

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
November 5, 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	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	Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:**

Lavanya Mahate

**GUESTS/STAFF:**

Gary Edwards, Exec. Director	Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director	Audrey Stevenson, FH Director
Royal DeLegge, EH Director	Jeff Smart, CH Director
Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Mgr.	Nicholas Rupp, PIO
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Karen Crompton, HS Director
Ron Lund, EH	Eric Peterson, EH
Dr. Angela Dunn, Utah Dept. of Health	Heather Edwards, Admin.

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 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 October 1, 2020, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Kalina Duncan, seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw, to approve the minutes from the October 1, 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:**

*Dr. Angela Dunn Thank You*

Russ Booth welcomed Dr. Angela Dunn, State Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health, and along with Dr Dorothea Verbrugge, informed her that the Board invited her to join the meeting to recognize and thank her for her public health service and work dealing with the pandemic in Utah.

*New Board Members*

Russ welcomed new Board members Rylee Curtis and Mollie Nordgren and asked each of them to give a brief background introduction.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Gary welcomed Rylee and Mollie to the Board of Health and informed them that Heather will be scheduling a time for him to meet with each of them prior to the next Board meeting.

*Utah Business Magazine*

Gary informed Board members that the department was recognized by *Utah Business Magazine* as a 2020 Public Health Hero for the work during the pandemic and he had the opportunity to participate in a roundtable the magazine sponsored to talk about what this past year has been like for public health efforts and what 2021 may be like as the department continues with response efforts.

*Testing Efforts*

Gary informed Board members that the department has continued to see a steady increase in the number of individuals coming to the testing events held at the Maverik Center, with a doubling of testing numbers each week for several weeks. He stated that this is related to the amount of illness in the community and the higher positive rates that the department has seen throughout the County. With the increase in positive cases the department staff have been increasing their work with contact tracing and disease investigations.

*Royal DeLegge Retirement*

Gary informed Board members that Royal DeLegge, Environmental Health Director, has announced his retirement and will be leaving on December 15, 2020. He has worked for Salt Lake County Health Department for 21 years and Gary will be working to name a replacement Division Director for Environmental Health.

*Xcel Fitness Appeal*

Gary informed Board members that the District Attorney's office has asked for additional time to prepare for the Xcel Fitness appeal and the hearing will be held during the December Board meeting.

**BUDGET UPDATE:**

Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager, presented a Health Department financial update with a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- 2020 Financial Projection
- 2020 COVID Detail Projection
- Health Fund Balance Projection
- 2020/2021 Health Response Budget

- Year-End Adjustments

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

**VACCINATION PLANNING:**

Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Director, presented information on the COVID-19 vaccination planning with a PowerPoint Presentation. Slides included:

- What to Know About Vaccine Planning
- What Do we Know About the Vaccine Delivery?
- National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicines: Framework-for-equitable-allocation-of-vaccine-for-the-novel-Coronavirus-Project
- Challenges to COVID Vaccinations
- Role of Public Health

Audrey stated that the department received 250,000 free flu vaccines and is working to distribute those throughout the County with community flu clinics. The purpose of this is to protect as many individuals as possible from the flu and it is allowing the department to take advantage of planning efforts now in providing mass vaccination clinics. She informed the Board that there are about five pharmaceutical companies working to complete phase three trials and the department is closely monitoring when the COVID vaccine may become available and what the recommendations will be for distribution.

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**COVID-19 UPDATE:**

Gary informed Board members that it has been 246 days since the first reported COVID-19 case in Salt Lake County and currently the county is in the high transmission index with an average positivity rate for the prior two weeks at 14%. He stated that residents have been in compliance on average 95% when wearing masks in public settings but when in social settings there is less compliance with face masks and that is where the spread of the virus is occurring. The department anticipates seeing increased cases over the next few weeks due to Halloween activities and will be increasing public education efforts as we approach the upcoming Holidays.

Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director, stated that currently the department is averaging 760 cases a day and there are over 1,000 cases in the departments cue today. The department is still monitoring hot spot areas as the positivity rate is currently 35% in certain areas of the county. Currently hospitals are reporting 79% ICU capacity and the first case of influenza has been reported this week. She informed Board members that the employees assigned as school liaisons continue to work closely with schools, the Quarantine and Isolation facility is reaching capacity, and the department will be working with the University of Utah on the Hero Project to do more targeted testing during November.

**NACCHO NATIONAL PROFILE OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS REPORT:**

Gary presented the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2019 National Profile of Local Health Departments report through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Size of population served by LHDs in the study population
- Percent of U.S. population served by LHDs
- LHDs with a local board of health by size of population served and type of governance
- Clinical programs and services provided directly by LHDs in the past year
- Population-based programs and services provided directly by LHDs in the past year
- Programs and services more likely to be provided in rural jurisdictions
- Programs and services more likely to be provided in urban jurisdictions
- Mean and median number of employees and Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) by size of population served
- Mean and quartiles of total annual expenditures
- Median and mean quartiles of annual per capita expenditures and revenues, by size of population served and type of governance
- Overall annual expenditures per capita, by state
- Median and mean annual per capita expenditures, over time
- Revenue sources
- Epidemiology and surveillance services provided directly by LHDs in the past year, by size of population served and degree of urbanization
- Population-based primary prevention services provided directly by LHDs in the past year, by size of population served and degree of urbanization
- Level of engagement with Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation in 2019
- Level of engagement with Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation, over time
- Formal engagement in Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation, over time and by size of population served

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Russ Booth adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:03 AM.