

**Public Health Advisory Board**  
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**Meeting Notes: March 4, 2009**

**Members present:** Dr. Robert Meagher, Marty Keale, Leslie Benson, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Joan Hurlock, Vicki McGahan, Peter Simpson, Rebekah Anderson, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio), Dr. Pitman (ex-officio).  
**Members absent:** Scott Seamons (excused), Dr. Anthony Russell (excused), Mia Orr (excused), Leticia Garcia (excused), Terri Mack, Ana Negron.  
**Guests attending:** Lynn Frank, Crystal Rowland, Jennifer Smith, Gary Parent, Dave Casey, Ronnie Castillo.  
**Staff:** Alan Lange, Paul Hicks, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
<b>Introductions</b>	Dr. Robert Meagher served as Chair for the meeting.	
<b>Chair’s Report</b>	<p>The Chair shared the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The PHAB will be meeting with Jim Hunt, interim Director of the Countywide Services Agency, on March 16 to discuss the PHAB’s Beilenson Hearing recommendation that the County bring together stakeholders to discuss the future of healthcare implementation in Sacramento County.</li> <li>+ The meeting to discuss the future of the Oak Park Clinic that was scheduled for Thursday, March 12, has been postponed. Lynn Frank, director of the DHHS, will be re-scheduling this meeting.</li> <li>+ The Perinatal Periods of Risk Leadership Group, in collaboration with the Perinatal &amp; Child Health Advisory Committee (PCHAC) and the Black Infant Health Community Advisory Committee (BIH-CAB) held “A Healthy Baby Begins With You” Conference at the Sutter Health University on February 26. The conference, which was attended by approximately 120 people, was an unqualified success.</li> <li>+ The Human Services Coordinating Council will hold 10 Town Hall meetings in late-March and early-April in order to gather input on community priorities. The group is looking for volunteers to help facilitate these meetings, so anyone interested in participating should contact staff.</li> <li>+ The Public Health Division program update by Kerry Shearer on Public Health Messages and Communications that was scheduled to be given to the PHAB today has been postponed.</li> <li>+ The Board of Supervisors appointed Peter Simpson to the PHAB at its meeting on February 25. Congratulations to Mr. Simpson and welcome to the PHAB.</li> <li>+ The PHAB will be convening a Nominating Committee to address the vacancy created when Chris Wood termed off at the end of the 2008. The PHAB is looking for someone who will fit into the “Health” category. If anyone has any ideas regarding potential nominees, please speak with staff.</li> <li>+ Leslie Benson gave a presentation on behalf of the PHAB to the Sacramento Environmental Commission on February 23. Rebekah Anderson will give a presentation on the PHAB’s behalf to the Citrus Heights Collaborative on April 10.</li> </ul>	
<b>Action Item: Meeting Minutes</b>	The PHAB unanimously approved its Meeting Minutes from February 4 without changes.	+ M/S (Benson, 1 <sup>st</sup> ; Meagher, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) to approve the PHAB Minutes from February 4; approved.
<b>Standing Committee Update: Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition</b>	<p>Crystal Rowland gave an overview of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition (COPC). The COPC unveiled their obesity Prevention Plan at their “Creating Healthy Environments” event on April 17, 2008. The COPC has spent the last year working to implement its Prevention Plan with area stakeholders. The coalition will be holding an event on May 16 at the Swanston Community Center to unveil their new website and recognize “Creating Healthy Environments” award winners for 2009.</p> <p>The COPC is currently working on: developing a website through a grant received from the “Kids Power</p>	

	<p>Play” campaign; working with a graphic designer to develop a logo; trying to secure funding in order to secure permanent staffing for the group.</p> <p>The COPC, which meets on the morning of the third Thursday of the month at Kaiser West, includes a membership of 87 individuals (including 31 community-based organizations). Mellissa Meng is currently the chair of the COPC.</p>	
<p><b>Presentation: Sacramento Healthcare Improvement Project (SHIP)</b></p>	<p>Marty Keale and Jennifer Smith gave a presentation on the Sacramento Healthcare Improvement Project (SHIP). The SHIP, which was established in 2007, is made up of healthcare providers, clinic and hospital representatives, consumers and advocates. The focus of the group, which is chaired by Bonnie Ferreira (Executive Director of the American Leadership Forum), is to work to develop and implement a coordinated continuum of health services within a medical home for underserved residents of Sacramento County. The SHIP strives to leverage all available resources to sustain this approach.</p> <p>The SHIP published its “Toward an Improved Health Care System for Sacramento County’s Underserved Residents” report in July ’08. This report makes several recommendations regarding improving healthcare implementation in Sacramento County, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit community leaders to organize a task force to develop and implement a long-term change strategy;</li> <li>• Develop a local clinics initiative to strengthen public and private clinics that serve low-income residents;</li> <li>• Target medical specialist shortages;</li> <li>• Join forces with Sacramento Children’s Dental Task Force to develop a Dental Health Work Group;</li> <li>• Expand current investments in activities to educate residents about the health care system, promote program enrollment, and improve access to care; and,</li> <li>• Create a Transportation Work Group.</li> </ul> <p>An overview was given regarding the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) program, which funds clinics in underserved communities. Currently, four organizations in Sacramento County participate in the FQHC (with two others currently having their application reviewed). Keale pointed out that over 50 underserved communities in Sacramento County are currently eligible for the FQHC program under existing guidelines.</p> <p>An overview was given regarding Geographic Managed Care (GMC). San Diego County in California are more effective than Sacramento County is in implementing GMC.</p>	
<p><b>PROGRAM UPDATE: Public Health, Public Health Messages &amp; Communications</b></p>	<p>Kerry Shearer was unable to make the presentation due to a conference conflict.</p>	
<p><b>Update: DHHS Public Health &amp; Primary Care Divisions</b></p>	<p>+ <u>DHHS Primary Care Division Update</u>: Dr. Pitman shared that the Northeast Clinic has been officially closed as a result of Beilenson Hearing budget cuts. The equipment has been moved out of the facilities and distributed to other DHHS sites. Patients have been re-routed to the Primary Care Center and the Del Paso Clinic.</p> <p>The Capital Clinic was also closed as a result of the same Beilenson Hearing budget cuts. The dental clinic at this location has been moved into the Primary Care Center’s Radiology Suite.</p> <p>Pitman shared that the Primary Care Center served approximately 130,000 patients last year and that this number is growing due to the current economic environment.</p> <p>The County also cut the County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP).</p> <p>+ <u>DHHS Public Health Division Update</u>: Dr. Trochet shared that the recent Beilenson Hearing budget cuts have resulted in the strengthening of many community partnerships. CARES is now providing sexually-</p>	<p>+ Staff will invite Bruce Wagstaff of the Department of Human Assistance to the PHAB’s meeting in April to participate in a conversation about the defunct CMISP.</p>

	<p>transmitted disease services, while local clinics are providing more vaccinations and family planning services.</p> <p>Efforts to find funding to re-open the Oak Park Clinic, which was shut down due to Beilenson Hearing cuts in December '08, continue to be mined. The County is hoping to provide vaccinations, family planning, and communicable disease and sexually-transmitted disease prevention services.</p> <p>The County is currently collaborating with the Mexican Consulate and other local entities to help educate the Latino community regarding accessing healthcare in light of the elimination of primary care services for the undocumented.</p> <p>Although she didn't have any details, Dr. Trochet did note that the County will be receiving some funds from the Federal Government's Stimulus Package.</p>	
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Adjourn</b>		Next meeting: April 1, 12 noon.