

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
June 3, 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: 187 594 6038
Meeting Password: 0621**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair	Mayor Robert Dahle
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Kalina Duncan
Michele Corigliano	Roderic Land
Dr. William Cosgrove	Mimi Shen
Rylee Curtis	Dr. Ruedi Tillmann

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Scott Brown	Leticia Medina
Lavanya Mahate	Mollie Nordgren

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Director	Dr. Angela Dunn, Exec. Director
Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director	Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director
Audrey Stevenson, FH Director	Ron Lund, EH Director
Jeff Smart, CH Director	Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager
Gabriel Moreno, PIO	Mayor Jennifer Wilson
Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor	Karen Crompton, HS Director
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Dan Moore, EH
Dale Keller, EH	Patom Lerslerphant, EH
Debby Vanetti, Admin	Heather Edwards, Admin.
Tyson Jackson, KUTV News	

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

MINUTES:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Dr. William Cosgrove, seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw, to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021, 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

Dr. Verbrugge informed the Board that Scott Brown and Mollie Nordgren asked to be excused from the meeting today.

Health Department Executive Director

Dr. Verbrugge welcomed Dr. Angela Dunn, who began on June 1, 2021, as the new Executive Director for the Salt Lake County Health Department. Dr. Verbrugge informed Board members that this will be Gary Edwards last meeting as the Executive Director.

Environmental Quality Advisory Committee (EQAC) Chair

Dr. Verbrugge informed the Board that Scott Brown has been representing the Board as the EQAC Chair and this position needs to be filled as Scott's term will end on June 30, 2021. She asked Board members to consider this position and stated that she will ask for a motion to appointment a member during the August Board meeting.

Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBH) Representative

Dr. Verbrugge asked the Board to select a representative for the UALBH steering committee to replace Scott Brown. Michele Corigliano stated she would be willing to represent the Board and Dr.

Verbrugge asked if there was a motion to approve. *The motion was made by Councilmember Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. William Cosgrove, to appoint Michele Corigliano as a Salt Lake County Board of Health representative on UALBH.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

Board Resolution Recognizing the Retirement of Gary Edwards

Dr. Verbrugge presented a resolution honoring Gary on his upcoming retirement and highlighted the resolution which thanked him for his sixteen years of service to the Salt Lake County Health Department, for his sound advice and valued counsel, and for all that he contributed to the and the department and Board of Health. Dr. Verbrugge asked if there was a motion to adopt the resolution. *The motion was made by Dr. William Cosgrove, seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw, to adopt the resolution.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Update

Gary reminded Board members that the department submitted the PHAB reaccreditation application at the end of 2019 and a virtual site visit will take place before the end of 2021; a PHAB accredited health department must reapply every five years to maintain their accreditation status.

COVID Response After-Action Report

Gary informed the Board that the department is beginning to plan for an internal after-action report for the COVID Health response. These reports are used as an opportunity to review each of the aspects of the health response and to learn from these efforts to continue to improve the work done in our department.

Utah Association of Local Health Departments (UALBH) Symposium

Gary thanked Michele for her willingness to serve as a Board representative on the UALBH Steering Committee and informed the Board that the annual symposium will be held on September 23-24, 2021, in Richfield, additional details will be shared with the Board once available.

Final Board Meeting

Gary thanked Board members for their service to Salt Lake County and thanked them for their support of him and the health department. He will be retiring from a forty-year career in public health, sixteen of those served in Salt Lake County. Gary thanked the dedicated colleagues and staff he has had the privilege to work with during those years and is confident that the health department will continue to “be the best at becoming better”.

Dr. Angela Dunn Introduction

Dr. Dunn informed the Board that she is excited to be working alongside them and the health department. She will be working with Gary during the month of June as they transition responsibilities of the Executive Director and hopes to carry on the legacy that Gary started.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Jennifer Wilson thanked Gary for his years of service and welcomed Dr. Angela Dunn to Salt Lake County. She stated that she will be engaging with the Board of Health during future meetings as she continues to support public health efforts.

2021 JUNE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager, presented information on the 2021 June budget adjustments that will be presented to the County Council for approval, through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- June Adjustment Grant True Ups
- June Adjustment COVID Cut Restoration
- June Adjustment County True Up
- Fund Balance

Dr. Verbrugge stated that the Board Finance Committee met to review all of the budget adjustments being proposed and asked for a motion to approve forwarding the request to the Mayor and County Council. *The motion was made by Mayor Robert Dahle, seconded by Dr. William Cosgrove, to approve the 2021 budget adjustments.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

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

DEPARTMENT HOMLESS ENCAMPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Dale Keller, Sanitation and Safety Bureau Manager, presented information on encampment cleanups through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Fall 2020 Channel 13 Special Report
- Pre-Operation Rio Grande 2017

- Disease Connected to Illicit Encampments
- Rio Grande Cleaned Up
- Rio Grande 2021
- The Jordan River
- Resource Resistance Individuals
- Inoperable RV Camps
- Victory Road
- 3rd Party Agitators
- Synopsis

Gary thanked Dale for his continued coordination of these efforts and his ability to remain compassionate toward the individuals he comes in contact with daily that are experiencing homelessness. Karen Crompton asked that Dale present the information at the next County Council meeting to inform them of the recent concerns surrounding these cleanups and Mayor Wilson supported this request.

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

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Dr. Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director, stated that cases are down to 14% with hospital ICU utilization remaining below the threshold, and the department continues to monitor variant cases. Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Director, informed the Board that the vaccine branch continues to see a decrease in the demand for vaccines and have begun the process for scaling down the mass vaccination sites and moving full vaccination services back to the public health centers by the end of June. The vaccination branch will continue to focus on outreach efforts with community partners and providing outreach clinics throughout the county.

Dr. Verbrugge adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:02 AM.