

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
October 7, 2021 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800

Due to the health and safety risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the Salt Lake County Board of Health will be conducting this meeting electronically. Consistent with the provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4), the Salt Lake County Board of Health will provide space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting. However, due to the high rate of COVID-19 transmission in the County, members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate in the Board’s electronic meeting as described below, rather than participating in person.

WebEx (toll free in the U.S.):
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair	Dan Eckersley
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Roderic Land
Michele Corigliano	Pimmie Lopez
Rylee Curtis	Leticia Medina
Mayor Robert Dahle	Dr. Dan Poulson
Kalina Duncan	Mimi Shen

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Mollie Nordgren

GUESTS/STAFF:

Dr. Angela Dunn, Executive Director	Dorothy Adams, Associate Director
Ron Lund, EH Director	Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager
Karen Crompton, HS Director	Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor
Nicholas Rupp, PIO	Gabriel Moreno, PIO
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Dan Moore, EH
Andrea George, MO	Jenny Robertson, Admin
Debby Vanetti, Admin	Tyson Jackson, KUTV News
Heather Edwards, Admin.	

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Salt Lake County Board of Health. No public comment received.

MINUTES:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2021, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Councilmember Bradshaw, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2021, Board of Health meeting.* The

motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.” Board member Leticia Medina was not present for the vote.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Excused Board Members

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

New Board Members

Dr. Verbrugge welcomed Dan Eckersley, Pimmie Lopez, and Dr. Dan Poulson to the Board and asked each of them to give a brief background introduction.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Draft Health Department Organization Chart

Dr. Angela Dunn informed the Board that the department reorganization plans continue to move forward with the travel clinic moving from the Government Center to the Salt Lake Public Health Center at the end of October, allowing for a renovation of the space to accommodate the new Population Health Division.

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

HEALTH REGULATION #37 TOBACCO RETAILER & ELECTRONIC SMOKING

DEVICE: Ron Lund, Environmental Health Director, asked the Board to open Health Regulation #37, *Tobacco Retailer & Electronic Smoking Device*, for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign a hearing officer. The department is requesting to repeal the regulation and request a public hearing to receive public comments. Mimi Shen stated that she would serve as the hearing officer. Dr. Verbrugge asked if there was a motion to open Health Regulation #37, for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign Mimi Shen as the hearing officer. *The motion was made by Rylee Curtis, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to open Health Regulation #8 for public comment and assign Mimi Shen as hearing officer.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.” Board member Dr. Dan Poulson was not present for the vote.

Ron gave an overview of the Tobacco Control Program with a Power Point presentation. Slides included:

- Tobacco Retailer and Electronic Smoking Device Regulation
- Action: Request Regulation Appeal
- Tobacco Control & Prevention
- Focus Areas
- Tobacco Retailer Types
- General Tobacco Retailer
- Retail Tobacco Specialty
- Community Location
- Salt Lake County Permits and Requirements
- Compliance Checks

- Compliance Checks (Slide 2)
- Compliance Check Data
- Utah Indoor Clean Air Act (UICAA)
- UICAA (Slide 2)
- Penalties: Criminal
- Penalties: General Tobacco Retailer
- Penalties: Retail Tobacco Specialty Business
- Permit Penalties: Other Permit Violations
- Permit Penalties: Other Permit Violations (Slide 2)

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

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Andrea George, Epidemiologist, reviewed data with a Power Point presentation. Slides included:

- Salt Lake County Confirmed COVID-19 Cases
- Number of Cases by Age Group – Last 14 Days
- Hot Spots
- Outbreaks
- Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) Resident Cases by Vaccination Status
- School Updates
- School Cases
- COVID-19 Case Rates by School Districts
- All Grades
- Hospitalized COVID-19 Cases Ages 0-17, Salt Lake County, UT
- Vaccination Coverage
- COVID-NET Hospitalizations by Month
- Statewide Hospital and ICU Utilization
- 1,088 COVID Deaths in Salt Lake County

Dr. Angela Dunn informed Board members that the 65+ boost dose was authorized, and the department is currently scheduling those appointments at the public health clinics in the valley. She explained that County Government is working with consultants to review the federal mandate requiring employee either be vaccinated or test weekly options, as it relates to the County workforce. She stated that the vaccine approval for 5-11 year old's may be approved in November and the vaccination team is working now to plan for administering those doses. Dr. Dunn reminded the Board that currently the department is providing testing at the Salt Lake Public Health Center and two local schools Monday-Friday.

Dorothy Adams, Associate Director, discussed the use of the Medical Reserve Corp. (MRC) members, both medical and non-medical professionals, in vaccination and testing events, with currently over 600 individuals volunteering. The department will be surveying MRC participants to gain feedback on assisting with the events, and use this information to determine placing volunteers in needed response areas.

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

POPULATION HEALTH INFORMATICS BUREAU (PHIB):

Jenny Robertson, Epidemiologist, provided an overview of PHIB with a Power Point presentation. Slides included:

- Healthy Equity
- COVID Response
- Beyond COVID

Dr. Angela Dunn stated that the new Population Health Division, which PHIB will be part of, will be responsible for using data that is accessible to create resilience strategies and immerse health equity into the program and services provided by the department. She reminded the Board that department received a new health equity grant to assist with advancing health equity and health literacy; a two-year grant totaling 3.8 million.

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Dr. Verbrugge adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:58 AM.