

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
October 1, 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	Lavanya Mahate
Michele Corigliano	Dr. Ruedi Tillmann
Dr. William Cosgrove	Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge
Mayor Robert Dahle	

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Leticia Medina	Mimi Shen
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GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Dir.	Dorothy Adams, Deputy Dir.
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Dir.	Audrey Stevenson, FH Dir.
Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.	Jeff Smart, CH Dir.
Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Mgr.	Nicholas Rupp, PIO
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Ryan Lambert, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Perrin Love, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Ron Lund, EH
Eric Peterson, EH	Deanna England, CH
Alysia Ducuara, CH	Carol Rushton, FH
Sonia Chaires, FH	Reta Van Orden, FH
Kevin Anderson, XSF Holdings Counsel	Tyler Brown, XSF Holdings
Heather Edwards, Admin.	

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 September 3, 2020, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Dr. William Cosgrove, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve the minutes from the September 3, 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:

Excused Board Members

Russ Booth informed the Board that Mimi Shen asked to be excused from the meeting today.

Board Vacancies

Russ informed the Board that two nominees have been submitted to the Mayor’s Office for approval.

Flu Vaccination

Russ stated that Heather will be sharing information with Board members on locations that the department will be giving flu vaccinations this year.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Schools Update

Gary informed Board members that he and staff continue to meet weekly with School Superintendents and School Board President’s to discuss COVID as it relates to K-12 schools. In addition to these weekly meetings, the department has assigned around thirty employees that work as school liaisons who are the point of contact for schools and interact with them to coordinate on response efforts, education, and offer support. He stated that schools remain a priority and the department continues to strengthen the relationship with the school districts.

Encampment Mitigation

Gary informed Board members that the department is still conducting encampment clean-ups as these encampments continue to be a concern for residents and public health concern. The department works with various partners and municipalities in the County to abate public health concerns and the employees working the clean-ups continue to treat individuals with respect, empathy, and assist as necessary.

Budget Meeting with Mayor Wilson

Gary announced that the department met with Mayor Wilson and staff to discuss the budget proposal the Board approved during the October meeting. The discussion went well, and the Mayor’s Office certainly understands the strain that has been put on the health department budget and plans are in place for the budget moving into 2021 as the response efforts continue.

Employee Recognition

Gary recognized the following Health Department employees who were nominated in February for the Get ‘er Done and Vision Awards:

- Andrea Price, Medical Division, *Lowell Bodily Get ‘er Done award*
- Christine Buddensick, Administration Division, *Vision award*
- Alysia Ducuara, Community Health Division, *Vision award*
- Deanna England, Community Health Division, *Vision award*
- Gerry Bourke, Environmental Health Division, *Vision award*
- Carol Rushton, Family Health Division, *Vision award*
- Sonia Chaires, Family Health Division, *Vision award*
- Jen Phung, Family Health Division, *Vision award*

Russ asked the Board for a motion to support a letter from the board recognizing for the award winners. *The motion was made by Mayor Dahle, seconded by Dr. Tillmann, to approve a letter from the Board to the award recipients to express recognition.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

BOARD APPEAL – XCEL FITNESS:

Russ informed the Board of an appeal request from XSF Holdings, LLC dba Xcel Fitness, to review the Chief Hearing Officer’s Final Order. Ryan Lambert, Deputy District Attorney, is assigned to represent the Board on the appeal process. He gave a brief overview of the appeal request and stated that in prior appeal requests Board members have nominated a Board committee to review the documents and then prepare a decision to bring back to the full Board at a future meeting. Ryan discussed a proposed briefing schedule with counsel present for the submittal of written arguments. The Board proposed to appoint Kalina Duncan, Councilmember Bradshaw, Mayor Dahle, and Michele Corigliano as the committee members who would work with the District Attorney’s Office on the Board appeal. *The motion was made by Councilman Bradshaw, seconded by Mayor Dahle, to assign Kalina Duncan, Councilmember Bradshaw, Mayor Dahle, and Michele Corigliano as the Board committee to review the appeal.* The motion passed unanimously showing all Board members present voted “Aye.”

BUDGET UPDATE:

Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager, informed the Board that the 2021 proposed budget has been submitted and reviewed with the Mayor’s Office and will be forwarded to the County Council for review. He stated that the County has been using funding out of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act as COVID response has been ongoing. The County is using the “presumption” test, presuming that employees in Health and Public Safety would be covered by the CARES funding at 100%. If this is the case this means that there will be an additional 25 million that would come into the Health Fund Balance during 2021 and these funds would be used to maintain the ongoing COVID response efforts next year, including testing, Q&I facilities, and vaccination. Zach will continue to update the Board as the budget moves forward for approval.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director, stated that currently the department is averaging 400 cases a day and there has been a spike in positive cases in 18-30 year-old age groups. She stated this increase has been mostly driven by schools and universities opening. There have been 255 deaths in Salt Lake County and 340,000 tests have been administered. Dr. Vitek stated staff continue to work closely with the homeless resource centers due to several outbreaks and are working to increase capacity at these locations as winter approaches. She also informed Board members that all community testing will be moved to the Maverik Center and will be conducting testing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. She stated that there is one Quarantine and Isolation Facility operating and informed the Board that there are seven companies currently in trial phases for a vaccine.

Gary reviewed slides included on the Salt Lake County COVID-19 Data Dashboard:

- COVID-19 Daily Update
- COVID-19 Data by Zip Code
- COVID-19 Tests by Date
- COVID-19 Worksite Outbreaks

Gary thanked the Health Department staff for the seven months of COVID response work and informed Board members that the staff continue to be dedicated to public health and the residents of Salt Lake County. He informed the Board that department continues to refine the vaccination plan and work is being done to order equipment and supplies that will be needed for community vaccination efforts. He stated that the department is still unsure when a vaccine will be distributed but continues to monitor this closely through the CDC.

Russ Booth adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:51 AM.