MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT BALLOT INITIATIVE (PROPOSITION #2):

Gary Edwards, Executive Director, introduced Jeff Smart as the recently selected Community Health Division Director, replacing Beverly Hyatt.

Gary stated that the discussion regarding this ballot initiative, proposition #2, would be limited to public health science, medical science, and substance abuse prevention efforts. Gary and Jeff discussed the upcoming initiative through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Medical Marijuana
- Medical Marijuana (Slide 2)
- Medical Marijuana (Slide 3)

Gary discussed the medical uses for the active ingredients of the marijuana plant and stated the initiative may require that science be ignored. Gary stated that the Department of Agriculture would be tasked with inspecting the dispensaries. Jeff stated that medical marijuana would be sold through dispensaries, with a medical card issued by the Utah Department of Health, and prescriptions would not be required. Medical marijuana could possibly be used to treat conditions that are difficult to diagnose and without a prescription, there is no prescribed dosage from a doctor. Jeff informed Board members that currently 29 states have a medical marijuana card process.

Clare asked Board members if they wanted to take a position on the ballot initiative. Board members discussed the need for more information prior to making any decision related to this initiative. Clare asked that the discussion item be included on the September Board meeting agenda.

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

Clare Coonan adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.