

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Special Meeting of the Salt Lake County Board of Health and
Salt Lake County's Legislative Delegation
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2021
7:30-8:30 AM

Due to the health and safety risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the Salt Lake County Board of Health will be conducting this meeting electronically. Consistent with the provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4), the Salt Lake County Board of Health will provide space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public may attend the open portions of the meeting. However, due to the high rate of COVID-19 transmission in the County, members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate in the Board's electronic meeting as described below, rather than attending in person.

Call: 1-415-655-0003
Access Code: 2493 964 9447
Meeting Password: 1215

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair	Roderic Land
Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw	Pimmie Lopez
Michele Corigliano	Leticia Medina
Rylee Curtis	Mollie Nordgren
Mayor Robert Dahle	Dr. Dan Poulson
Kalina Duncan	Mimi Shen
Dan Eckersley	

LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Rep. Cheryl Acton	Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion	Sen. Luz Escamilla
Rep. Jeff Stenquist	Sen. Derek Kitchen
Rep. Jen Dailey-Provost	Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Rep. Elizabeth Weight	Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Suzanne Harrison	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Rep. Karen Kwan	

GUESTS/STAFF:

Dr. Angela Dunn, Executive Director	Dorothy Adams, Associate Director
Ron Lund, EH Director	Jeff Smart, CH Director
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Karen Crompton, HS Director
Justin Stewart, Mayor Wilson Admin	Jill Parker, Director UALHD
Heather Edwards, Admin	

Dr. Dorothea Verbrugge, Chair, stated that this is an official meeting of the Salt Lake County Board of Health and called the meeting to order at approximately 7:32 AM.

2021 HEALTH DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Dr Angela Dunn, Executive Director, welcomed and thanked legislators for their participation in the meeting. She presented information on the COVID-19 response with a PowerPoint presentation, slides included:

- Overview
- Cases Are Plateauing
- Hospitalizations Are Increasing
- Salt Lake County ICUs Are at Capacity Today
- Deaths On the Rise Since Delta
- 9,216 School-Associated Cases Since School Started
- Case Rates by School Districts – All Grades
- 14-day Testing and Percent Positivity by School District
- 71% of SLCo Residents 12+ are Fully Vaccinated
- 25% of 5-11 Year Old's Vaccinated with at least 1 Dose
- 34% of Eligible Fully Vaccinated Residents Have Boosters
- Vaccinations Remain Effective Against Variants
- County's Southwest Corner Continues to Drive Cases

Dr. Dunn stated that the department is providing vaccinations at the five public health centers and holding two clinics on the weekends, no appointment necessary. She also informed the participants that the department continues to focus on vaccination outreach efforts throughout the community. Dr. Dunn referred the legislative delegation to a handout that was shared on behalf of the Utah Association of Local Health Departments with a request to establish base funding at each of the thirteen local health departments that would support key positions as outlined in Utah Administrative Code R380-40, Local Health Minimum Performance Standards.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

Dr. Angela Dunn asked each of the legislator's present to discuss any topics identified for the upcoming legislative session, which included: housing regulations, community health worker certification, support for social workers, addressing food insecurity and funding for food pantries, children health insurance program, emission reduction, substance use and opioids, and suicide prevention. Dr. Dunn stated that the department and Board look forward to working with the group during the 2022 legislative session.

Dr. Verbrugge adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:01 AM.