

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
September 3, 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.):

**Call: 1-415-655-0003
Access Code: 146 574 1007
Meeting Password: 0920**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Booth, Chair	Roderic Land
Scott Brown	Lavanya Mahate
Michele Corigliano	Mimi Shen
Dr. William Cosgrove	Dr. Ruedi Tillmann
Mayor Robert Dahle	Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge
Kalina Duncan	

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Leticia Medina
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GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, Exec. Dir.	Dorothy Adams, 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.
Megan Smith, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Karen Crompton, HS Dir.
Ilene Risk, MO	Ron Lund, EH
Ryan Blair, EH	Jorge Mendez, EH
Eric Peterson, EH	Teresa Gray, EH
Zachary Torres-George, EH	Benita Pulins
Richard Jex	Heather Edwards, Admin.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:38 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 August 6, 2020, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Dr. William Cosgrove, seconded by Mayor Dahle, to approve the minutes from the August 6, 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, Dr. Ruedi Tillmann asked to be excused from the meeting today.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Women Infants & Children (WIC) Funding

Gary informed Board members that the department received notification that the federal WIC program will receive funding reductions in 2021. Currently the program has a few position vacancies which will be used to offset the reductions, as the program continues to see a decline in case numbers. The staff continue to provide services online with some in-person appointments when necessary.

Legislative Special Session

Gary informed Board members that the legislature held a special session on August 20 and passed SB6008, *Tobacco Retailer Amendments*. This new legislation amends and clarifies provisions related to tobacco retailer requirements, including the grandfathering requirements for retailer proximity locations, clarifies that a local health department cannot deny a tobacco retailer permit if the retailer was in business prior to December 31, 2015, and, clarifies that it is up to a city and/or county to decide if they issue a tobacco specialty business license, which was unclear prior to this new legislation. Gary stated there could be additional changes in the upcoming 2021 legislative session and the department will begin looking at amending the current tobacco health regulation to align with these new requirements.

Lt. Governor Visit

Gary announced that the department hosted Lt. Governor Cox on a site visit to the Salt Lake Public Health Center where he was able to view contact tracing and the work being done in the Epidemiology Bureau to track the virus in our community. Gary spoke with the Lt. Governor and discussed public health efforts in Utah, and he learned that the Lt. Governor was once a Board of Health member during his early career.

2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL:

Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager, presented information on the 2021 proposed budget through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- 2021 Budget Summary
- 2020 COVID Detail Projection
- Health Fund Balances Projection with CARES

Gary reminded Board members that as part of the Boards fiduciary responsibility they must approve the budget proposal and forward to the Mayor’s Office for consideration. Russ Booth asked for a motion to approve the budget proposal and forward to the Mayor’s Office for consideration. *A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Dr. William Cosgrove and Kalina Duncan, to approve the 2021 budget proposal and forward to the Mayor’s Office for consideration.* 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 file folder.

BENITA PULINS – REQUEST FOR VARIANCE:

Benita Pulins, property owner of 2251 Pinecrest Canyon Road, presented a request for variance to Health Regulation #13, *Wastewater Disposal Regulation*, to approve a request to install an alternative wastewater system without a blackwater holding tank, which is required in the regulation because the property is located within a protected watershed area. Ms. Pulins stated she has been working with Ryan Blair, Environmental Health, to design the system and has submitted required documentation and water quality samples from the proposed alternative wastewater system. She informed members that the Emigration Improvement District has reviewed the alternative system and will conduct monthly inspections of the system, if the variance is approved.

Ryan Blair, Environmental Health, presented information to the Board in support of the variance request for section 4.9 in Health Regulation #13, *Wastewater Disposal Regulation*. He stated the department requests that the proposed septic system design include the installation of a blackwater/holding tank in case of system failure. Ryan informed Board members that the department requires that the alternative system meet all requirements of the Emigration Improvement District and other agencies, as outlined in the regulation and state rule.

Russ Booth asked for a motion to approve the variance request. *The motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Mayor Rob Dahle, to approve Benita Pulins request for variance to Health Regulation #13, Wastewater Disposal Regulation.* The motion passed showing all Board members present voted “Aye,” with the exception of Roderic Land who abstained.

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

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Ilene Risk, Epidemiology Bureau Manager, stated that currently Utah cases are averaging 376 per day and currently cases are decreasing along with hospitalization rates, which are down 26%. Salt Lake County is averaging 173 case per day and we continue to see higher rates in Salt Lake City, Rose Park, and West Valley City. The department has identified and responded to 750 worksite outbreaks and currently there are 123 cases in schools with 30 outbreaks in K-12. The department will monitor schools closely as the month continues.

Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Director, stated there is a vaccination task force that is planning to meet the needs of the community once a vaccine becomes available. The group is meeting twice a week to refine the mass vaccination plan and develop the priorities for administering the vaccine to first responders, healthcare providers and long-term care facilities. She stated that large pharmacies and hospitals would also receive vaccine and the group will continue to monitor closely when the vaccine will be made available throughout the US.

Gary reviewed new slides that have been included on the Salt Lake County COVID-19 Data Dashboard:

- COVID-19 Demographics and Severity
- COVID-19 Ethnicity and Race
- COVID-19 Outbreaks
- COVID-19 Worksite Outbreaks

Gary thanked the Health Department staff for the tireless work being done around the COVID-19 response efforts and thanked the many redeployed county employees who have been working alongside department staff to coordinate a comprehensive response to this pandemic in Salt Lake County.

Russ Booth adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 AM.