

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
August 5, 2021 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800

Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4), the Salt Lake County Board of Health Chair has issued written determinations supporting Salt Lake County Board of Health’s decision to convene electronic meetings of the Board without a physical anchor location. Due to the health and safety risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, members of the public should not attend Board meetings in person. However, members of the public are invited and encouraged to view and participate in the Board’s electronic meetings as described below.

WebEx (toll free in the U.S.):
Call: 1-415-655-0003
Access Code: 146 573 4029
Meeting Password: 0821

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw
Michele Corigliano
Rylee Curtis

Mayor Robert Dahle
Kalina Duncan
Roderic Land
Leticia Medina

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Mollie Nordgren

Mimi Shen

GUESTS/STAFF:

Dr. Angela Dunn, Exec. Director
Dagmar Vitek, Deputy Director
Ron Lund, EH Director
Zachary Stovall, Fiscal Manager
Nicholas Rupp, PIO
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Eric Peterson, EH
Anni McKinnon, CH
Terry Begay, MO
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Michael Yei
Jessica Stewart
Blaine Johnson
Jennifer Navarro
Arlene Hymas
Caitlyn Johnson
Eric Morgan, KSL News

Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director
Audrey Stevenson, FH Director
Jeff Smart, CH Director
Karen Crompton, HS Director
Gabriel Moreno, PIO
Dan Moore, EH
Ryan Blair, EH
Andrea George, MO
Debby Vanetti, Admin
Heather Edwards, Admin.
Holly Uphold
Zackary Noyce
Jeremiah Olsen
Jacob Klopfenstein
Jeremy Dunyon
Tyson Jackson, KUTV News

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. Dr. Verbrugge read a Board determination for the record, “Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4), the Salt Lake County Board of Health Chair has issued written determinations supporting Salt Lake County Board of Health’s decision to convene electronic meetings of the Board without a

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CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Verbrugge stated the Board of Health is interested in receiving public comments but does not have decision making authority in the area of mask mandates or requirements. Comments are limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise approved by the Board Chair, and participants contacted the Board assistant to have their name added to the list for public comment. The following individuals provided comment regarding a mask mandate for schools: Holly Uphold, Jessica Stewart, Zachary Noyce, Blaine Johnson, Jeremiah Olsen, and Jennifer Navarro.

MINUTES:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2021, Board of Health meeting. *The motion was made by Councilmember Bradshaw, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2021, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Excused Board Members

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

Environmental Quality Advisory Committee (EQAC) Chair

Dr. Verbrugge asked if there was a motion to approve Mollie Nordgren to represent the Board as Chair of the EQAC. *The motion was made by Roderic Lane, seconded by Leticia Medina, to appoint Mollie Nordgren as the Chair of EQAC.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Health Department Update

Dr. Angela Dunn informed Board members that she continues to immerse herself into getting to know the entire health department programs, bureaus, and divisions, to learn the work that is being done throughout the department. She also announced that this would be the last Board meeting for Dr. Dagmar Vitek, who will retire at the end of September and thanked Dr. Vitek for her service.

Grey Water Systems Email to Board of Health

Ron Lund, Environmental Health Director, discussed a recent email the Board of Health received inquiring about recycling grey water for residential irrigation purposes. He briefly explained some of the requirements that would require Salt Lake County to opt-in to the State of Utah's program and discussed the need for homeowners, in order to recycle grey water, to have a completely separate system for grey water and other wastewater, to separate them prior to distribution of water, requiring individuals to have two separate systems. Ron will prepare information to respond to the email on behalf of the Board.

Michael Yei Award Recognition

Dorothy Adams, Deputy Director, presented a certificate of recognition to Michael Yei for his exemplary service to the residents of Salt Lake County during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Yei was instrumental in

supporting the AmeriCorps ‘Purple 6’ team that worked to support quarantine and isolation facilities and mass sites for testing and vaccinations, and the department is appreciative of his leadership and contribution to the health response.

K-12 SCHOOL PLAN:

Dr. Angela Dunn informed Board members that she is working with the Utah Department of Health, the local health officers, members of the Utah State Legislature, and school superintendents for public, charter, and private schools, to determine the best school plan for this upcoming year. She reviewed updated guidance on <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/education/> which recommends a layered prevention strategy for K-12 schools. Dr. Dunn informed the Board that currently the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that K-6 schools require universal masking in schools beginning this fall, to further protect kids under 12 who are not currently eligible for vaccine. She reminded the Board that the Utah State Legislature set the provision that a local health department can issue an order of constraint, with County Executive support, but the County legislative body can overturn it immediately with a majority vote.

Dr. Verbrugge stated that the letter to Mayor Wilson and County Council, included in the meeting packet, makes a statement in support of a mask requirement for K-6 schools from the Board, as a way to protect the younger population who are not currently vaccine eligible. After brief discussion by Board members Dr. Verbrugge asked if there was a motion to approve forwarding the Board letter to Mayor Wilson and the Salt Lake County Council in support of a K-6 mask recommendation. *The motion was made by Mayor Robert Dahle, seconded by Leticia Medina, to approve forwarding the Board letter.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

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

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Dr. Angela Dunn stated that health response team is discussing the surge and staffing up for both contact tracing and testing efforts. Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Director, informed the Board that the vaccine branch provided over 14,000 vaccine doses last week and have begun to see an increase in demand for the vaccine and are now providing the vaccine in all five of the public health centers located throughout the county. The vaccination branch continues to focus on outreach efforts with community partners and provide equity outreach efforts with community health workers assisting to educate individuals in areas with lower vaccination rates and is monitoring the discussions related to booster doses. Terry Begay, Medical Surge Program Manager, reported that hospitalization rates have seen an increase with currently 391 confirmed cases, 169 cases in the ICU, and ICU utilization increased from 80% to 83%. Andrea George, Epidemiologist, reviewed data with a Power Point presentation. Slides included:

- COVID-19 Daily Update
- 7-Day Average Daily Percent Positivity
- Hot Spots
- Number of Cases by Age Group – Last 14 Days
- COVID-19 Ethnicity and Race
- Statewide Hospital and ICU Utilization

- COVID-NET Hospitalizations by Month
- Number of COVID-19 Cases by Week with Percent of Cases Hospitalized
- Variants
- Percent of COVID-19 Cases Hospitalized Compared with the Number of Delta Variant Cases Identified.

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

HEALTH LITERACY GRANT UPDATE:

Dr. Angela Dunn informed Board members that the department received a new health equity grant to assist with advancing health literacy; a two-year grant totaling 3.8 million. Anni McKinnon, Chronic Disease Program Manager, presented information on the new grant through a PowerPoint presentation. Slides included:

- Purpose and Funding
- Public Health 3.0
- Implementation Plan
- Equity Focus
- Northwest Quadrant Zip Codes/Race & Ethnicity
- Moving in the Right Direction⁹⁺
- Victory Road
- 3rd Party Agitators
- Synopsis

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Dr. Verbrugge adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:49 AM.