

SALT LAKE VALLEY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Board of Health Members

Present:

Tom Guinney, Chair
Jane Reister-Conard
Mayor Randy Fitts
Sam Granato
Patrick Johnson
Dr. William Kidder
Sue Lemmon
Dr. Kristen Ries
Alan Seegrift
Donna Tanner
Barbara Thomas
Joyce Valdez
Cecelia Walker
Councilman David Wilde

Staff:

Audrey Stevenson
Royal DeLegge
William Davies
Dan White
Kerry Steadman
Dagmar Vitek
Craig Anderson
Ricardo Flores
Suzanne Kirkham
Dan Kinnersley
Leslie Workman
Sue Nicodemus
Andy Bishop, Staff

Excused:

Cheryl Cook

Guests:

Julia McDougal (U of U)
Kristen Branin (U of U)
Mayor Sandra Lloyd (Riverton)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salt Lake Valley Board of Health was held on Thursday, September 6, 2001, at the Salt Lake County Government Center, 2001 S State Street, N2003. The meeting was called to order by Tom Guinney, Chair, at approximately 7:35 AM.

1. **MINUTES (Action Item):**

(Tom Guinney, Chair)

Tom requested a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 2nd meeting: **Motion:** *Dr. Ries made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Cecelia Walker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.*

2. **CHAIR'S REPORT (Information Item):**

(Tom Guinney, Chair)

Tom reviewed the draft agenda for the BOH Retreat to be held on September 21st from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Room S1002 at the Government Center. Some of the proposed agenda items are: 1) Orientation which would include an overview of the Health Department; 2) Synopsis of each Board Committee; 3) Top 10 Issues for the next 10 years; 4) Fish video presentation.

Tom Guinney presented an engraved vase full of fresh flowers to Jane Reister-Conard from the Board along with a framed letter from Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson in appreciation for her 10 years of service on the Board of Health.

Jane said she had enjoyed her tenure on the Board and thanked everyone.

3. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Information Item):**

(Patti Pavey, Interim Director)

Patti welcomed Patrick Johnson as the newest member of the Board of Health and asked him to give a brief overview of his experience.

Patti said a re-evaluation had been made, and it was decided not to move ahead with the fleet. They will use alternative fuel vehicles whenever possible, but the overall cost to build a fleet is too great when our facility needs are so great. Going back to a fleet would be very controversial and may impact morale since many employees purchased vehicles several years ago when their County cars were eliminated.

She also discussed the communications plan. The cost for communication equipment is going up drastically. To reduce costs and improve communication, particularly, in the case of an emergency, a team of employees is working on a proposal to meet our department's needs.

4. **HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE (Information Item):**

(Kerry Steadman, Associate Director)

Kerry reported that there was a budget process meeting with the Mayor and Human Services Divisions a month ago. The Mayor has said she will not support a tax increase. Budgets are to be submitted flat (same dollars as this year's budget). The only exception will be employee salary increases. Drafts of budgets are due to the Mayor's office by September 17th. Budgets will be forwarded to the Auditor's office by the Mayor by October 1st. The budgets for 2002 will be adopted around December 20th.

5. **BUDGET AND FISCAL COMMITTEE UPDATE (Information Item):**

(Suzanne Kirkham, Administrative Services Director)

Suzanne gave a brief overview of the budget and thanked the Health Department staff for their hard work in putting the budget together.

6. **UALBH REPORT (Information Item):**

(Donna Tanner, Board Member)

The UALBH conference was held in Cleveland, Ohio. The theme was "Healthy Choices." The focus was on state employees, businesses and schools. The president of UALBH is Phil Lyons from Utah. Donna is the president-elect.

The state UALBH conference will be held in Cedar City on September 27th and 28th. Transportation and room charges are covered by the UALBH. If you would like to attend the conference in Cedar City, please give your registration cards to Andy Bishop, and she will forward them as a package to UALBH. She encouraged everyone to attend because there will be a vote on whether the SLVHD Board of Health will increase their seats from one to two.

7. **NOMINATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF DONNA TANNER TO SALT LAKE VALLEY BOARD OF HEALTH (Action Item):**

(Tom Guinney, Chair)

A discussion was held on the process of reappointing a board member to the Salt Lake Valley Board of Health. The Board cannot reappoint her, but the procedure is to request the Mayor's office reappoint her. After the discussion, Tom asked for a motion. **Motion:** *Alan Seegrist made the motion that the Board send a letter requesting that Donna Tanner be reappointed to the Board of Health for another term. The motion was seconded by Barbara Thomas and the vote was unanimous.*

8. **IMMUNIZATION UPDATE (Information Item):**

(Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Services Division Director)

She explained the concept called "Herd Immunity." Some of the benefits of this concept are: 1) medical savings; and 2) Prevention of work loss, death & disability.

SLVHD's immunization rates have been consistently higher than the national rates; however, they are down this year because of several factors. A couple of these are: 1) cost and 2) availability of a couple of vaccines. Cost of providing required vaccines for children is about \$508.00 per child. She showed a chart showing the recommendations schedule for receiving childhood immunizations. A Hepatitis A immunization will be required for school children next year.

The flu vaccine cost is up 400% this year. Twelve nurses last year gave 136,000 immunizations.

The question was asked about the cost of a meningitis immunization for students going to some universities. The cost is \$80, but we currently do not have any of this vaccine.

9. **FACILITIES UPDATE (Information Item):**

(Suzanne Kirkham, Administrative Services Director and Ricardo Flores, Facilities Manager)

Suzanne and Ricardo presented Powerpoint slides of the building space owned or rented by the Health Department. A handout of this information was distributed to Board members. All costs include maintenance, utilities, etc.

Government Center Space:

Cost is \$12.75/sq.ft.

South Main Clinic (WIC, pre-natal, well child, immunization & family planning):

Cost is \$16.66/sq.ft.

Rose Park Clinic (WIC, etc.):

Cost is \$16.60/sq.ft.

This area has been identified as having the greatest need for services and a larger facility.

West Jordan (WIC, immunizations, etc.):

Cost is \$17.82/sq.ft.

This clinic serves 1,500 clients.

Southeast Clinic (WIC, immunizations, etc.):

Cost is \$13.99/sq. ft. \$600,000 was spent to renovate this space. This clinic serves 30,000 people.

610 South Clinic (WIC, immunizations, clinical services, vital records):

Cost is \$6.06/sq.ft.

Services provided to 51,000 clients

Environmental Health Building:

Cost is \$4.22/sq. ft.

Not a lot of public traffic, except for permits issued.

Ellis Shipp Clinic (WIC, immunization, clinical services, pre-natal, dental):

Cost is \$4.92/sq.ft. Services provided for 55,000 clients.

Riverton Clinic (Proposed clinic to provide WIC, etc.):

Cost would be \$10.17/sq.ft.

Client projected at 3,600.

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Patti would like to schedule tours to visit the sites. This item will be discussed at the retreat.

10. **RIVERTON FACILITY (Information Item):**

(Sandra Lloyd, Mayor of Riverton)

Patti introduced Mayor Lloyd and asked her to give an overview of the proposed Riverton clinic. Mayor Lloyd explained how the proposed Riverton clinic and the lease came about with Dr. Vedder. She said the clinic could provide services to South Jordan, Riverton, Draper and Herriman. Riverton has spent approximately \$20,000 to renovate the space. She then asked the Board of their consideration

Tom expressed regret with regard to the problem created and said it would be discussed at the Board retreat on September 21st.

Motion: Mayor Randy Fitts made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Tanner and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 AM.