

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
October 2, 2025 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

Dr. Bill Cosgrove	Scott Brown
Kalina Duncan	Rusty Vetter
Dan Eckersley	Jenny Mayer-Glenn
Dr. Joe Mirci	Michele Corigliano
Steve Chambers	Adonis Hardeman
Mayor Karen Lang	Carol Osborn

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE:

Councilmember Suzanne Harrison	Jake Fitisemanu
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EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Blake Nemelka

GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Kami Peterson, CS
Stephanie Hart, EDO	Ron Lund, EH
Andrew Driggs, EDO	Nicholas Rupp, EDO

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office

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 September 4, 2025, Board of Health meeting. Requested amendments to the meeting minutes include adding Carol Osborn as attending online and to add a video link from Laura Briefer's presentation to the minutes. *A motion was made by Michelle Corigliano, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve the amended minutes from the September 4, 2025, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, noted that the annual Meet & Greet was successful with great discussion. He thanked everyone who attended. Dan also mentioned that the Board of Health Employee Recognition Subcommittee is working on connecting with health department employees to work on the Board issued employee recognition award. It will be an award given twice per year and hope to have the first award issued next year. Dr. Bill Cosgrove gave an update on Medical Advisory Committee. The subcommittee met and the group agreed that its primary functions are to share information between the Health Department and community partners, convene meetings among stakeholders without being influenced by financial, political, or social pressures, and identify gaps in services to promote collaboration and reduce duplication. Their guiding principle is to “convene, convert, and collectively lead.”

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, gave the Director's Report.

Meet & Greet and Community Engagement

Dorothy Adams thanked Board members who were able to attend the recent Meet & Greet, noting that it was a valuable opportunity to engage with members of the County Council and local leaders, including the Mayor of South Jordan. She shared her appreciation for the diverse community perspectives and expressed hope that more mayors will be able to attend future events, acknowledging the difficulty of scheduling a time that works for everyone. Dorothy extended her gratitude to staff—specifically Stephanie Hart and Nicholas Rupp—for leading the planning and logistics of the Meet & Greet, recognizing their hard work in making the event a success.

At the Meet & Greet, participants identified their top three priorities for public health. Dorothy noted that staff are compiling and analyzing this input to identify common themes. She added that many of these issues align with findings from the department's recent Community Health Assessment, as well as those completed by Intermountain Health and the University of Utah, indicating consistent needs across multiple assessments.

Staff Town Hall and Communication

Dorothy thanked those who participated in the recent staff Town Hall, emphasizing that these sessions are designed to update employees and answer questions about ongoing initiatives. She appreciated the engagement and support from staff and board members, noting that open communication helps strengthen department unity.

Board Retreat Planning and Strategic Alignment

Dorothy highlighted that the department continues to align its work with priorities identified during the April Board Retreat. She recommended holding the next retreat again in April, following the legislative session.

Collaboration with Community Partners

Dorothy noted that today's presentations on community outreach reflect the department's ongoing effort to strengthen relationships with partners, align limited resources, and prevent duplication of services while ensuring that community needs are met.

Medical Advisory Subcommittee

Dorothy expressed enthusiasm for the creation of the new Medical Advisory Subcommittee, describing it as an important resource for staff and the Board to strengthen coordination on public health issues.

New Hires

Dorothy welcomed two new employees to key operational roles:

- Trent Coombs, IT Manager
- Cassandra Wanless, Payroll Coordinator

She noted that both bring valuable expertise to critical department functions.

Staff Recognition and Awards

Dorothy celebrated recent staff achievements, including the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and Parents as Teachers (PAT) teams, who received recognition at the Utah Home Visiting Summit. The NFP team maintained an impressive 93% staff retention rate, and Serelem Candedo received the Extra Mile Award for her exceptional work with the Spanish-speaking community. In Environmental Health, Brooke Grundy and Kevin Okelberry were recognized by the Utah Association of Environmental Health, receiving the Gerald Storey Award and Reed Roberts Award, respectively.

Federal Government Shutdown

Dorothy reported that the federal government shutdown is not currently impacting SLCoHD services. Because most federal funding is billed fee-for-service, the department maintains a natural lag that provides temporary protection. If the shutdown extends beyond a month, there could be implications for the Health Fund. The State WIC program remains funded through October or November, and federally mandated programs such as home visiting, Medicaid, and Medicare continue to operate.

COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations

Dorothy reported that COVID-19 and flu vaccinations began this week at all clinic sites and outreach events. COVID vaccine eligibility currently follows FDA guidance for individuals 65+ or those six months and older with qualifying health conditions, requiring client attestation until CDC approval extends eligibility.

She noted that insurance coverage varies, and clients are encouraged to confirm coverage with their providers. The department no longer receives free COVID vaccine doses—having distributed 3,500 last year—and Dorothy is pursuing funding opportunities with Intermountain Health and the University of Utah to support uninsured residents.

Measles Update

Dorothy shared that 44 measles cases have been reported statewide, primarily among unvaccinated individuals, with none in Salt Lake County. She confirmed that the department has secured additional free MMR vaccines from the state to ensure continued access.

Medical Record System Transition

Dorothy announced that the department successfully transitioned to a new electronic medical record system on September 16. She commended the billing and administrative teams for their extensive preparation and training efforts, noting that while some challenges remain, the transition was smooth overall.

Closing Remarks

Dorothy concluded by reaffirming the department's commitment to aligning with Board priorities, maintaining operational stability, and recognizing staff excellence as the department continues to navigate challenges and deliver essential public health services.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, shared a draft Letter to the Editor on vaccine commitment. *A motion was made by Councilmember Suzanne Harrison, seconded by Adonis Hardeman, to submit the letter with additional language on RSV and then add a link in the letter about talking to your provider.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye." Jenny Mayer-Glenn and Blake Nemelka were not present for the vote.

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

SLCOHD'S OUTREACH EFFORTS OVERVIEW:

Gabriel Moreno, Marketing and Outreach Manager for Salt Lake County Health Department and Tyler Harvey, Clinical Services Outreach Coordinator, provided an overview of Salt Lake County Health Department's outreach efforts. They presented a PowerPoint presentation. Their slides included:

- Outreach Offerings (3)
- Outreach by the Numbers
- Events by Month
- Where & When
- Direct Services Offered
- Education Focus Areas
- Outreach Photos (5)
- Who Participated
- Key Partnerships
- Immunization-Clinics
- Immunizations – Doses/Throughout
- Immunizations- Measles Preventative Response
- Highlight: Pride 2025 Festivals
- In Summary

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

GUADALUPE CENTER::

Richard Pater, Executive Director of Guadalupe Center, along with Jennifer Homberg and Paula Oregon, shared an overview about Guadalupe Center's mission, programs, and community impact. They presented a PowerPoint presentation. Their slides included:

- Who We Are
- Who We Serve

- Early Learning Center
- K-6th Elementary School
- Out-Of-School Time
- Adult Education
- Meet Nurse Gabby
- Our Health Initiatives
- Meet Guadalupe Center's Social Work Team
- Thank You

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