

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
January 7, 2021 7:30 AM
County Government Center, S2-600
AGENDA

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.):

Call: 1-415-655-0003
Access Code: 146 896 3417
Meeting Password: 0121

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Booth, 2020 Chair	Mayor Robert Dahle
Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, 2021 Chair	Kalina Duncan
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Leticia Medina
Michele Corigliano	Mollie Nordgren
Dr. William Cosgrove	Mimi Shen
Rylee Curtis	Dr. Ruedi Tillmann

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Scott Brown	Lavanya Mahate
Roderic Land	

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Director	Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director
Audrey Stevenson, FH Director	Jeff Smart, CH Director
Ron Lund, EH Director	Nicholas Rupp, PIO
Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor	Karen Crompton, HS Director
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Andrea George, MO
Mary Hill, MO	Eric Peterson, EH
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, 2020 Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020, Board of Health meeting, and the December 17, 2020, Board meeting with legislators. *The motion was made by Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, seconded by Michele Corigliano, to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020, Board of Health meeting, and the December 17, 2020, Board meeting with legislators.* 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 informed the Board that Scott Brown and Roderic Land asked to be excused from the meeting today.

INSTALLATION OF THE 2021 BOARD OFFICERS:

Russ stated the nominating committee recommends Michele Corigliano for the 2021 2nd Vice Chair. *The motion was made by Dr. Verbrugge, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve Michele Corigliano as the 2021 2nd Vice Chair.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

Russ asked for a motion to approve the 2021 1st Vice Chair, Kalina Duncan. *The motion was made by Dr. Verbrugge, seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw, to approve Kalina Duncan as the 2021 1st Vice Chair.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

Russ asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Chair, Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge. *The motion was made by Kalina Duncan, seconded by Michele Corigliano, to approve Dr. Verbrugge as the 2021 Chair.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gary thanked Russ for his service as the 2020 Board Chair.

New Environmental Health Director

Gary informed Board members that Ron Lund accepted the position of Environmental Health Director and began his new duties on January 1. Ron recently served as the department enforcement coordinator and has been working as the COVID response safety officer, as well as responding to the numerous complaints filed during the response efforts.

Medical Director Retirement

Gary informed Board members that Dr. Dagmar Vitek has informed him of her intentions to retire at the end of April 2021, and he will begin the recruitment process to find a replacement for this important position.

Medical Reserve Corp Volunteers

Gary informed Board members that the department held an awards ceremony in mid-December to thank the many Medical Reserve Corp volunteers who have volunteered approximately 15,000 hours assisting in the response efforts. These volunteers have administered roughly 30,000 COVID tests at our community test events and will be working to support vaccination efforts moving forward. Gary stated that Ameritech College nursing program has provided the largest amount of support and the department is very appreciative of the work these volunteers have provided.

Transient Encampment Update

The department continues to work with city officials, law enforcement, and social service providers to address encampment health hazards in the County. Gary stated that department staff provide notice to individuals of the clean-up and provide social service information to assist these individuals, prior to clean-ups occurring. He informed Board members that staff remain empathetic in these sometime

hostile environments and appreciate the support of our community partners in addressing the safety of everyone involved in these efforts.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Gary distributed and reviewed the list of legislative bills/titles of interest to the department for the 2021 session, which begins on January 19, 2021. Bills/titles included:

- H.B. 12, *Deceased Voter Amendments*; Rep. Winder
- H.B. 94, *Microenterprise Home Kitchen Amendments*; Rep. Watkins
- Vaccine Reporting Requirements; Rep. Ward
- State Agency Realignment; Rep. Ray
- COVID-19 Vaccine Amendments; Rep. Spendlove
- Youth Suicide Prevention; Rep. King
- Concurrent Resolution Recognizing COVID-19 Efforts; Rep. Ward

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Andrea George, Epidemiologist, reviewed data on slides that are included on the Salt Lake County COVID-19 Data Dashboard. Slides included:

- COVID-19 Daily Update
- COVID-19 Demographics and Severity
- COVID-19 Ethnicity and Race
- COVID-19 Heat Map, Confirmed Cases and Crude Rate (Per 100K) by Zip Code

Andrea discussed the two variant strains of the virus, B117 (United Kingdom) and 501B2 (South Africa), that have been identified in the U.S. and stated the CDC is working to collect samples to test for any emerging strains in the state.

Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Director, announced to the Board that the department began receiving vaccine on December 23, 2020, to begin vaccinating healthcare, EMS, and first responders and have been holding clinics to administer the initial vaccine supplies to these groups. She stated that the state will be receiving 16,000 doses of vaccine to distribute to the 13 health districts and it is estimated that Salt Lake County will receive 4,800 doses in the coming week. Gary informed Board members that it is estimated with vaccine rollout to have the 70+ population vaccinated by the end of February and with the current rate of delivery from the state this seems to be on target. He stated that 2nd dose supplies are being held by UDOH and released when we get to the timeframe needed to begin administering the 2nd dose. He also informed Board members that UDOH has been told that the state will see an increase in vaccine supply in the coming weeks.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRAINING:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy District Attorney, conducted conflict of interest training through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Ethics
- What Constitutes a Conflict of Interest?

- Specific Types of Conflicts of Interest
- Disclosures
- Recusals
- Other Prohibitions
- Statutes, Ordinances, and Policies
- Hypothetical

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

Dr. Verbrugge adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:56 AM.