

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: January 9, 2008

Members present: Leslie Benson, Barbara Fox, Joan Hurlock, Ana Negron, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Dr. Robert Meagher, Scott Seamons, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio), Dr. Dorothy Pittman (ex-officio).
Members absent: Leticia Garcia (excused), Matt Hedges (excused), Terri Mack (excused), Vicki McGahan (excused), Chris Wood (excused), Steve Soto (excused).
Guests attending: Donna Paul, Cynthia Johnston, John Birchielli, Dave Casey, Gary Parent, John Rodgers, Maryanne Treadway.
Staff: Alan Lange, Mary O’Neal, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions	Chair Leticia Garcia was unable to attend the meeting, so Scott Seamons served as Chair.	
Chair’s Report	<p>The Chair shared the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 17, 2007, the California State Assembly passed ABX11. This bill still awaits from the California State Senate. ABX11 (Nunez/Perata) creates an individual mandate with some exceptions, requires employers to “pay or play” on a sliding scale, expands eligibility for public programs, and subsidizes coverage for low-income Californians. On December 28, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger and Speaker Nunez filed an initiative proposal to fund the compromise health reform plan. • On December 11, 2007, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to award the County’s new Level II Trauma Center to Kaiser Permanente. The new trauma center, which will be located at Kaiser South, is scheduled to be open in 2010. Kaiser Permanente edged out the Methodist Hospital of Sacramento to be awarded the new trauma center. • The PHAB meets with the Board of Supervisors’ Chiefs of Staff on Thursday, February 14, at 3:20 p.m. This meeting will be held in Room 2450 of the County Building, which is located at 700 H St. 	* Staff will develop an agenda for the PHAB’s meeting with the Chiefs of Staff on February 14.
Action Item: Meeting Minutes	The PHAB Minutes from December 5, 2007 were unanimously approved.	* M/S (Benson, 1 st ; Russell, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Minutes from December 5, 2007.
Action Item: Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition Prevention Plan	John Birchielli, who is the newly-elected chair of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition (COPC), brought his group’s Prevention Plan before the PHAB for final approval. The COPC spent two years developing this 16-page document, which makes recommendations regarding childhood obesity in the following areas: Health Care; Community-Level; Environmental; School-Based; and, Pre-School/Childcare. Dr. Trochet thanked the COPC for all its hard work and said that it will continue to advocate for funds for an obesity program in the future.	* M/S (Dr. Russell, 1 st ; Benson, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the COPC’s Prevention Plan.
Division Update	<p><u>Primary Care Division:</u> Dr. Dorothy Pittman reported spoke briefly regarding the upcoming County Budget for 2008-09. Early indications suggest that the Primary Care Services will be faced with budget cuts. Primary Cares main is presently looking at the following considerations: how these cuts will affect services at local clinics; and, evaluating how to maintain the current level of services with fewer resources.</p> <p><u>Public Health Division:</u> Dr. Glennah Trochet reported on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methicillin-Resistant Staph Aureus (MRSA). The MRSA bacteria has been widely reported in the media recently. The MRSA bacteria is commonly found on over 10 percent of the population and is contagious. It is often spread at schools through contact in locker rooms, and dormitories. Despite assurances by the County Health Officer, two local schools recently closed down temporarily due to a MRSA scare at the behest of attorneys. Dr. Trochet stressed that this was unnecessary and that 	* Staff will extend an invitation to all PHAB members to attend the DHHS Public Health Division-wide meeting on January 31.

	<p>schools can be proactive against MRSA by simply making sure that students thoroughly wash their hands several times each day. Public health does not have to track MRSA numbers at the present, although Dr. Trochet warned that this could change in the future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Budget for 2008-09: Early indicators suggest that DHHS is looking at a \$5 to \$7 million deficit for the upcoming budget. Dr. Trochet said that her staff is currently looking for ways to cut its budget without impacting programs and services. The State of California currently faces a \$14 billion deficit for 2008-09. This will likely impact programs and services that received State Matching Funds. In the past, the County has avoided making cuts to programs receiving State Matching Funds because they get “more bang for their buck.” Given the nature of the expected State deficit, this could change. The County Budget Office will make their first presentation regarding the County 2008-09 Budget to the Board of Supervisors on February 5 (FYI: the PHAB will received a presentation from the County Budget Office at its meeting on February 6); • The Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services’ Public Health Division-wide meeting on Thursday, January 31. This annual event, which provides an opportunity to meet with each other and learn about all the programs in Public Health, will be held at Lions Gate in McClellan Business Park at 5640 Dudley Boulevard, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dr. Trochet extended an invitation to members of the PHAB to attend this meeting, which will feature a presentation regarding UC Davis’ new Public Health School; • The Public Health Division’s Priorities for 2008 remain largely the same as they were in 2007, the issue of Violence Prevention has been added. Violence Prevention can be broken down into three categories: youth (versus youth) violence; domestic violence; and, violence against children (by adults). Public Health is currently developing a Shaking Babies Syndrome program and asked if anyone from the PHAB would be interested in participating. Dr. Russell expressed interest; and, • The heavy wind storm in the first days of 2008 created many issues as thousands of residence were without electricity for an extended period of time. The County activated its Disaster Preparedness Advance Team to assist with the crisis. This team contacted local nursing and care homes to ensure that their needs were being met. 	
Action Item: PHAB Outreach Presentation	The Education & Outreach Committee worked with Lisa Matalonis to develop the PHAB’s PowerPoint Outreach Presentation. This presentation was shown to the PHAB in November, however, was not formally approved. The PHAB voted unanimously to approve the PowerPoint Outreach Presentation.	* M/S (Russell, 1 st ; Benson, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB PowerPoint Outreach Presentation. * Staff will e-mail the presentation to all PHAB members.
Action Item: HIV Health Services Planning Council appointments	The HIV Health Services Planning Council requested that the PHAB approve the appointments of six new members: Jim Austin, Jeff Koertzen, Michael Zlata, Bob Kamrath, and Ronnie Castillo. The PHAB unanimously approved these appointments.	* M/S (Benson 1 st , Russell, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the appointments of Jim Austin, Jeff Koertzen, Michael Zlata, Bob Kamrath, and Ronnie Castillo to the HIV Health Services Planning Council.
Announcements		
Adjourn		Next meeting: March 5, 12 noon.