

**SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**March 5, 2026 – 7:30 AM**  
**County Government Center, N2-800**  
**Minutes**

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**BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:**

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| Ben Helland       | Steve Chambers |
| Dr. Bill Cosgrove | Scott Brown    |
| Dr. Carol Osborn  | Rusty Vetter   |
| Dr. Joe Mirci     |                |

**BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE:**

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| Jorge Fierro      | Kalina Duncan   |
| Jenny Mayer-Glenn | Adonis Hardeman |
| Mayor Karen Lang  |                 |

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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| Dan Eckersley                  | Jake Fitisemanu |
| Councilmember Suzanne Harrison |                 |

**GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:**

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| Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty. | Andrew Driggs, EDO   |
| Eric Peterson, EH                 | Stephanie Hart, EDO  |
| Jeanette Montano, EDO             | Heather Edwards, EDO |
| Doug Castillo, EDO                | Ron Lund, EH         |
| Kami Peterson, CS                 | Dan Moore, EH        |
| Andrea George, PH                 | Caroline Moreno, CH  |

**GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:**

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| Gabe Moreno, EDO               | Yanping Ding, Human Services |
| Alysa Stuart, CH               | Erin Litvack, Mayor's Office |
| Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office |                              |

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 AM by Rusty Vetter, 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:**

Rusty Vetter, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2026 Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Dr. Bill Cosgrove, seconded by Steve Chambers, to*

*approve the minutes from the February 5, 2026 Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

### **CHAIR’S REPORT:**

Rusty Vetter, Chair, welcomed Ben Helland, recently appointed by the County Council. Mr. Helland introduced himself and shared his background in healthcare data and higher education.

Chair Vetter also mentioned Dorothy Adams’ recent presentation to the Public Utilities Advisory Committee about Salt Lake County Health Department’s work.

Chair Vetter announced Open Meetings training will be completed individually through the Attorney General’s online platform. Stephanie will send the link and an opportunity for questions will be placed on an agenda at a future meeting.

Chair Vetter also reviewed upcoming events and encouraged Board attendance as schedules allow.

- Public Health Roundtable (March 10)
- Department Annual Meeting (March 20)
- Utah Public Health Association Conference (March 24–25)
- Board of Health Retreat (April 6, Red Butte Garden)
- UALBOH Symposium (April 28–29)

### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

#### **Legislative Update:**

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, reported that raw milk legislation is expected to pass, which would increase availability in retail settings. She noted that the Department of Agriculture will oversee regulation, including inspections and labeling requirements. She also shared that the Health Department will monitor public health impacts and associated costs related to any increase in raw milk consumption.

#### **Public Health Messaging:**

Dorothy Adams discussed ongoing efforts to educate the public on the risks associated with raw milk and other public health concerns. She noted that there was discussion around strengthening proactive communication strategies to better reach and inform the community.

#### **Community Engagement:**

Dorothy Adams reported that the Health Department recently provided a presentation to the Salt Lake County Board of Realtors on meth, mold, and radon. She also highlighted ongoing efforts to increase awareness of Health Department services and strengthen community partnerships.

#### **Immunization Outreach:**

Dorothy Adams shared that outreach teams continue to provide vaccinations in community settings. She noted that teams administered vaccines at locations including the Metro Jail and Maliheh Clinic, totaling over 200 vaccinations in a two-day period.

#### **Infectious Disease Update:**

Annie George, Epidemiology Supervisor, provided a brief respiratory update.

Annie reported that Utah has experienced 358 measles cases statewide, with 44 cases in Salt Lake County. Most cases occurred in January and February, with school-aged children disproportionately affected.

Two primary outbreak settings were discussed:

- **Private School Exposure:**  
A cluster of cases occurred at a private school with a vaccination rate of approximately 70 percent. Several unvaccinated students were excluded from school during the infectious period. Additional cases resulted from household transmission. Annie noted that some families chose to vaccinate following exposure.
- **High School Wrestling Tournament:**  
A symptomatic individual attended a wrestling tournament, resulting in multiple exposures due to close contact. Additional spread occurred at a subsequent state tournament. Staff noted challenges with notification and emphasized the importance of timely communication and adherence to guidance.

Annie reported that outreach efforts included school-based vaccination clinics and direct engagement with families. These efforts resulted in increased vaccination uptake in some cases.

Dorothy Adams noted that the Health Department continues to provide education, vaccination opportunities, and response efforts to limit further spread.

For a copy of presented materials, please see Board of Health meeting folder.

### **OPIOID PLAN:**

Kelly Colopy, Human Services Director, provided an overview of the Opioid Plan and discussed efforts to address opioid use and overdose prevention in the community.

Salt Lake County is receiving approximately \$90 million in opioid settlement funding through 2038, with over \$30 million received to date. Funds support prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction efforts, including treatment programs, naloxone distribution, and workforce and data investments.

Future efforts focus on expanding prevention, treatment access, reentry support, and community-based programs to reduce opioid misuse and overdose deaths.

The Board discussed the plan and its alignment with broader public health strategies.

*A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Dr. Bill Cosgrove, to support the opioid plan proposal. The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”*

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**BUDGET UPDATE/UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS DISPOSITION:**

Rusty Vetter, Chair, noted that Andrew Driggs had previously provided detailed information to the Board of Health Fiscal Subcommittee.

Andrew Driggs, Fiscal Manager, presented a request for approval of the disposition of uncollectible clinical service accounts from 2021–2023. The Board discussed the request and financial considerations.

*A motion was made by Dr. Joe Mirci, seconded by Steve Chambers, to approve the disposition of the uncollectible clinical service accounts from 2021–2023. The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”*

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Rusty Vetter, Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.