

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
May 7, 2020 7:30 AM
County Government Center
Suite S2-600

Due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Response, the Salt Lake County Health Department cannot provide physical space or facilities for board members or members of the public to attend in-person. The meeting will be held through WebEx (toll free in the U.S.):

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Booth, Chair	Brooke Hashimoto
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Roderic Land
Scott Brown	Lavanya Mahate
Clare Coonan	Leticia Medina
Michele Corigliano	Mimi Shen
Dr. William Cosgrove	Dr. Ruedi Tillmann
Mayor Robert Dahle	Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge
Kalina Duncan	

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Dir.	Dorothy Adams, Deputy Dir.
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Dir.	Audrey Stevenson, FH
Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.	Jeff Smart, CH Dir.
Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Mgr.	Nick Rupp, PIO
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Mayor Jennifer Wilson
Karen Crompton, HS Dir.	Ron Lund, EH
Eric Peterson, EH	Dan Moore, EH
Teresa Gray, EH	Heather Edwards, Admin.

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

MINUTES:

Russ Booth, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2020, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Mayor Dahle, seconded by Clare Coonan, to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2020, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Salt Lake County Board of Health. No public comment received.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

2020 National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Conference

Russ informed Board members that the August NALBOH annual conference has been cancelled for 2020.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Health Department COVID Response Update

Gary informed the Board that most of the normal department operations have been suspended as staff have been deployed to COVID response efforts. The department continues to offer WIC and Nurse Home Visiting program's through remote technology, and work continues with chemically contaminated properties and general clean-up efforts related to homeless encampments. Gary spends his time at the Salt Lake County Emergency Coordination Center working on matters related to the ongoing response efforts as part of Unified Command and stated that most County agencies are involved in the response. The Infectious Disease and Epidemiology bureaus have been working diligently on contact tracing and disease investigations. There are 130 employees working on contact tracing and these efforts have been receiving national media attention. Gary stated that the department has begun planning for mass vaccination efforts to identify locations for where these clinics could be held.

Congressman McAdams Visit

Gary informed Board members that Congressman McAdams visited staff at the Salt Lake City Public Health Center to meet his case investigator and provide donuts as a thank you to the staff.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE:

Gary asked Dr. Vitek to give an overview of the current Coronavirus outbreak. Dr. Vitek informed Board members that there are currently 2,900 cases, 255 hospitalized, over 35,000 individuals tested, and there have been 37 deaths in Salt Lake County. She stated that the case contact tracing is very complex, and the department will be bringing on medical students and social worker students to assist with this work. The department is investigating outbreaks occurring in worksites and long-term care facilities which have a tendency to spread very quickly to others. The department is also testing in the homeless resource centers and individuals that test positive are transported to one of the quarantine and isolation facilities, which are being managed by our redeployed staff.

Karen Crompton, Human Services Director, stated that the majority of the Human Services workforce continues to work remotely, with the exception of Youth Services, who continue to provide direct services to children and youth, and Aging and Adult Services, as they maintain Meals on Wheels and Rides for Wellness programs. She stated that currently Meals on Wheels is providing about 1,200 meals a day and seniors are able to pick-up meals at some senior center locations. Behavioral Health staff are working closely with congregate and residential treatment centers, and particularly with substance use treatment providers to ensure these vulnerable populations are managed correctly. In addition, Behavioral Health is providing telehealth services to individuals that are located in quarantine and isolation facilities to provide some behavioral and emotional support services.

Mayor Wilson thanked Gary, Karen, and the Health Department employees for continuing to step up and address challenging moments that have come in response to COVID-19 efforts. She informed Board members that she, Gary, and Clint Mecham, County Emergency Manager, work under the Unified Command structure and are responsible for implementing decisions based on health trend data to direct the community during this public health emergency. Mayor Wilson stated that the County response has transitioned to include a focus on economic recovery and the County has been awarded federal funding through the CARES Act, which will expire December 31, 2020.

Gary informed Board members that the County is operating under Governor Herbert's phased guidelines for public health and economic recovery, which have been updated and County Unified Command will be issuing an updated public health order. He also stated that the department is working to onboard Health Ambassadors, redeployed County employee, who will visit establishments in the County to educate them on the Governor's phased guidelines.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager, informed the Board that he is participating on the Finance Section, under Unified Command, to assist with tracking of various budgetary items. He outlined new funding that the department is receiving:

- COVID General Response (State) - \$717,000
- Senior COVID (State) - \$204,000
- COVID-19 Crisis Response (Federal) - Utah awarded 6.4M, unsure what SLCo will receive

Zachary stated that the department is waiting to hear from the Utah Department of Health on the options to redirect existing federal grants as some of these grant funded employees have been redirected to COVID response efforts, which may impact several of the department's program budgets. He will continue to keep the Board updated as response efforts move forward.

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

HEALTH REGULATION(S) #8, #12, and #32:

Royal DeLegge, Environmental Health Director, presented proposed amendments to Health Regulation #8, *Automotive Dismantler/Recycler & Scrap Metal Recycling Facilities*, and asked the Board to adopt the proposed regulation. The regulation was opened for public comment during the February 6, 2020, Board meeting and again during the March 5, 2020 Board meeting, and a public hearing held on April 23, 2020, where Dr. William Cosgrove served as the hearing officer. The department received one public comment in support of the proposed amendments.

Russ Booth asked if there was a motion to adopt Health Regulation #8. *The motion was made by Dr. Ruedi Tillmann, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to adopt Health Regulation #8.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

Royal presented proposed amendments to Health Regulation #12, *Subdivisions*, and asked the Board to adopt the proposed regulation. The regulation was opened for public comment during the February 6, 2020 Board meeting, and a public hearing held on April 22, 2020, where Mayor Dahle served as the hearing officer. The department received no public comments.

Russ Booth asked if there was a motion to adopt Health Regulation #12. *The motion was made by Mayor Dahle, seconded by Michele Corigliano, to adopt Health Regulation #12.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

Royal presented proposed amendments to Health Regulation #32, *Chemically Contaminated Properties*, and asked the Board to adopt the proposed regulation. The regulation was opened for

public comment during the February 6, 2020 Board meeting, and a public hearing held on April 22, 2020, where Kalina Duncan served as the hearing officer. The department received no public comments.

Russ Booth asked if there was a motion to adopt Health Regulation #32. *The motion was made by Mayor Dahle, seconded by Michele Corigliano, to adopt Health Regulation #32.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

For more detailed information, please see the hardcopy of the regulation’s, resolution’s, and summary of change’s included in the Board of Health meeting file folder.

Russ Booth adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:44 AM.