

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: April 1, 2009

Members present: Scott Seamons, Dr. Robert Meagher, Marty Keale, Leslie Benson, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Joan Hurlock, Mia Orr, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio), Dr. Pitman (ex-officio).
Members absent: Vicki McGahan (excused), Rebekah Anderson (excused), Peter Simpson (excused), Terri Mack, Ana Negron.
Guests attending: Lynn Frank, Bruce Wagstaff, Lester Heatley, Mike Monasky.
Staff: Alan Lange, Kevin O’Keefe.

| Issues | Discussion | Action/Recommendation |
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| Introductions | Dr. Robert Meagher served as Chair for the meeting. | |
| Chair’s Report | <p>The Chair shared the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The PHAB’s Executive Committee met with Jim Hunt, interim Director of the Countywide Services Agency, on March 16 to follow-up on the PHAB’s Beilenson Hearing recommendation that the County bring together stakeholders to discuss how to most effectively implement health care programs and services during tough fiscal times. This meeting served to introduce stakeholders and set the stage for bringing the Sacramento Healthcare Improvement Project (SHIP) in as a key stakeholder in these discussions. + Scott Seamons attended the SHIP’s meeting on February 26, where he suggested that the PHAB collaborate with the SHIP in addressing how to most effectively implement health care programs and services during tough fiscal times. + The PHAB focused its April 1 meeting on budget issues. As a result, two presentations were postponed, including: the Tobacco Control Coalition’s Standing Committee Update by Carolyn Martin; and, a Primary Care Division Clinic’s Update by Dr. Pitman. + The County will hold a hearing to identify “Core Services” on April 1. This hearing provided the County with a means of identifying where future budget cuts can be made. + Leticia Garcia stepped down from the PHAB this month. + Rebekah Anderson will give a presentation on the PHAB’s behalf to the Citrus Heights Collaborative on April 10. | |
| Action Item: Meeting Minutes | The PHAB unanimously approved its Meeting Minutes from March 4 without changes. | + M/S (Keale, 1 st ; Benson, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Minutes from March 4; approved. |
| Action Item: Approve HIV Health Services Planning Council nominations | The PHAB reviewed and approval a slate of nominations for the HIV Health Services Planning Council. The nominees were: Raven Hoopes, Candace Jones, and Ricky Myers Additionally, Mahara Leong was nominated to serve as an Alternate. | <p>+ M/S (Keale, 1st; Benson, 2nd) to unanimously approve nominations to the HIV Health Services Planning Council.</p> <p>+ Staff will forward approved HIV HSPC nominee list to the County Clerk.</p> |
| Action Item: County Core Services | <p>The Board of Supervisors held a hearing to identify its Core Services on April 1. The purpose of this hearing was to determine what the minimum service levels are for mandated programs. This information will allow the County to determine where to make budget cuts for the upcoming 2009-10 fiscal year. The County is currently facing an estimated \$185 million deficit for 2009-10.</p> <p>Lynn Frank, director of DHHS, led a discussion regarding this issue. Frank pointed out that the DHHS is</p> | + M/S (Russell, 1 st ; Benson, 2 nd) to direct the Research & Evaluation Committee to develop a Core Services recommendation at its meeting on April 15. |

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| | <p>already operating at minimum levels in several programs and that further cuts will only exasperate this situation further.</p> <p>Frank reviewed a County document which identified all County programs as “Core” and/or “Non-Core.” Some of the highlights specific to the Public Health and Primary Care Divisions from the Hearing included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption Services (budgeted \$1 million in General Fund in 08-09), Foster Home Licensing (\$74,000), and Child Protective Services, Independent Living Program (\$306,000) were identified as “Non-Core.” Lynn Frank concurred with this assessment. • Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (\$2.3 million) was identified as having both “Core” and “Non-Core” elements. The Birth & Beyond (\$400,000) was identified as being “Non-Core.” • Dental Disease Prevention & Education (\$290,000) was also identified as “Non-Core.” This program is almost entirely grant-funded and provides important services to the community. • Community Health Promotion & Infectious Disease Prevention (\$748,000) was identified as “Non-Core.” • Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (no general fund contribution) was identified as “Non-Core.” • Vital Records and Communicable Disease Control & Epidemiology were both identified as “Core” and “Non-Core” in the County Executive report, were re-classified as “Core.” • Programs exist that are fully funded and self-sufficient, and can be recognized as “Non-Core.” Board members pointed out that it would be counter-productive to eliminate such a program. • Many programs include both Federal and State matching funds. Many of these programs have been identified as “Non-Core.” Questions were raised regarding the wisdom of potentially cutting a productive program in which the County contribution is minimal. <p>There was a concern among PHAB members that this hearing: provides the Board of Supervisors with a means of justifying future budget cuts; and, that the County will based future budget cuts solely on whether services are identified as “Core” or “Non-Core.”</p> <p>The PHAB agreed that a recommendation regarding this issue needed to be developed. Members voted to have the Research & Evaluation Committee develop this recommendation at its meeting on April 15.</p> <p>The main points of this recommendation should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention/Intervention remains at the bottom of the County Budget Priority list – the PHAB has long recommended that this be an overarching Budget Priority that is taken into account regarding all budget decisions; • Many successful DHHS programs do not have mandates. Cutting these programs would be counter-productive; • Many of the DHHS programs on the chopping block receive Federal and State matching funds. Cutting these programs may save the County a few dollars, but the impact of cutting these programs will have a domino effect that potentially will cost the County more in the long term; and, • The logistical difficulty that DHHS will have in receiving its 2009-10 budget in late June that calls for shutting down programs on July 1. <p>The County sent out initial budget allocations to Department directors on April 3. The directors have until April 20 to turn in Impact Statements. Staff was directed to track these Impact Statements down and forward them to the PHAB membership.</p> | <p>+ Staff will forward proposed budget Impact Statements to PHAB members once they have been completed.</p> |
| <p>Update: DHHS Public Health & Primary Care Divisions</p> | <p>This agenda item was tabled in order that PHAB members could attend the County’s hearing on Core Services.</p> | |

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| Discussion: The Future of Healthcare Implementation in Sacramento County. | This agenda item was tabled in order that PHAB members could attend the County's hearing on Core Services. | |
| Announcements | | |
| Adjourn | | Next meeting: May 6, 12 noon. |