

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: February 6, 2008

Members present: Leticia Garcia, Leslie Benson, Scott Seamons, Barbara Fox, Vicki McGahan, Chris Wood, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio), Dr. Dorothy Pitman (ex-officio).

Members absent: Joan Hurlock (excused), Dr. Rorbert Meagher (excused), Dr. Ray Wilson (excused), Terri Mack (excused), Ana Negron (excused), Matt Hedges, Dr. Dorothy Pitman (ex-officio).

Guests attending: Linda Foster-Hall, Michael Tateschi, Caroline Martin, Jeff King, Rebekah Anderson, Donna Paul, Maryanne Bennett.

Staff: Mary O’Neal, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions		
Chair’s Report	<p>The Chair shared the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On January 28, the California State Senate Health Committee blocked the health care reform bill ABX11. This would have created an individual mandate with some exceptions, required employers to “pay or play” on a sliding scale, expanded eligibility for public programs, and subsidized coverage for low-income Californians; • Steve Soto has resigned from the PHAB. Soto recently changed jobs and due to scheduling conflicts has elected to step down from the PHAB; • The PHAB will convene a Nominating Committee on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in order to interview four candidates; • The County’s Tobacco Litigation Settlement Funds RFP is looking for reviewers. The RFP was released last week and it is anticipated that the proposal review will take place the last week of March. Anyone who would like to be reviewer is encouraged to contact staff (Kimberly Bankston-Lee at 876-5696 or by e-mail at leekim@saccounty.net); and, • Two Town Hall meetings have been scheduled in order to provide Sacramento County residents the opportunity to discuss the Capital Region Healthy Futures Project. These meetings will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, and Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday’s meeting will be held at the County Department of Human Assistance building located at 2700 Fulton Avenue in the Arden-Arcade area. Wednesday’s meeting will be at the DHA’s 2450 Florin Road facility in South Sacramento. This meeting is free and open to the public. 	
Action Item: Meeting Minutes	The PHAB Minutes from January 9 were unanimously approved without changes.	* M/S (Seamons, 1 st ; Wood, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Minutes from January 9 as is.
Budget Presentation: Linda Foster-Hall of the County Office of Budget & Debt Mgmt.	<p>Linda Foster-Hall, who is the director of the County Office of Budget & Debt Management, gave a presentation on the County Budget 2008-09. Because of the ongoing housing slump, Sacramento County is facing a \$40 to \$60 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year, which will likely impact programs and services throughout the county.</p> <p>At the State level, Governor Schwarzenegger has hinted at a 10 percent cut for all programs and services. Sacramento County is currently using this 10 percent figure as a measuring stick of what it will likely have to cut. Many of Sacramento County’s programs and services receive matching funds from the federal and state governments. These programs will likely be impacted as the County has no way to account for matching funds if they are not received.</p>	* Staff will invite DHHS Budget Analyst Michael Tateischi to give Budget Updates at future PHAB meetings.

	<p>Michael Tateischi, who is the Budget Analyst for DHHS, explained that Primary Care Services will likely be impacted more than Public Health Services which rely on federal and state matching funds. Tateischi said that he would be happy to come back and give the PHAB future updates on budget issues.</p>	
<p>Presentation: Tobacco Control Coalition</p>	<p>Carolyn Martin gave the PHAB a Standing Committee update regarding the Tobacco Control Coalition (TCC). The TCC has been busy working on several issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Smoke-Free, Multi-Unit Housing</u>: The TCC has been collaborating with the Sacramento Rental Housing Association to advocate for smoke-free, multi-unit housing. The City and County of Sacramento have both signed resolutions advocating for this issue. The City of Rancho Cordova is currently considering a similar resolution; • <u>Smoke-Free Restaurant Patios</u>: The TCC is working with downtown restaurants to advocate for smoke-free patios. Martin reported that 70 to 80 percent of local restaurants are behind the concept of smoke-free patios; • <u>Tobacco Retail Licensing</u>: The sale of tobacco products in the City of Folsom has been an issue. The TCC is working with the City of Folsom to pass an ordinance that will fine stores that are caught selling tobacco products to minors. The fine will consist of preventing the store in question from selling tobacco products for a 30-day period. It is estimated that the average store sells approximately \$350,000 in tobacco products each year; and, • <u>Tobacco Litigation Fund Grants</u>: The UC Davis Med Center, Shriners’s Hospital, and possibly Mercy San Juan Hospitals are going smoke-free. Kaiser and Sutter already have this policy. Martin showed the PHAB the Quit Kits that the TCC is handing out to help people quit smoking. The kit has been a very successful promotional tool for the TCC, which says that 50 percent of the people who receive Quit Kits are reporting that they have been success in quitting smoking. <p>Martin also reported that the TCC is looking into the increasing number of Hookah Bars in Sacramento County. Hookah pipes are very popular with young adults according to Martin, who said she had an article explaining this issue that she would forward to the PHAB.</p>	<p>* Staff will forward article on Hookah Bars to the members of the PHAB.</p>
<p>Division Update</p>	<p><u>Primary Care Division</u>: Dr. Dorothy Pittman was not present to give an update. <u>Public Health Division</u>: Dr. Glenn Trochet reported on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHHS Public Health held its third annual Division-Wide Meeting at the Lion’s Gate on January 31. Over 300 people were on hand for this event, which featured a presentation on the proposed UC Davis School of Public Health by Dr. John Troija; • The rate of sexually-transmitted disease – specifically chlamydia, syphilis, and gonorrhea – continue to be an issue in Sacramento County, where rates are higher than averages throughout the state of California. Although the number of cases keep increasing, Dr. Trochet was worried that the number of people being tested for these STD’s continues to drop; • Domestic Violence has been prioritized as an issue to be addressed by Public Health. Human trafficking is becoming an international issue and Dr. Trochet expressed concern that this could become an issue in Sacramento County; and, • PBS will air the four-hour mini-series “Unnatural Causes” (locally on KVIE) beginning on Thursday, March 27, at 10 p.m. The remaining segments will air on Thursdays, April 3, 10 and 17, all at 10 p.m. This mini-series will focus on the health care in the United States, which spends more money on health care than any other country yet its citizens are ranked 29th in the world in life expectancy. 	<p>* Staff will forward information to PHAB members regarding the Public Health 101 course being offered at UC Davis.</p>
<p>Presentation: Primary Care Division Pharmacy</p>	<p>Steve Golka of the Primary Care Division’s Pharmacy was scheduled to give an overview of his department, but was unable to attend.</p>	

Action Item: Trans Fat Recommendation	Due to a lack of quorum, the PHAB was not able to vote on this issue. This item was tabled until March.	* Staff will put the Action Item to approve the Trans Fat Recommendation on the PHAB March agenda.
Action Item: Criteria for Developing Letters of Recommendations	Due to a lack of quorum, the PHAB was not able to vote on this issue. This item was tabled until March.	* Staff will put the Action Item to approve the Criteria for Developing Letters of Recommendation on the PHAB March agenda.
Action Item: Testimonial Letter for EMD	Due to a lack of quorum, the PHAB was not able to vote on this issue. Because the EMD needs this Testimonial Letter by February 15, staff will put ask the Executive Committee to address this issue at its meeting on February 15.	* Staff will put the Action Item for approving the Testimonial Letter for the EMD on the Executive Committee agenda on Feb. 15.
Announcements	The PHAB gave an outreach presentation to the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition on February 20.	
Adjourn		Next meeting: April 2, 12 noon.