

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 10, 2018 – 7:30 AM  
County Government Center  
Suite S1-1200

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Clare Coonan, Chair  
Russ Booth  
Scott Brown  
Kelly Christensen  
Dr. William Cosgrove  
Judy Cullen

Mayor Robert Dahle  
Brooke Hashimoto  
Lavanya Mahate  
Dr. Ruedi Tillmann  
Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:**

Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw  
Chris Hemmersmeier

Roderic Land  
Leticia Medina

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Rep. Cheryl Acton  
Rep. Joel Briscoe  
Rep. Jen Dailey-Provost  
Rep. James Dunnigan  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Craig Hall

Rep. Marie Poulson  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Elizabeth Weight  
Sen. Kathleen Riebe  
Sen. Todd Weiler

**GUESTS/STAFF:**

Gary Edwards, Executive Dir.  
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Dir.  
Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.  
Christopher Otto, HS Deputy Dir.  
Debby Vanetti, Admin

Dorothy Adams, Deputy Dir.  
Audrey Stevenson, FHS Dir.  
Jeff Smart, CHS Director  
Rylie Edwards, EH  
Heather Edwards, Admin.

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40 AM by Clare Coonan, Chair, of the Salt Lake County Board of Health.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Clare Coonan, Chair, stated that this is an official meeting of the Salt Lake County Board of Health and asked for brief introductions from those present. She thanked legislators for taking time to join the Board today to discuss Board of Health legislative priorities and informed the group that she would need to leave the meeting at 8:15 for an appointment; she asked Dr. William Cosgrove, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, to close the meeting in her absence.

**2018 HEALTH DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

Gary welcomed and thanked legislators for their participation. He distributed a handout outlining Board of Health requirements; 15-member body appointed by the Salt Lake County Mayor confirmed by the Salt Lake County Council, members are community residents and include health care professionals, members of the regulated industries, and individuals residing in the unincorporated and

incorporated parts of the county, includes one municipality mayor, and includes one representative from the county council.

Gary reviewed Health Department facts and figures included on the handout; during 2018 the department monitored 199 cases of Hepatitis A and gave over 11,500 vaccinations; the health department permits and inspects over 4,500 food establishments in Salt Lake County each year; approximately 64,000 immunizations were provided to County residents; in 2017 21,000 birth certificates and 49,000 death certificates issued; the STD Clinic provided over 5,000 tests which included testing for chlamydia, syphilis, HIV, herpes, hepatitis C, and hepatitis B; and during 2019 the health department will have a year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Salt Lake City and County Health Department's merging.

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

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

Clare stated that the Board of Health members have identified four legislative priority areas:

- Air quality
- Maternal and child health
- Suicide prevention and mental health
- Opioid epidemic

Clare asked legislators to inform the Board what areas of assistance members could offer to assist with these legislative priorities during the next session. Gary informed the legislative delegation that any questions regarding public health issues could be directed to Board of Health members.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

Many of the legislator's present identified topics they may develop as bills. Numerous questions were asked by legislators and Board members, related to certain public health topics including; medical marijuana; rise in sexually transmitted disease rates; food truck requirements; sex education; suicide prevention; and Medicaid expansion.

Dr. Cosgrove thanked everyone for participating in the discussions and stated that legislators should look to Board members as a resource on public health issues. He adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 AM.