

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
March 4, 2021 7:30 AM
County Government Center, S2-600
AGENDA

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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Access Code: 187 267 4000
Meeting Password: 0321**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair	Kalina Duncan
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Roderic Land
Scott Brown	Leticia Medina
Michele Corigliano	Mollie Nordgren
Dr. William Cosgrove	Mimi Shen
Rylee Curtis	Dr. Ruedi Tillmann
Mayor Robert Dahle	

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Lavanya Mahate

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Director	Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director	Audrey Stevenson, FH Director
Jeff Smart, CH Director	Ron Lund, EH Director
Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager	Gabriel Moreno, PIO
Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor	Karen Crompton, HS Director
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Eric Peterson, EH
Kathleen Johnston, HR Director	Steve Van Maren
Heather Edwards, Admin.	

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

MINUTES:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2021, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Roderic Land, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2021, 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:

Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) Volunteer

Dr. Verbrugge informed the Board that she joined the Medical Reserve Corp in December to assist the department with vaccine efforts. She stated that it did take about four weeks for her to complete her onboarding and she has seen that the process has become more streamlined as the department has worked to onboard a number of volunteers into the program. She has worked in both scheduling and vaccinating at the Maverik Center and Mountain America Expo Center.

Health Department Executive Director Recruitment

Dr. Verbrugge informed Board members that the recruitment for the Executive Director closed and the County received 46 applicants. The interview committee will consist of herself, Kalina Duncan, Scott Brown, Karen Crompton, and Erin Litvack for the first round of interviews and they will meet after the meeting to determine which candidates are fully qualified and should receive an interview and first interviews will be scheduled the week of March 15, 2021. Dr. Verbrugge stated that the second interviews will take place mid-April.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Board Member Thank You

Gary informed Board members and thanked Michele Corigliano who provided a coffee pot for the employees working at the Maverik Center mass vaccination site.

COVID-19 Transmission Index

Gary informed Board members that Salt Lake County will move from the high transmission index to the moderate level today, by meeting two of three metrics for case rates, positivity rates, and ICU utilization. Moderate transmission level means face coverings are still required, 6-foot social distancing with others outside same household is a recommendation, recommendation for gathering sizes goes from 10 to 25, and restaurant tables no longer have to be 6-feet apart, although separate parties do have to maintain 6-foot social distancing in waiting areas.

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Gary informed Board members that the department continues to be flexible as new priority groups are phased in for receiving vaccines. The department began using Vaccinate Utah, a state scheduling system, for COVID vaccination on March 1 and the employees are working to adapt to the new system and assist the public with scheduling and administering vaccines. The department continues to receive compliments regarding the work being done with the mass vaccination sites. Over the past week there were 30,000 individuals vaccinated which is about 5,000 per day.

Healthy Lifestyles Incentive Program

Gary announced that the Healthy Lifestyles Incentive Program, which is the county's employee wellness program operated by the Health Department, recently received a platinum award from the Utah Worksite Wellness Coalition, which is the highest award given. This team continues to promote employee wellness and provide important information regarding physical, emotional, and mental health.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Gary distributed and reviewed a list of legislative bills/titles of interest to the department. Bills included:

- H.B. 12, *Deceased Voter Amendments*; Rep. Winder
- H.B. 13, *School and Child Care Center Water Testing Requirements*, Rep. Handy
- H.B. 93, *Youth Suicide Prevention Program Amendments*, Rep. King
- H.B. 94, *Microenterprise Home Kitchen Amendments*, Rep. Watkins
- H.B.117, *Vaccine Reporting Requirements*, Rep. Ward
- H.B. 126, *Licensing Amendments*, Rep. Brammer
- H.B. 132, *Sanitation Amendments*, Rep. Ballard
- H.B. 148, *Alcohol Education Amendments*, Rep. Stenquist
- H.B. 149, *Health Care Amendments*, Rep. Ward
- H.B. 194, *Diabetes Prevention Program*, Rep. Harrison
- H.B. 233, *Education Immunization Modifications*, Rep. Strong
- H.B. 266, *Cosmetology Amendments*, Rep. Pierucci
- H.B. 294, *Pandemic Emergency Health Coordinating Council*, Rep. Ray
- H.B. 365, *State Agency Realignment*, Rep. Welton
- S.B. 93, *Emissions Test Amendments*, Sen. Mayne
- S.B 134, *Tobacco Regulation Amendments*, Sen. Bramble
- S.B. 146, *Emissions Testing Amendments*, Sen. Bramble
- S.B. 187, *Local Education Agency Policies Amendments*, Sen. Winterton
- S.B. 189, *Tobacco Retailer Amendments*, Sen. Vickers
- S,B. 195, *Emergency Response Amendments*, Sen. Vickers
- S.B. 212, *Health Departments Review Task Force*, Sen. Anderegg
- H.C.R 6, *Concurrent Resolution Recognizing COVID-19 Efforts*; Rep. Ward

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

BUDGET UPDATE:

Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager, reviewed the 2020 budget review through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- 2020 Fiscal Year End
- Health Fund Balance Projection

Zach informed Board members that the department will be submitting a 2021 budget adjustment request that will be sent to the County Council for approval in coming weeks and he will update the Board at a future meeting.

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

HEALTH REGULATION #8 AUTOMOTIVE DISMANTLER/RECYCLER & SCRAP METAL RECYCLING FACILITIES:

Ron Lund, Environmental Health Director, presented proposed amendments to Health Regulation #8, *Automotive Dismantler/Recycler & Scrap Metal Recycling Facilities*, and asked the Board to open the regulation for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign a hearing officer. The proposed amendments extend the sunset provision for an additional year and he informed Board members that the department reached out to stakeholders for approval of this extension. Dr. William Cosgrove stated that he had been the hearing officer for this regulation in previous public hearings and is willing to participate again.

Dr. Verbrugge asked if there was a motion to open Health Regulation #8, for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign Dr. William Cosgrove as the hearing officer. *The motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Dr. William Cosgrove, to open Health Regulation #8 for public comment and assign Dr. Cosgrove as hearing officer.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

For more detailed information, please see the hardcopy of the draft regulation and summary of changes included in the Board of Health meeting file folder.

HEALTH REGULATION #14 WATERSHED REGULATION:

Ron Lund, Environmental Health Director, informed the Board that section 4.3.3 (i) of Health Regulation #14, *Watershed Regulation*, requires a homeowner in a protected watershed area to receive a watershed pet permit and obtain a \$100 bond from Salt Lake County Animal Services to ensure compliance with regulation provisions related to pets in the watershed areas. Currently, the Salt Lake County Animal Services Division is not issuing the bonds and the department is requesting Board approval to continue approving these applications for pets in the watershed areas without the bond from Animal Services. Ron informed Board members that the department will be working to amend the regulation and will ask the Board to open it for a public hearing at a future Board meeting.

Dr. Verbrugge asked if there was a motion to approve the department approving applicants for pets in the watershed areas without the bond requirement, as outlined in Health Regulation #14. *The motion was made by Councilmember Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. Ruedi Tillman, to approve the department approving applicants for pets without the bond requirement.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director, informed Board members that the department continues to see a decrease in cases and currently the 14-day case rate is 280/100,000 with a 9% positivity rate and 74% ICU utilization rate. She stated that 14% of the county population has been vaccinated and to reach herd immunity 70-80% of the population needs to be fully vaccinated and the department continues to investigate variant cases that are in the population and with several cases being investigated in the county. Testing continues at the Maverik Center overflow lot and has increased over the last week with an average of 120 tests per day and about a 15% positivity rate.

Gary informed the Board that the department continues to increase the number of vaccines given weekly at the three mass vaccination clinics located at the Maverik Center, Mountain America Expo

Center, and the Salt Palace Convention Center with 30,000 vaccines given last week. He stated that the department did receive 800 doses of Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine which will be given to local pharmacies this week to distribute, and as the J&J vaccine becomes more available in the future it may be used to vaccinate the homeless population as it is a one dose option. The department has been working to schedule targeted outreach community clinics with congregate settings and in minority communities. Gary stated that the Governor may announce today some additional eligible groups to begin scheduling vaccine appointments and there are currently several pharmacies participating in vaccine efforts, with Intermountain Healthcare and the University of Utah beginning to vaccinate residents this month.

Dr. Verbrugge adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.