

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: April 4, 2007

Members present: Matt Hedges (chair), Leslie Benson, Leticia Garcia, Barbara Fox, Joan Hurlock, Steve Soto, Ana Negron, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Carolyn Goetze, Chris Wood, Anthony Russell, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio).
Members absent: Scott Seamons (excused), Vicki McGahan (excused), Terri Mack, Dr. Dorothy Pitman (ex-officio; excused).
Guests attending: Olivia Kasirye, Richard Sun, Sharon Saffold, Cassius Lockett, Bernice Walton, Alondra Thompson, Marnie Musser.
Staff: Alan Lange, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions		
Chair’s Report	<p>The Chair made the following announcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PHAB has been unable to get through its entire agenda several times in recent months. Staff has requested that the PHAB consider extending their monthly meeting from 90 minutes to two hours. This item will be an Action Item at the PHAB’s meeting on May 2; • The PHAB’s Research & Evaluation Committee meets on Monday, April 16, with two important items on the agenda: members of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition will attend this meeting to discuss PHAB recommendations regarding their Prevention Plan (which was presented to the PHAB in March); and, members of the Breastfeeding Coalition of Greater Sacramento will attend to discuss ways that PHAB can impact breastfeeding initiation and continuation efforts in Sacramento County; • Azizza Davis-Goines hosts a weekly talk show, “Health Matters,” every Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on radio station KDEE (97.7 FM) out of Rancho Cordova. Anyone interested in doing outreach for their program or service is urged to contact Davis-Goines at 240-0809 or azizzag@sbcglobal.net; • The Tobacco Control Coalition’s 50% Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Resolution will be heard by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 10, at 10:15 a.m. PHAB Chair Matt Hedges will testify on the PHAB’s behalf in favor of the Resolution at this hearing. 	
Approve Meeting Notes	The Minutes from the PHAB Meetings held on February 7, 2007 were approved unanimously without changes.	* M/S (Soto, 1 st ; Garcia, 2 nd) to approve PHAB Minutes from March 7 meeting.
DHHS Updates	<p><u>Primary Care Division:</u> Dr. Dorothy Pitman was not present to give her update. <u>Public Health Division:</u> Dr. Glennah Trochet reported on several public health issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Budget -- That the County Budget process has begun and that she submitted Public Health’s proposed budget, which included proposed cuts in all departments, on March 5. Although rumors abound that the County will face budget cuts in 2007-08, Dr. Trochet was also asked to turn a status quo budget (with no proposed cuts) on the morning of the PHAB meeting. When more information becomes available on this budget issue, Dr. Trochet will share it with the PHAB; • Public Health Lab -- The PHAB wrote a Letter of Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding compensation issues for microbiologists at the Public Health Lab in February. Dr. Trochet reported that the County has said it will look into this issue. The County has said that it cannot look into compensation matters until at least six months after a contract is signed. According to Dr. Trochet, this six -month time frame should be up shortly and she will have more information at the 	* The PHAB Executive Committee will look at the staff vacancy issues at the California Children’s Services and evaluate what can be done to alleviate this situation.

	<p>next PHAB meeting.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Lab Director -- Sandra Tougaw officially stepped down as director of the County's Public Health Lab in March. Senior Microbiologist Del Walton is serving as the interim director of the Public Health Lab. Four candidates are currently being considered for this position. CCS Vacancies – Job vacancy issues are preventing the California Children's Services (CCS) from serving all of their clients. The CCS currently is facing a 65 percent vacancy rate among physical therapists and occupational therapists (only six of 15.5 FTE positions are filled) and a 50 percent vacancy rate among Senior Therapists (only two of four FTE positions are filled). As a result, 399 children are presently not receiving services. This is impacting the County as it is not receiving funds for services that it is not providing. The possibility of state sanctions for not providing these services looms as well, which would serve to cost the County more. <p><u>Child Health & Disability Prevention (CHDP) Update:</u> Cheryl Teruya of the CHDP was unable to attend this meeting and give her update.</p>	
Sub-Committee Updates	<p><u>Education & Outreach Committee (EOC):</u> The EOC has identified the Mission Oaks Rec & Park District's Fit for Life Walk & Health Faire, which will be held on Friday, May 11, as the next PHAB forum event. The EOC will solicit community input on issues related to public health as well as its Public Health Surveys at this event. The EOC is also considering moving the date and location of its meeting.</p> <p><u>Research & Evaluation Committee (REC):</u> The REC's meeting on Monday, April 16, will feature discussions with the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition and the Breastfeeding Coalition of Greater Sacramento. See notes in the above "Chair's Report" for more details.</p>	
PCHAC Update	Alondra Thompson and Marnie Musser gave the PHAB an update on the Perinatal & Child Health Advisory Committee (PCHAC). The PCHAC has been working with epidemiologist Dr. Cassius Lockett on issues related to Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR), which shows that infant mortality among African Americans is approximately twice as high as other ethnicities. The PCHAC is planning to put on a "Saving Our Babies" Summit in the Spring of 2008 to educate the public and make best practices recommendations regarding ways to address this issue. The PCHAC requested that the PHAB consider writing a Letter of Support for the proposed "Saving Our Babies" Summit.	* The PHAB Research & Evaluation Committee will consider writing a Letter of Support to DHHS Director Lynn Frank regarding the PCHAC's proposed "Saving Our Babies" Summit.
HSSC/County Budget Priorities	Alan Lange of the Human Services Coordinating Council explained the County's Budget Priorities process. Sacramento County currently has approved five budget priorities, including providing: the highest level of discretionary law-enforcement; the safety net for disadvantaged citizens; the highest possible quality of life for its citizens; general government functions; and, prevention/intervention programs. The County is scheduled to re-evaluate these priorities on Tuesday, April 17, at 11 a.m. Lange explained that this is an important opportunity for the community to speak up and be heard on issues related to the County Budget	
Announcements	<p>Dr. Trochet made two announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Trochet announced that Mark Horton, an Orange County pediatrician and public health official, has been named the director of California's new Department of Public Health, which will begin operations in July; Sacramento County has been designated by the National Institute of Health as one of the cities for the National Children's Study, which will follow the health of children from pre-birth through the age of 21. The County, which will recruit 1,000 youths for this study, will be collaborating with Humboldt County and San Mateo County in this study. 	
Adjourn		Next meeting: May 2.