

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: July 2, 2008

Members present: Leticia Garcia, Leslie Benson, Scott Seamons, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Joan Hurlock, Marty Keale, Mia Orr, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio).
Members absent: Dr. Robert Meagher (excused), Vicki McGahan (excused), Chris Wood (excused), Ana Negron (excused), Barbara Fox (excused), Terri Mack, Rebekah Anderson, Dr. Pitman (ex-officio).
Guests attending: Kym Armbruster, Cheryl Teruya, Joe Angeles, Sam Applebaum, Jeff King, Bernice Walton.
Staff: Alan Lange, Paul Hicks, Kevin O'Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions		
Chair's Report	<p>The Chair shared the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Jan Peters of the Public Health Division's Field Nursing Program, who was to have presented to the PHAB, postponed her presentation. The Field Nursing Program had its budget cut and is in the process of re-organization.+ The County is looking at a larger projected budget deficit next year than this last year. The Human Services Coordinating Council has put together a Budget Committee in order to begin addressing this issue. This group met for the second time yesterday and is planning a meeting for Member Advisory Boards to collaborate on this issue on October 25. Alan Lange will give a presentation on this group's progress.+ Menu Labeling Update: Supervisor Roger Dickinson and his staff continue to work toward an ordinance regarding Menu Labeling in Sacramento County. The PHAB has recommended to the Board of Supervisors that all "chain restaurants" (as defined by having 15 establishments in the State of California) be required to post caloric intake on all menus and menu boards.+ The PHAB has several outreach presentations scheduled in upcoming months, including: Tobacco Control Coalition on July 9; Citrus Heights Collaborative on September 12; and, Sacramento Environmental Commission on October 20.+ The PHAB is scheduled to meet with the Chiefs of Staff on Thursday, August 14, at 3:20 p.m. The PHAB will speak to the Chiefs regarding the Trans Fat recommendation at this meeting.+ Leslie Benson has stepped down as chair of the PHAB's Education & Outreach Committee, which will elect a new chair at its meeting on July 16.+ Supervisor Don Nottoli is scheduled to speak with the PHAB in August.	
Action Item: Meeting Minutes	<p>The PHAB Minutes from June 4 were unanimously approved without changes.</p>	<p>+ M/S (Seamons, 1st; Benson, 2nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Minutes from June 4 as is.</p>
Update: County Budget 2008-09	<p>Michael Tateischi of the DHHS Budget Department gave the PHAB a County Budget 2008-09 Update. The DHHS, which lost 128.7 FTEs (Full-Time Employees), took hits on several fronts, including: Public Health Division, \$3 million cut; Primary Care Division, \$5 million cut; and, Mental Health Division, \$5 million cut. Tateischi did note that the County did find moneys to keep the three County clinics open that were on the chopping block, however, the hours at these clinics have been drastically reduced (effective July 21). Tateischi did note that the Board of Supervisors received complaints regarding how little time when the County made its Proposed Budget for 2008-09 available and when the Budget Hearings were held. The Board of Supervisors spoke to the County Executive Office regarding this issue and requested that this issue</p>	

be addressed before next year.

Presentation: Human Services Coordinating Council's Budget Committee

Although it is still approximately one year away, there is already a consensus that the County Budget for 2009-10 will be at least as difficult as this year's Budget. In an effort to be proactive about the County Budget 2009-10, the Human Services Coordinating Council has begun a Budget Committee. The goal of this group is to put together a cohesive effort to advise on the importance of taking a balanced approach in making budget reductions.

This group met on July 1 and discussed plans for holding Public Forums in each of the five County Supervisorial Districts on the upcoming budget in order to educate the community as well as get its input.

Public Health Division: The County Health Officer, Dr. Glennah Trochet, gave an update on the Public Health Division. Dr. Trochet updated the PHAB on the extent of the budget cuts and what impact it will have, including: Sexually-Transmitted Disease (STD) services will still be offered, however, there will be no funds to provide outreach for these services; cuts to the High Risk Infant Program will impact the County's ability to provide services for low-income parents with children; Communicable Disease Prevention will no longer be able to provide same-day services, tests will now take days, or perhaps even weeks, to complete; and, lost positions in the CHDP, California Children's program, MCAH's Senior Health program, Perinatal & Substance Abuse program, and Nurse Family Partnership will impact the County's ability to provide services. Primary Care Division: Dr. Dorothy Pittman was unable to attend and present.

Division Update

PRESENTATION: Gang Violence Initiative

Joe Angeles, who is an aide for Supervisor Roger Dickinson, gave a presentation on the proposed Youth & Gang Violence Prevention Initiative. The proposal would place a ¼-cent sales tax increase on the November ballot in order to fund programs and services to prevent youth and gang violence. Half of the proceeds from this tax, which is expected to be about \$50 million the first year, would go to fund youth and gang violence prevention programs (the remaining 50% would be divided up by County municipalities). Angeles said that a recent poll showed that 61% of Sacramento County residents favor such an initiative. It was noted that letters of support to the Board of Supervisors could be helpful. Letters should be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors before July 22, when they will meet to discuss this issue. Members of the PHAB agreed that this was an initiative that they endorse, however, they stressed that funds be used for evidence-based prevention programs. Because the recommendation needs to be completed and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors by July 21, members voted to give the Executive Committee the authority to draft the recommendation, and the Research & Evaluation Committee the authority of final approval on the recommendation in order that staff may hand-deliver it to the Board of Supervisors on the morning of July 22.

+ PHAB members were encouraged to participate.
+ Staff will keep the PHAB apprised of the activities of the Human Services Coordinating Council's County Budget Committee.

+ M/S (Benson, 1st; Russell, 2nd) that staff work with the Executive Committee to develop the PHAB's Youth & Gang Violence recommendation.
+ M/S (Benson, 1st; Russell, 2nd) that the Research & Evaluation Committee give final approval of the Youth & Gang Violence recommendation at its meeting on July 21.
+ Staff will hand-deliver the PHAB's Youth & Gang Violence Initiative to the Board of Supervisors on the morning of July 22.

Announcements

Adjourn

Next meeting: August 6, 12 noon.