

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
August 6, 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	Roderic Land
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Leticia Medina
Michele Corigliano	Mimi Shen
Dr. William Cosgrove	Dr. Ruedi Tillmann
Mayor Robert Dahle	Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge
Kalina Duncan	

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:**

Scott Brown	Lavanya Mahate
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**GUESTS/STAFF:**

Gary Edwards, Exec. Dir.	Dorothy Adams, Deputy Dir.
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Dir.	Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.
Audrey Stevenson, FH Dir.	Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Mgr.
Nicholas Rupp, PIO	Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Karen Crompton, HS Dir.	Ron Lund, EH
Eric Peterson, EH	Tom Trevino, EH
Heather Edwards, Admin.	

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:38 AM by Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, of the Salt Lake County Board of Health. (Russ Booth, Chair, was unable to join the meeting until after the minutes were approved).

**MINUTES:**

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Councilmember Bradshaw, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve the minutes from the June 4, 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:**

*Board Member Vacancies*

Russ Booth, Chair, informed Board members that there are currently two vacancies on the Board of Health and any recommendations can be sent to Heather for follow-up.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

*New Funding*

Gary informed Board members that the department has received a new contract for 2.7 million which is for contact tracing efforts. Currently the department has hired 120 temporary employees and all department employees are being trained in contact tracing.

*Leadership Changes to Utah Department of Health*

Gary informed Board members that Rich Saunders has been appointed Interim Executive Director of the Utah Department of Health and Dr. Joseph Miner will now serve as the Chief Medical Advisor.

*Reaccreditation*

Gary announced that the department has submitted all required documentation to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for reaccreditation. The department will be required to host a virtual site visit in the next six months with PHAB to review the documents.

**HEALTH REGULATION(S) #20 COSMETOLOGY:**

Royal DeLegge, Environmental Health Director, presented proposed amendments to Health Regulation #20, *Cosmetology*, and asked the Board to adopt the proposed regulation. The regulation was opened for public comment during the March 5, 2020 Board meeting, and a public hearing held on June 17, 2020, where Scott Brown served as the hearing officer. The department received no public comments.

Russ Booth asked if there was a motion to adopt Health Regulation #20. *The motion was made by Michele Corigliano, seconded by Roderic Land, to adopt Health Regulation #20.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

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

**COVID-19 UPDATE:**

Dr. Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director, stated that US cases are currently going up, with Florida, California, and Texas being areas of concerns and hospitals reaching maximum capacity in these areas. Currently there are approximately 20,000 cases in Salt Lake County with 185 deaths; hospitalization numbers are going down in the County. She stated that most outbreaks are occurring in manufacturing and construction services, and informed Board members that positive cases for contact tracing are being divided among the Health Department Divisions to assist, allowing even more staff to work on these efforts. Dr. Vitek stated there are three pharmaceutical vaccines currently in stage three trials and the department continues to work on a mass vaccination plan for the response efforts and will begin testing these plans with flu clinics in the fall. She also informed the Board that the testing team continues to test in hot spot areas, long-term care facilities, daycares, home health, and schools.

Gary informed Board members that the department is approaching 157 days of COVID response work and staff continue to be dedicated and committed to their work responsibilities. He reported that testing numbers are down about 20% with about 13,000 individuals being tested per week in Salt Lake County. Gary reviewed a few slides showing the positive impact of the current public health order requiring face covering and helping to lower the case numbers in Salt Lake County:

- Daily Cumulative Confirmed Cases
- Daily Cumulative Hospitalizations
- Cases – Rolling Seven Day County
- Hospitalizations – Rolling Seven Day Count

Gary informed the Board that the department has been meeting with schools to discuss plans for the upcoming school year and for appropriate mitigation efforts to minimize the possibility of outbreaks.

**TOBACCO LEGISLATION UPDATE:**

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy District Attorney, updated Board members on recent changes to tobacco legislation with the passing of House Bill 23, which poses challenges to the County and potential liability risks. The new legislation, beginning July 1, 2020, requires any retailer that sells flavored e-cigarettes and appears to be a specialty tobacco retailer, to reapply for their tobacco establishment permit with local health departments, and the new law enacts proximity requirements beginning on August 15, 2020, that a specialty tobacco retailers cannot be located within 1000 feet of schools, rendering some prior/current business in violation of these requirements. Stacia stated that the department has meet with the Attorney General's Office, area municipalities, and legislative counsel to discuss the issues and anticipate clarification changes will be made to the law during the 2021 legislative session, or a special session later this month.

Russ Booth adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:48 AM.