

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
September 2, 2021 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800

Due to the health and safety risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the Salt Lake County Board of Health will be conducting this meeting electronically. Consistent with the provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4), the Salt Lake County Board of Health will provide space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting. However, due to the high rate of COVID-19 transmission in the County, members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate in the Board’s electronic meeting as described below, rather than participating in person.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS/STAFF:

Dr. Angela Dunn, Exec. Director	Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director
Audrey Stevenson, FH Director	Ron Lund, EH Director
Jeff Smart, CH Director	Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager
Karen Crompton, HS Director	Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor
Nicholas Rupp, PIO	Gabriel Moreno, PIO
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Eric Peterson, EH
Ryan Blair, EH	Andrea George, MO
Robert Burton, Sheriff/UPD	Debby Vanetti, Admin
Heather Edwards, Admin.	

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

MINUTES:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2021, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Kalina Duncan, seconded by Roderic Land, to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2021, 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.

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Kalina Duncan, seconded by Mayor Robert Dahle, to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021, 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:

Board Member Vacancies

Dr. Verbrugge informed Board members that currently there are five vacancies on the Board and the department is working with Mayor Wilson’s Office on five nominees to fill the vacant positions; the nominations will be forwarded to the County Council for approval and the new members should be joining the Board at the next meeting. She informed Board members that as outlined in the bylaws members will serve until their replacement has been appointed, this will avoid putting the Board into a situation were a quorum is unavailable.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Draft Health Department Organization Chart

Dr. Angela Dunn presented a draft department organization chart and discussed the transition plans for moving forward with the new structure. Dr. Dunn stated that she is holding a series of town hall meetings with employees to receive feedback on the proposed changes and work is underway to begin hiring some of the key positions by October and continue integration of clinical services in November.

For more detailed information, please see a hardcopy of the draft organization chart included in the Board of Health meeting file folder

2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL:

Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager, presented information on the 2022 proposed budget through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- June and Post June Adjustments
- 2022 New Requests Summary
- 2022 New Requests Detail
- 2022 New Requests Detail Cont.
- 2022 Budget Summary
- 5% Stress Test
- ARPA Requests

Dr. Verbrugge asked for a motion to approve the budget proposal and forward to the Mayor’s Office for consideration. *A motion was made by Rylee Curtis, seconded by Michele Corigliano, to approve the 2022 budget proposal and forward to the Mayor’s Office for consideration.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

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

NOMINATIONS TO THE WATER SOURCE PROTECTION ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ron Lund, Environmental Health Director, asked the Board to approve the appointment of the Water Source Protection Technical Advisory Committee, as required by County Ordinance, and to nominate a Board member representative for the committee. The ordinance protects groundwater sources of public drinking water and creates drinking water source protection zones. Ron informed the Board that the purpose of the committee is to hear appeals filed by an applicant and to make recommendations to the Board of Health. The committee shall consist of a member from the planning and development services division, a member from the environmental health division, a member from a public water system, a member from the division of drinking water, a member from a municipality with extra-territorial jurisdiction, and a Board member representative. He presented the following candidates for nomination:

- Deidre Beck, Utah Division of Drinking Water
- Jim Nakamura, Planning and Development Services
- Ryan Blair, Environmental Health Division
- Luke Sieverts, Herriman Public Water System
- Teresa Gray, Salt Lake City Municipality with Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

The motion was made by Kalina Duncan, seconded by Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw, to approve the nominations of Diedre Beck, Jim Nakamura, Ryan Blair, Luke Sieverts, and Teresa Gray. The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

Mimi Shen stated that she would like to volunteer to be the Board representative. *The motion was made by Mayor Robert Dahle, seconded by Michele Corigliano, to appoint Mimi Shen as the Board representative on the committee. The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”*

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

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION UPDATE:

Ron Lund, Environmental Health Director, informed the Board that during the month of July and August the Environmental Health staff worked to visit 140 permitted establishments with overdue accounts to verify if these businesses were still operating and to discuss the need to bring their permit current. The staff were able to verify that 80% of the businesses were actually closed and the remaining establishments were able to renew their permit. Ron also informed the Board that Environmental Health was made aware that one of the public water systems in the county was proposing to remove fluoridation from the public drinking water and he worked with Dr. Dunn to send a letter to the water system that provided information regarding the importance of water fluoridation. As a result of the information the water system will be holding off on a vote.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Andrea George, Epidemiologist, reviewed data with a Power Point presentation. Slides included:

- Salt Lake County Confirmed COVID-19 Cases
- Number of Cases by Age Group – Last 14 Days

- Hot Spots
- Outbreaks
- School Cases
- COVID-19 Case Rate 5-11 Years Age Group, Salt Lake County, UT
- COVID-19 Case Rate 12-17 Years Age Group, Salt Lake County, UT
- Vaccination Coverage
- COVID-NET Hospitalizations by Month
- Statewide Hospital and ICU Utilization
- 1,002 COVID Deaths in Salt Lake County

Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Director, informed the Board that that a third dose for individuals who are immunocompromised has been approved and there are several vaccination locations in Salt Lake County providing these doses. The discussions continue regarding a boost dose for both Pfizer and Moderna and the vaccination branch continues to monitor the discussions. The department continues to provide vaccine in all five of the public health centers and continue to focus outreach efforts with community partners and provide equity outreach efforts with community health workers assisting to educate individuals in areas that have been identified as hot spot locations,

Dr. Angela Dunn informed Board members that there is widespread transmission of the virus in area schools, and she continues to meet weekly with school superintendents to discuss COVID mitigation efforts. She stated that the department will be monitoring cases in Salt Lake City School District as currently a mask mandate is in place for their schools and the department is working to prepare for increased testing efforts in schools if the 2% threshold is met for test-to-stay.

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

Dr. Verbrugge adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:42 AM.