

**Public Health Advisory Board**  
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**Meeting Notes: July 6, 2007**

**Members present:** Matt Hedges (chair), Leslie Benson, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Robert Wilson, Carolyn Goetze, Terri Mack, Dr. Glennah Trochet (excused).  
**Members absent:** Scott Seamons (excused), Leticia Garcia (excused), Chris Wood (excused), Barbara Fox (excused), Joan Hurlock (excused), Vicki McGahan (excused), Steve Soto (excused), Ana Negron, Dr. Dorothy Pitman (ex-officio).  
**Guests attending:** Donna Paul, Carlene Henriques, Linda Kimura.  
**Staff:** Alan Lange, Dennese Neal, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
<b>Introductions</b>	Dennese Neal was introduced to the PHAB. Neal is a new employee at the Community Services Planning Council and will be working with the PHAB on outreach matters.	
<b>Chair’s Report</b>	<p>The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PHAB’s Executive Committee and Research &amp; Evaluation Committee collaborated to develop a Letter of Recommendation regarding the County Budget Priorities Hearing, which was heard by the Board of Supervisors on July 19. Scott Seamons attended this hearing in order to read the PHAB’s Letter of Recommendation. At this hearing, however, the Board’s discussion focused on hard and soft mandates, and specifically asked for information regarding a half-dozen programs. Because the Board did not continue their discussion relating to the order of budget priorities, the PHAB’s testimony will be provided at another time. The Board will re-visit this issue on July 31.</li> <li>• <u>Standing Committees:</u> Staff has been working closely with the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition (COPC) and the Perinatal &amp; Child Health Advisory Committee (PCHAC) to set up meetings with the Chiefs of Staff.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The COPC presented their Prevention Plan to the Chiefs of Staff on Wednesday, June 6. This meeting went well. At its conclusion, each of the Chiefs was presented with a copy of the COPC Prevention Plan and requested to provide input.</li> <li>➤ The PCHAC were to have presented their plans to hold a “Saving Our Babies” Summit in April ’08 to the Chiefs on June 14 but was cancelled at the last second by the Chiefs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Dr. Russell elected Chair of Research &amp; Evaluation Committee:</u> On June 18, Dr. Anthony Russell was elected Chair of the REC for the remainder of 2007. Russell replaces Joan Hurlock, who stepped down for personal reasons. Hurlock continues to be a member of the PHAB.</li> </ul>	
<b>Approve Meeting Notes</b>	The Minutes from the Meetings held on June 6 were approved unanimously without changes. This action was taken without the benefit of a quorum nor motion by the Chair with the approval of the PHAB.	* PHAB Minutes from May 2 approved.
<b>DHHS Updates</b>	<p><u>Primary Care Division:</u> Dr. Dorothy Pitman was not present to give an update.  <u>Public Health Division:</u> Dr. Glennah Trochet reported on several issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Budget: Public Health may face a \$2.3 million cut. These numbers, however, are still subject to change.</li> <li>• West Nile Virus (WNV): Only one mosquito pool and three birds have tested positive for WNV in Sacramento County so far this year. No humans have tested positive for WNV in Sacramento County this year.</li> <li>• Hepatitis Scare: A Sacramento County restaurant worker tested positive for Hepatitis-A recently. Dr. Trochet reported that patrons were at low risk but encouraged to receive vaccinations. All restaurant employees have been vaccinated for Hepatitis in the interim.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooling Centers: Temperatures in Sacramento County hit triple digits in the first week of July and the County opened Cooling Centers as a pre-cautionary measure for local residents. On the first day that the Cooling Centers were opened, there were no reported visitors. On the second day, there were two reported visitors. No deaths or illnesses were reported in Sacramento County as a result of this heat wave. The Cooling Centers are opened when daytime temperatures reach triple digits and nighttime temperatures remain above 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Thirteen Sacramento County residents died last July when temperatures in Sacramento County eclipsed the triple-digit mark on 13 consecutive days.</li> </ul> <p><u>Tobacco Education Program Update:</u> Program Coordinator Carlene Henriques gave a presentation on the DHHS' Tobacco Education Program (TEP), which advocates for tobacco cessation. This program, which is funded from Prop 99, focuses on: educating the public on the health risks of exposure to second hand smoke; eliminating youth access to tobacco; and, countering pro-tobacco influences.</p> <p>The TEP has had many success stories over the years, including: getting Sacramento County as well as the cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento to adopt retail tobacco licensing ordinances; conducting three Youth Purchase Surveys (in 2004, 2005, and 2006) at over 550 stores to document the problem of illegal sales of tobacco to underage youth; establishing smoke-free policies at establishments throughout the County, including Music Circus, the Slavic Assistance Center; Courtland Pear Farms, Safety Center Inc., Salem Communications, and Youth, Inc.; getting Smoke-Free, Multi-Family Housing Ordinances passed by both the County (50%) and the City of Sacramento (25%); and, getting the City of Sacramento to pass a six-month Smoke-Free Parks pilot program for Curtis, Southside, and Laguna Parks. The TEP plans to focus its energies in the future on: smoke-free outdoor dining; countering pro-tobacco influences; and, educating businesses in Folsom, where there is a 47% sales rate of tobacco products to underage youth.</p>	
<p><b>Discussion: County Budget Priorities Hearing</b></p>	<p>The PHAB's Executive Committee and Research &amp; Evaluation Committee collaborated to develop a Letter of Recommendation regarding the County Budget Priorities Hearing, which was held on June 19. The PHAB's Scott Seamons attended this hearing and was prepared to read the PHAB's Letter of Recommendation. At this hearing, however, the Board of Supervisors discussed hard and soft mandates and specifically asked for information regarding a half-dozen programs. Because the Board of Supervisors did not continue their discussion relating to the order of budget priorities, Testimony has been saved for another time. The Board will re-visit this issue on July 31.</p> <p>The PHAB discussed this matter and agreed that the REC should take one last look at this matter at its meeting in July to determine what other action the PHAB can take on this matter.</p>	<p>* Staff will identify a PHAB member to testify and read the Letter of Recommendation at the County Budget Priorities Hearing on July 31.</p>
<p><b>Update: Medically Indigent Care for Undocumented Workers</b></p>	<p>At the County Budget Priorities Hearing held by the Board of Supervisors on June 19, several programs were identified as having soft mandates including the Medically Indigent Care for Undocumented Workers. This issue is directly related to SB 1534, which gives the County the discretion to provide health aid to undocumented residents. The PHAB developed a Letter of Recommendation for the Board of Supervisors on this issue in 2006. The Board, however, elected not to address this issue at the time and so the PHAB did not submit its Letter of Recommendation. The PHAB kept this Letter on file in the event that the Board of Supervisors revisited this issue. Supervisor MacGlashan identified this program as a soft mandate and one to examine as a possible cut in budget talks, as a result this issue is back on the table. This is an important issue because if the County elects not to use its discretion to provide health aid to undocumented workers it could create public health issues for the County.</p> <p>Dr. Trochet commented that the Letter of Recommendation that the PHAB developed on this issue assumed that the Board of Supervisors is planning to withdraw care for communicable diseases for undocumented residents. According to Dr. Trochet, this has not been contemplated. Rather, the Board of Supervisors is considering withdrawing care for chronic disease.</p>	<p>* The REC will review the Letter of Recommendation it developed regarding SB 1534 at its July meeting.</p> <p>* If the REC makes changes to the Letter of Recommendation regarding SB 1534, this issue will be brought before the PHAB in August for final approval.</p>

<b>Sub-Committee Updates</b>	<p><u>Education &amp; Outreach Committee (EOC)</u>: Leslie Benson reported that the EOC has changed its meeting time to the fourth Friday of every month at 11 a.m. The EOC is currently negotiated with Rite Aide to allow the PHAB to solicit Public Health Surveys in front of its store.</p> <p><u>Research &amp; Evaluation Committee (REC)</u>: Due to personal reasons, Joan Hurlock stepped down as the Chair of the REC (Hurlock will continue to be a member of the PHAB). Dr. Anthony Russell, who was elected the new Chair of the REC, announced that the committee had developed a Letter of Recommendation regarding the County Budget Priorities and that it had been sent to the Board of Supervisors.</p>	
<b>Action Item: Approve Breastfeeding Initiation &amp; Continuation Action Plan</b>	For the second month in a row, quorum issues prevented the PHAB from approval its Action Plan for impacting Breastfeeding Initiation & Continuation in Sacramento County. This issue was tabled until August.	* Staff will put an Action Item on the PHAB's August agenda for the approval of the Breastfeeding Initiation & Continuation Action Plan.
<b>Announcements</b>	None.	
<b>Adjourn</b>		Next meeting: August 1, @ 12 noon.