

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
May 1, 2025 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

Dr. Bill Cosgrove	Dan Eckersley
Michele Corigliano	Rusty Vetter
Jenny Mayer-Glenn	Steve Chambers
Scott Brown	Jake Fitisemanu
Kalina Duncan	

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE

Councilmember Suzanne Harrison

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Blake Nemelka	Mimi Shen
Dr. Carol Osborn	Dr. Joe Mirci
Mayor Mike Weichers	

GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Ron Lund, EH
Dorothy Adams, EDO	Jeanette Montano, EDO
Stephanie Hart, EDO	Jeff Oaks, EH
Nicholas Rupp, EDO	Andrew Driggs, EDO
Heather Edwards, EDO	Dan Moore, EH
Andrea Gamble, EH	Rick Ledbetter, EH
Nancy Davis, EH	Brylee Stone, EH
Rylie Edwards, EH	

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Kelly Colopy, Human Services	Erin Litvack, Mayor's Office
Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office	Fox 13 News

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 April 3, 2025, Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2025, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, discussed the survey that board members filled out regarding the Board of Health meeting time. After feedback, it was determined that the meeting will remain on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 AM. Dan acknowledged the Board retreat and thanked those in attendance. Dan also reminded everyone that board members are invited to attend the Health Department’s Annual Meeting on May 16th at the Viridian Event Center.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, provided the following updates:

1. Retreat Follow-Up and Operationalization of Ideas

- The Health Department will begin implementing suggestions from the recent Board retreat. Two key initiatives include:
 - **Creation of a Board-Issued Employee Award:** Board members will be asked to volunteer for a small working group to establish criteria for a new Health Department employee award issued by the Board of Health. A formal decision on the group’s composition will be requested at the next meeting. Once criteria are set, the award will be reviewed by the Health Department’s Employee Recognition Committee and implemented using the existing AwardCo platform.
 - **Board Participation in Department Town Halls:** Board members will be invited to attend upcoming staff town halls to introduce themselves and share their role. Scheduling will be coordinated based on availability.

2. Community Partner Spotlights

- In future meetings, the department will feature community partners alongside internal program presentations. Board members are encouraged to submit suggestions for partners to highlight.

3. Medical Advisory Committee Proposal

- Dorothy proposed forming a **Medical Advisory Committee**
- The committee would meet quarterly and include Board members and community health providers to discuss services, identify gaps, and coordinate efforts—especially amid current funding disruptions.
- Interested Board members are encouraged to participate. Dorothy will work with Stacia Sidlow to formalize the group’s structure.

4. Environmental Health Scientist Earth Week Declaration

- Governor Spencer Cox declared April 20–26 as **Environmental Health Scientist Earth Week**.
- Though the department was not involved in the declaration’s creation, it was a welcome surprise and shared with staff.

5. MMR Vaccine Distribution Efforts

- The department received 500 free doses of MMR vaccine from the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

- Outreach events focused on communities with low vaccination rates; at one event alone, more than 150 doses were administered.
- 6. Climate Symposium**
 - The department hosted a well-attended Climate Symposium to discuss strategies for addressing climate change in public health.
 - The event provided opportunities for collaboration with community-based organizations and highlighted ongoing departmental efforts.
- 7. Participation in Intermountain Healthcare’s Community Health Assessment**
 - The department participated in IHC’s community health assessment meetings.
 - Both virtual and in-person sessions offered meaningful discussions with community partners and additional insight into local health data.
 - The department appreciated the opportunity to engage in IHC’s process and noted the strength of Salt Lake County’s community coalitions.
- 8. Measles Update and Community Education**
 - As of April 24, the CDC reported 884 confirmed measles cases across 30 states, with 96% of cases in unvaccinated individuals and three reported deaths.
 - Five cases have been confirmed in Colorado.
 - The department issued a press release reminding residents—especially those born in the 1960s—to review their vaccination status and seek revaccination if needed. Community response and engagement have been strong.
- 9. General Department Activity**
 - April was a particularly busy month, filled with events, meetings, and outreach efforts.
 - Dorothy expressed appreciation for staff efforts and community collaboration throughout the month.

REPEAL HEALTH REGULATION #33:

Ron Lund, Division Director, asked the Board to vote to repeal Health Regulation #33, *Fluoridation in Public Water Supplies*, due to the passing of HB81, which prohibits adding fluoride to public drinking water systems. Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to repeal Health Regulation #33. *A motion was made by Steve Chambers, seconded by Dan Eckersley, to repeal Health Regulation #33.* A roll call vote was taken. The motion did not pass, indicating that the remaining board members present voted “Nay.” Blake Nemelka, Mimi Shen, Mayor Mike Weichers, Dr. Carol Osborn and Dr. Joe Mirci were not present.

INSTALLATION OF 2025 BOARD OFFICERS:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, requested a motion to approve Kalina Duncan for the 2025 2nd Vice Chair, Rusty Vetter for the 2025 1st Vice Chair, and Dan Eckersley for the 2025 Chair. *The motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Michele Corigliano, to approve Kalina Duncan for the 2025 2nd Vice Chair, Rusty Vetter for the 2025 1st Vice Chair, and Dan Eckersley for the 2025 Chair.* A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, showing all board members present voted “Aye.” Blake Nemelka, Mimi Shen, Mayor Mike Weichers, Dr. Carol Osborn and Dr. Joe Mirci were not present.

POOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Rick Ledbetter, Supervisor, gave an overview of Salt Lake County's Swimming Pool Program. He gave a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Pool Program
- Operations
- Operations- Staff
- Pool Program Activities in 2024
- Common Reasons for Pool Closures
- Prevention of waterborne illnesses and drownings
- Cryptosporidiosis a.k.a CRYPTO
- Symptoms
- Challenges with Crypto Outbreaks
- Dramatic reduction in crypto cases
- 2023-2024 followed a similar pattern to 2007-2008 but on a smaller scale
- Cryptosporidium Education and Prevention
- What contributed to the success in the reduction in crypto cases from 2023-2024
- Educational outreach in 2025
- Drowning Prevention
- Drowning Prevention continued
- Cold Plunges: What are they?
- Cold Plunges continued
- Challenges of Cold Plunges
- New Requirements for Cold Plunges
- Questions and Answers

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

MASS GATHERING PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Andrea Gamble, Supervisor, gave an overview of Salt Lake County Health Department's Mass Gathering Program. She gave a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Temporary Food and Mass Gathering
- Food Protection
- Examples of Mass Gatherings
- Toilets and Handwashing Facilities
- Why it's important to have the correct number of toilets...
- Additional Considerations:
- Massage at SLC Marathon
- Petting Zoos
- We work with many partners
- Emergency Medical Care
- Solid and Liquid Waste
- Storm Drains
- Drinking Water Stations
- Additional Items

- Mass Gathering
- Temporary Food Events (4)
- Vendors at Temporary Events
- Color Festival
- Key Challenges
- Temporary Food Events
- Food Preparation Inside Van
- No Live Animals or Children
- Temporary Event Application
- Education
- Temporary Food Booth Requirements
- Closures at a Temporary Event
- Imminent Hazard Analysis 2024
- Goal: Prevent Foodborne Illness
- Handwashing
- Interesting Finds at Temporary Events
- Temporary Food Data
- A Collaborative Effort Across Agencies
- Any Questions?

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Dan Eckersley, Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.