

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
June 4, 2026 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

Steve Chambers
Dan Eckersley
Jenny Mayer-Glenn
Rusty Vetter

Kalina Duncan
Scott Brown
Dr. Carol Osborn
Dr. Joe Mirci

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE:

Jorge Fierro

Jake Fitisemanu

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ben Helland
Dr. Bill Cosgrove
Mayor Karen Lang

Adonis Hardeman
Councilmember Suzanne Harrison

GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Jeanette Montano, EDO
Stephanie Hart, EDO
Heather Edwards, EDO
Ron Lund, EH
Eric Peterson, EH
Jessica Antezano, EH
Nicholas Rupp, EDO
Kami Peterson, CS
Jeff Smart, CH
Emily Roberts, PH

Nicole May, CS
Brylee Stone, EH
Breana Reichert, CS
Lisa Nokes, EDO
Mikayla Holt, EH
Claudia Ceron, CH
Dede Vilven, EH
Ayan Nor, PH
Natalie Brooks, CS
Melanie Mitchell, DA's Office

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Erin Litvack, Mayor's Office
Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office
Ellie Brownstein
Tori
Sarah Mora
Riley H
Jasmine
Fox 13

Kelly Colopy, Human Services
Sarah Woosley
Susan Li
Paige
Marta M.
Makenna C
Jack K

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:

Sarah Woolsey, a family physician with 25 years of experience in community health, expressed continued concern regarding the proposed ICE detention facility. She cited recent reports describing deficiencies in medical care, mental health treatment, oversight, and transparency within DHS detention facilities. She urged the Board to maintain strong health code expectations, ensure regular transparency and oversight if the facility proceeds, and continue opposing the proposed detention facility, citing concerns about its potential impact on the community and public health.

Ellie Brownstein, a pediatrician, expressed opposition to the proposed ICE detention facility, citing concerns about the potential impacts of detention on children's physical and mental health, including trauma and developmental effects. She also raised concerns about the risk of communicable disease transmission in a congregate setting and encouraged the Board to continue opposing the proposed facility.

Susan Li, a University of Utah nursing student, identified herself and stated that her attendance was part of a class assignment. No substantive public comment was made.

MINUTES:

Rusty Vetter, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2026, Board of Health meeting. *Kalina Duncan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Joe Mirci, to approve amended minutes from the May 7, 2026, Board of Health meeting. The amendment should include revising the final motion to reflect that the vote was conducted by oral vote, with the majority voting in favor. Add a note, following adjournment, with the help of counsel, indicating there was a procedural error in the way the vote was conducted. Specifically, no opportunity for discussion was offered, and no opportunity to abstain was provided before the voice vote. This matter will be revisited at the next Board meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Rusty Vetter, Chair, gave the report.

There will be no July Board of Health meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Dorothy Adams provided the Director's Report and shared the following departmental updates:

Communicable Disease Updates

Dorothy reported that Salt Lake County has not identified any additional measles cases. She noted that staff continue to investigate suspected cases and monitor individuals returning from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan in accordance with public health guidance.

Fiscal Manager Recruitment

Dorothy reported that recruitment for the Fiscal Manager position is underway following the recent vacancy. She shared that interviews had been completed, reference checks were in progress, and that the department is hoping to fill the position soon.

NEST Program

Dorothy reported that the Nurturing Early Success Together (NEST) program officially launched, replacing portions of the previous Nurse-Family Partnership model.

Immunization and WIC Programs

Dorothy reported a significant decline in immunization utilization, including decreases beyond COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccinations. She explained that staff are reviewing data by clinic, age group, and vaccine type to better understand the trends and identify additional outreach opportunities. She also reported a decline in WIC participation while noting that additional grant funding had been received to support the program.

Environmental Health

Dorothy reported that the Electronic Vehicle Replacement Assistance Program will launch this month. She also recognized Environmental Health staff for their response to the Riverton boil water advisory, noting that staff provided outreach and education to more than 100 affected businesses to help them safely continue operations during the advisory.

Community Health

Dorothy reported that the Safe Kids program distributed nearly 200 bicycle helmets to veteran families and continued providing injury prevention education. She also shared that the Healthy Salt Lake website has been redesigned, and she announced that the completed electronic Community Health Assessment would be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

Emergency Preparedness

Dorothy reported that Population Health conducted a bioterrorism tabletop exercise involving more than 50 external partners to strengthen regional emergency preparedness and response coordination.

Board Discussion

Board members asked questions regarding immunization trends, monitoring of travelers returning from affected countries, public health planning for summer events, and follow-up on priorities identified during the Board retreat

CHANGE TO 2026 BOARD OFFICERS:

Rusty Vetter, Chair, asked for a motion to approve Steve Chambers as 2026 First Vice Chair Kalina Duncan as 2026 Second Vice Chair. This request is due to Kalina's obligation to a Utah Association of Local Boards of Health appointment in 2027. *The motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Jenny Mayer-Glenn, to approve Steve Chambers as 2026 First Vice Chair, Kalina Duncan as 2026 Second Vice Chair.* The motion passed unanimously, showing all board members present voted "Aye."

MPS ATTESTATION:

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, reviewed the information for the State Minimum Performance Standards attestation and asked the Board to attest that the Department meets the State Minimum Performance Standards. *A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to attest that the Department meets the State Minimum Performance Standards.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

For a copy of the State Minimum Performance Standards attestation, please see documentation in the Board of Health meeting folder.

REGULATION #34 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY

CORRECTIONAL CENTERS:

Ron Lund, Division Director, provided the Board with a comparison between Regulation #34: *Correctional Institutions and Community Correctional Centers* and last month’s congregate living presentation and state and federal guidelines. He gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Overview

Ron Lund reviewed Health Regulation #34, ICE National Detention Standards, the Utah Correctional Facilities Handbook, homeless resource centers, and potential future regulatory considerations.

State and Federal Guidelines

Ron summarized existing state and federal detention standards, noting they address public health, environmental health, medical, dental, and mental health services but contain limited guidance regarding immunizations and quiet hours.

Inspections and Medical Care

Ron outlined the agencies responsible for inspections, medical oversight, and outbreak investigations within correctional facilities and explained the current division of responsibilities among state, local, and federal entities.

Current Regulation #34

Ron reviewed the public health provisions currently included in Regulation #34, including food safety, sanitation, drinking water, wastewater, ventilation, communicable disease isolation, heating and cooling, lighting, and solid waste.

Provisions to Consider

Ron identified potential additions to Regulation #34, including medical waste handling, mandatory disease reporting, tuberculosis screening, immunization requirements, healthcare services, staffing considerations, outbreak investigations, and provisions related to families and children.

Homeless Resource Centers

Ron explained that homeless resource centers differ from correctional facilities because participation is voluntary. He reviewed complaint trends and noted that existing regulations have been sufficient to address complaints received since 2021.

Considerations if Homeless Resource Centers Were Added to Regulation #34

Ron discussed considerations if homeless resource centers were included in Regulation #34, including defining facility types, identifying applicable provisions, engaging stakeholders, and distinguishing which requirements should apply to different congregate living settings.

Recommendations

Ron recommended requesting access to any proposed ICE detention facility during construction and operation to promote transparency and public health oversight, amending Regulation #34 to strengthen identified public health provisions, continuing to address homeless resource center complaints under the current regulatory framework, avoiding duplication of inspections conducted by other agencies, and developing guidance for temporary resource centers during emergency shelter operations.

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

A motion was made by Dan Eckersley to send a letter to the Department Homeland Security to request access to any proposed ICE detention facility during construction and operation and promote transparency and public health oversight. Jorge Fierro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, showing all board members present voted “Aye.”

A motion was made by Dr. Carol Osborn to take the position of opposing an ICE Detention Facility until such time as the Board can assess whether the Department of Homeland Security has fully complied with the Salt Lake County Board of Health’s environmental and public health regulations. Jenny Mayer-Glenn seconded the motion. Jake Fitisemanu and Jorge Fierro also voted in support of the motion. Scott Brown, Dan Eckersley, and Steve Chambers voted no. Kalina Duncan, Dr. Joe Mirci and Rusty Vetter abstained. Dr. William Cosgrove, Ben Helland, Adonis Hardeman, Councilmember Suzanne Harrison, and Mayor Karen Lang were absent. During the meeting, the outcome of the motion was not clearly established following the announcement of the votes. The recorded votes were reviewed, and it was confirmed that the motion had passed.

EXPLORING LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC HEALTH (ELPH) PROJECT PRESENTATION:

Due to time constraints, this item was not presented.

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