

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
December 5, 2024 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Bill Cosgrove	Kalina Duncan
Michele Corigliano	Rusty Vetter
Dan Eckersley	Jenny Mayer-Glenn
Blake Nemelka	Jake Fitisemanu
Dr. Joe Mirci	Mayor Mike Weichers
RyLee Curtis	

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Councilmember Ann Granato	Mimi Shen
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GUESTS/STAFF:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Amelia Self, PH
Heather Edwards, EDO	Nicholas Rupp, EDO
Stephanie Hart, EDO	Dan Moore, EH
Jeff Oaks, EH	Jeanette Montano, EDO
Tom Hudachko, EDO	Jeff Smart, CH
Kelly Colopy, Human Services	Jiten Joshi, EDO
Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office	

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments are limited to three minutes unless otherwise approved by the Salt Lake County Board of Health. There were no public comments.

MINUTES:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2024, Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Dr. Bill Cosgrove, seconded by Dr. Joe Mirci, to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2024, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, gave the Chair's report. Dan reminded the Board that the Legislative Breakfast will be held on January 7th in the cafeteria at the Government Center. He also reminded board members the Board retreat is tentatively planned for the afternoon of April 21st. Dan also thanked

Councilmember Granato for her service on the Board of Health and informed the Board that Mayor Marcus Stevenson and Mollie Nordgren had resigned.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, gave the director's report. She highlighted some of the accomplishments of the health department in 2024. Key accomplishments include:

The department enhanced its infrastructure to better connect with the community and use data to guide its work.

- The department's Women Infants and Children (WIC) program successfully transitioned to an online system allowing the WIC cards to be loaded remotely which will reduce the number of visits clients will need to make to the clinic.
- The analytics team was able to formalize a data sharing agreement with the department of public safety, securing access to 911 data to improve our overdose and violence analytic efforts.
- The department finalized a contract with TransactRX, enabling Medicaid billing for part D immunizations such as RSV.
- The department was awarded a Workforce Acceleration Initiative grant from CDC that will place 3 associates in the department that will concentrate on operationalizing the IT roadmap.
- Both the Environmental Health and Clinical Services Division are updating their electronic reporting systems. They will be operationalized in 2025.
- The department's Emergency Preparedness Bureau facilitated and participated in multiple exercises, including tabletop and full-scale simulations that involved both internal health department partners and external jurisdictional emergency response partners. These exercises helped identify gaps in preparedness and response, which are now actively being addressed. The improvements made based on these identified gaps will enhance the health department's ability to build more resilient communities and improve planning for future emergencies.

The department met people where they were and built trust in our communities.

- The department's Immunizations Program staff held 86 events in October and November to provide COVID, Flu and RSV shots.
- The department's Community Health Worker (CHW) team attended 165 outreach events across the County. They provided 72 educational presentations and distributed around 2500 naloxone kits.
- A centrally located Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility opened that will make it easier for citizens to properly dispose of their HHW.
- The department completed the community health assessment which will inform work over the next 5 years. The department hosted nearly a dozen community meetings, focus groups, and key informant interviews. The department received input from more than 225 people representing 86 community partners and organizations.

The department strengthened its fiscal structure.

- The Home Visitation Program applied for and was awarded a competitive maternal infant and childhood home visitation grant. This funding will sustain our current Parent's as Teachers

(PAT) and half of the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) team for the next 5 years. It will allow us to add additional clients to the PAT program.

- The department fees were updated, which required multiple levels of approval through the revenue review committee, board of health and county council.
- The travel clinic made improvements to be more efficient.
- The department's Healthy Living Program applied for and was awarded \$50,000 of Smart Gov funding to prevent type 2 diabetes.
- The department secured a donation of \$37,000 worth of air purifiers and replacement filters for the Asthma Program and Air Quality Bureau.
- The department spent a lot of time refining forecasting and projecting capabilities for vaccine purchases. With these new models, overall, projections were within 1% of actuals.

The department met the growing and diversified needs of the community.

- To date, the department had a record number of TB cases in 2024 at 37 thus far in 2024. The normal year average has been 18.
- The Epidemiology Bureau led the response to a large-scale rabid bat exposure amongst people experiencing homelessness. This included identifying and finding two individuals who were exposed and successfully connecting them to care and treatment. Extensive canvassing efforts, ongoing surveillance and collaboration community partners made this mitigation effort such a success.
- The Vital Records Program issued 31,871 birth certificates and 54,137 death certificates through November 30, 2024. In addition, the team assisted the public in correcting 1,493 records. They also issued 1,113 birth certificates through the Homeless Waiver program. They screened 155 cases for Indigent cremation services and registered 7,872 Salt Lake County death events.

The department worked to recognize staff and sustain its workforce.

- The department implemented a new employee recognition platform and saw 40% more applications to recognize each other in the first month.
- The department implemented new leadership awards that are awarded monthly through the health department's leadership team.
- The department worked with County Human Resources to update and implement a new performance management system.
- The department also updated the Emerging Leaders in Public Health Program and started a cohort in May with many creative projects identified.

2025 Meeting Schedule:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the 2025 Board of Health meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Kalina Duncan, seconded by Rusty Vetter, to approve the 2025 Board of Health meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

For a copy of the 2025 meeting schedule, refer to the Board of Health meeting folder.

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICERS

Dan Eckersley, Chair, noted that because of the recent resignation of board members who were to serve as Board of Health officers, this item will be deferred until the February meeting.

CARZONE BOARD APPEAL:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, presented information and a recommendation on the Carzone Auto Board of Health appeal. Dan briefly reviewed the findings of facts in the appeal and stated that the subcommittee tasked to review the appeal recommended that the Board uphold the Chief Hearing Officer's decision in the department appeal in the matter of Carzone Auto. *A motion was made by Dr. Joe Mirci, seconded by Rusty Vetter, to uphold the Chief Hearing Officer's decision in the department appeal in the matter of Carzone Auto.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

For a copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Order, please see documentation in the Board of Health meeting folder.

HEALTH REGULATION #2:

Dan Moore, Enforcement Coordinator, reviewed the results of the public comment period and public hearing held for Health Regulation #2 and asked the Board to adopt the proposed amendments. There were no direct comments related to the regulation that were received during the public comment period or public hearing. Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Health Regulation #2. *A motion was made by Jenny Mayer-Glenn, seconded by Dr. Joe Mirci, to adopt the proposed amendments to Health Regulation #2.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW:

Tom Hudachko, Special Projects & Strategic Partnerships Manager, gave a brief preview of the 2025 legislative session to the Board. The session begins on January 21st and ends on March 7th. Tom reviewed a few bills the department is watching. Those interested in following the bills that the Utah Association of Local Health Department tracks, can find them here: <https://ualhd.org/legislative-watch-list/>

HOLIDAY FOOD SAFETY:

Jeff Oaks, Food Protection Bureau Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on holiday food safety. His presentation covered:

- Holiday Food Safety Home Edition
- What could possibly go wrong?
- ...To spread germs
- Common Winter Illnesses
- Why?
- Holiday Gathering
- Baby it's Cold Outside
- Holiday Food Safety Topics
- Preparation
- Wash the Hands

- Thawing the Turkey (2)
- Storing the Turkey
- Eliminate the Germs
- Wash the Hands
- To Rinse or Not to Rinse the Raw Turkey (4)
- Cooking
- Is your bird ready?
- 165 Degrees Fahrenheit
- Proper Cooking Prevents Illness
- Don't Get Caught Eating Raw Turkey
- Clean Up (2)
- Leftovers 2-2-4 Rule
- 2-2-4 Rule for Perishable Leftovers
- Reheating Leftovers
- The Perishables
- The Consequences (2)
- Listen to Jeff
- Sick Cook=Sick Family & Friends
- The Consequences
- Norovirus Outbreaks by setting
- Food Safety Summary
- Questions?

For a copy of the presented material, please see documentation in the Board of Health meeting folder.

Dan Eckersley, Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 AM.