

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
September 5, 2019 7:30 AM
County Government Center
Suite N2-800

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. William Cosgrove, Chair
Scott Brown
Clare Coonan
Michele Corigliano
Kalina Duncan
Mayor Robert Dahle

Brooke Hashimoto, by phone
Roderic Land
Leticia Medina, by phone
Mimi Shen
Dr. Ruedi Tillmann
Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Russ Booth
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw

Lavanya Mahate

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Dir.
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Dir.
Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.
Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Mng.
Christopher Otto, HS Deputy Dir.
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.
BreeAnn Silcox, CH
Kelly Martin, UofU Health
Heather Edwards, Admin

Dorothy Adams, Deputy Dir.
Audrey Stevenson, FHS Dir.
Jeff Smart, CH Dir.
Nicholas Rupp, PIO
Jason Rose, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Kevin Condra, CH
Kelly Christensen, Iceberg Restaurant
Kelli Peterson, UofU Health

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

MINUTES:

Dr. Cosgrove asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2019, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Clare Coonan, seconded by Scott Brown, to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2019, 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

Dr. Cosgrove informed the Board that Russ Booth asked to be excused from the meeting today and Brooke Hashimoto and Leticia Medina were participating by phone.

New Board Member

Dr. Cosgrove welcomed new Board member Kalina Duncan and asked her to give a brief background introduction.

Board Member Thank You

Dr. Cosgrove presented former Board member Kelly Christensen with a clock to thank him for his service for the past six years which began in 2013; Kelly served as the Board Chair in 2015.

Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBH) Symposium

Dr. Cosgrove reminded Board members that the annual UALBH Symposium will be held Friday, September 7 at the Homestead Resort in Midway.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gary thanked Kelly for his service on the Board of Health.

District Attorney Office Update

Gary welcomed and introduced Stacia Sidlow, Deputy District Attorney, who will be representing the Health Department. Stacia has already been working to assist the department with recent health initiatives and she gave a brief background introduction.

Opioid Grant Application

Gary informed the Board that the County was selected by the Department of Justice for the *Partnerships to Support Data-driven Response to Emerging Drug Threats* grant. This is a two-year grant totaling \$600,000 which will be used to focus on collaborative work between the Health Department, Behavioral Health, and public safety. The first six months are a planning phase to identify sources of real-time data to better understand the environment that exists that create opportunities for drug addiction. The remaining months will be spent applying initiatives to address opioid and drug addiction.

Respiratory Illness and Vaping

Gary informed Board members that the department is involved with the Utah Department of Health, CDC, and other local health departments to investigate and monitor cases related to respiratory illness and vaping. He informed the Board that a legislative committee has been meeting to discuss legislative measures to address vaping concerns. Gary will continue to inform the Board and there will be a presentation in today's meeting regarding the illness related to vaping concerns.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP) Clinic Preparation

Gary informed the Board that the department will begin providing PREP to individuals that are high-risk of contracting HIV, beginning in January 2020. The University of Utah currently has a clinic and department staff will be receiving training from the University.

Medical Cannabis Update

Gary stated there is nothing new to report on medical cannabis. There may be a special legislative session to address concerns and discussions still continue about removing local health departments from the role of dispensaries and increasing the number of private dispensaries overseen by UDOH. Gary will continue to update the Board.

Pamela Davenport Retirement

Gary informed Board members that Pamela Davenport, Communication Manager, will be retiring mid-September and he will begin the process to fill her vacancy when she leaves.

2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL:

Zack Stovall, Fiscal Manager, presented information on the 2020 proposed budget through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- 2020 Revenues
- 2020 Expenditures
- 2020 Proposed Budget Requests
- Fund Balance Projection

Zach informed the Board that the department will meet with the Mayor's Office on September 11 to present the proposed budget and the Board Fiscal Committee met to review the full details of the budget proposal. Dr. Cosgrove informed Board members that the department continues to monitor the fund balance and the ways that budget expenditures/reductions have impacted this balance. The Board discussed preparing a resolution that would be forwarded to the Mayor's Office and County Council asking they ensure stability of the health fund balance as legislatively mandated.

Dr. Cosgrove asked for a motion to approve the budget proposal and the drafting of a Board resolution regarding the fund balance. *A motion was made by Dr. Ruedi Tillmann, seconded by Mayor Robert Dahle, to approve the 2020 budget proposal and forward to the Mayor's Office for consideration.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

A motion was made by Mayor Robert Dahle, seconded by Roderic Land, to approve a Board resolution to the County Council to ensure the future stability of the Health Department fund balance. The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

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

SEVERE PULMONARY DISEASE:

Ilene Risk, Epidemiology Bureau Manager, presented information on the recent outbreak of severe pulmonary disease related to vaping cases through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Case Definition / Cases Under Review thru 9/4
- Illness – Utah Cases / Products
- Investigative Process
- Pneumonitis Cases – Epi Curve Salt Lake County
- Salt Lake County Cases by Age Group
- Next Steps

Gary informed the Board that the department is assisting UDOH with collecting and transporting samples and Stacia Sidlow, Deputy District Attorney, drafted a letter for employees to carry when they are transporting samples that contain THC to the laboratory. Dr. Cosgrove made a recommendation to Board members to submit a letter of support to the state legislature for removing e-cigarette products from child access. Scott Brown asked the Board to consider making a policy position supporting the legislative excise tax initiative that could support public education efforts and address concerns related to e-cigarettes. Board members asked for an in-depth presentation of County data related to vaping

and specialty tobacco establishment sales so the Board may determine what their next steps should be. Gary will work with Scott and Stacia to develop a list of items the Board could consider for a policy position, including taxation, and the department will present further information on vaping and e-cigarettes during the October meeting.

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COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS – PEER COUNTIES:

Due to time constraints, this item will be presented at a future Board of Health meeting.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES:

Due to time constraints, this item will be presented at a future Board of Health meeting.

Dr. Cosgrove asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m. *A motion was made by Mayor Robert Dahle, seconded by Roderic Land, to adjourn the meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”