

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: June 4, 2008

Members present: Leslie Benson, Scott Seamons, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Joan Hurlock, Vicki McGahan, Ana Negron, Marty Keale, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio), Dr. Dorothy Pitman (ex-officio).
Members absent: Leticia Garcia (excused), Barbara Fox (excused), Dr. Robert Meagher (excused), Chris Wood (excused), Mia Orr (excused), Rebekah Anderson (excused), Terri Mack.
Guests attending: Tanya Hemmitt, Dave Casey.
Staff: Alan Lange, Paul Hicks, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions		
Chair’s Report	<p>The Chair shared the following notes:</p> <p>→ Marty Keale was officially appointed to the PHAB on May 28. Keale is the new Executive Director at the Sacramento Community Clinic Consortium. Keale worked previously as the Executive Director at CARES for six years.</p> <p>→ The Environmental Management Department recently won the prestigious Samuel Crumbine Award for its exemplary work with the Food Safety Program Enhancement. A Letter of Recommendation written by the PHAB regarding the Food Safety Program Enhancements was included in the Environmental Management Department’s application.</p> <p>→ The HIV Health Services Planning Council was scheduled to give an update to the PHAB in June. This update was cancelled in order that they PHAB can focus on the upcoming County Budget Hearings. Members were given a copy of the 2007 Annual Progress Report for the Sacramento County Transition Grant Area to look over.</p>	
Action Item: Meeting Minutes	The PHAB Minutes from May 7 were unanimously approved without changes.	+ M/S (Russell, 1 st ; Benson, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Minutes from May 7 as is.
Division Update	<p><u>Public Health Division:</u> The County Health Officer, Dr. Glennah Trochet, gave an update on the Public Health Division, which recently received a list of proposed budget cuts from the General Fund for 2008-09 totaling \$2.6 million (\$3.2 million in total lost revenue). Between the cuts to vacant positions in March 2008 and the proposed budget cuts for 2008-09, the County Health Officer said that the Public Health Division is facing a 30% total cut. These cuts will result in lower service levels, longer waits for patients, and, ultimately, the lowering of the quality of life for County residents.</p> <p>The proposed cuts to Public Health included: California Children’s Services (lost 2 FTEs, budget reduction of \$68,864); Dental Education & Prevention (\$26,566); Field Services – Birth & Beyond (4.0 FTEs, \$139,076); Field Services – Perinatal Outreach (6.0 FTEs, \$352,934); Field Services – High Risk Infant (3.0 FTEs, \$448,995); Field Services – Special Programs Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (1.0 FTE, \$118,602); Field Services – Nursing Administration (1.0 FTE, \$139,711); Field Services – Communicable Disease Control (1.0 FTE, \$124,628); Field Services – Maternal Child & Adolescent Health (2.2 FTEs, \$216,242); Field Services – Nurse Family Partnership (1.0 FTE, \$146,094); AIDS Health Education (2.0 FTEs, \$125,785); Communicable Disease Control (1.0 FTE, \$432,692); Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory (1.0 FTE, \$42,056); Immunization Assistance Program (\$126,274); and, Child Health & Disability Prevention (1.0 FTE, \$28,203).</p>	

	<p>The cuts to Field Services – Perinatal Outreach, and to Field Services – High Risk Infants, represent the total elimination of these programs. The County Health Officer said that these two cuts, and the cuts to Communicable Disease Control, were the most worrisome.</p> <p><u>Primary Care Division:</u> Dr. Dorothy Pittman gave an update on the Primary Care Division, which is also facing cuts to its budget. Dr. Pitman said that Primary Care is already operating on a skeleton budget and that demand for services continues to rise.</p> <p>The proposed cuts to Primary Care included: County Medical Indigent Services Program (2.0 FTEs, \$314,874); Capital Health Center (7.2 FTEs, \$515,689); Northeast Health Center (7.0 FTEs, \$560,549); Oak Park Health Center and Kids Care-A-Van (8.5 FTE, \$775,141); Walk-In Immunizations & RN Triage Visits (19.5 FTEs, \$1,784,104); and, Pharmacy & Support Services (2.5 FTEs, \$392,582).</p> <p>Dr. Pittman was especially concerned with the cuts to the Capital Health Center, Northeast Health Center, and Oak Park Health Center. All three of these clinics will be forced to close due to the proposed cuts. Considering that the County operates only seven clinics, these proposed cuts will result in the lowering of service levels, longer waits for patients, and, ultimately, the lowering of the quality of life of Sacramento County residents.</p>	
Action Item: County Budget and Beilenson Hearing	<p>The County has scheduled a Bielsonson Hearing for June 12 to allow public testimony in regards to proposed budget cuts. Members agreed that the PHAB should make a recommendation regarding the proposed budget cuts. Dr. Trochet hypothesized that, between the elimination of vacant positions in March '08 and the proposed cuts, that the Public Health Division is facing a “30% cut.” Dr. Pittman, meanwhile, said that the Primary Care Division is facing a “20% cut.” The Sheriff’s and D.A.’s Office, on the other hand, are looking at substantially smaller cuts. It was agreed that the PHAB’s recommendation should focus on how disproportionate these proposed cuts and that the Board of Supervisors should re-examine where it will make budget cuts. The recommendation should also focus on the cuts that will result in the elimination of programs in the Public Health Division and the elimination of the three clinics for the Primary Care Division. Staff was requested to develop this recommendation and get it to the Executive Committee within 48 hours. Members voted to give the Executive Committee the authority to approve the recommendation and get it to the Board of Supervisors before the Bielsonson Hearing.</p>	<p>+ M/S (Benson, 1st; Seamons, 2nd) to give the Executive Committee the authority to develop a County Budget Recommendation based on PHAB discussions.</p> <p>+ Staff will work with the Executive Committee to complete the County Budget Recommendation.</p> <p>+ Staff will forward the County Budget Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors before June 10.</p>
Action Item: Menu Labeling Recommendation	<p>Supervisor Roger Dickinson’s office began an effort to develop a Menu Labeling ordinance in Sacramento County in May. His office requested that the PHAB formally endorse the issue. The PHAB’s Research & Evaluation Committee quickly put together a recommendation calling for Menu Labeling at all “chain restaurants with than 15 locations. Members reviewed the Menu Labeling Recommendation and approved it unanimously.</p>	<p>+ M/S (Seamons, 1st; Keale, 2nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Menu Labeling Recommendation.</p> <p>+ Staff will forward Menu Labeling Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.</p>
Primary Care Division Update	<p>The Primary Care Division was scheduled to give an update on the Juvenile Medical Services program, however, the presenter did not attend.</p>	
Announcements		
Adjourn		Next meeting: July 2, 12 noon.