

**Public Health Advisory Board**  
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**Meeting Notes: August 6, 2008**

**Members present:** Scott Seamons, Leslie Benson, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Joan Hurlock, Marty Keale, Chris Wood, Ana Negron, Vicki McGahan, Mia Orr, Rebekah Anderson, Terri Mack, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio).  
**Members absent:** Dr. Robert Meagher (excused), Barbara Fox (excused), Leticia Garcia (excused), Dr. Anthony Russell (excused).  
**Guests attending:** Supervisor Don Nottoli, Cheryl Teruya, Sam Applebaum, Patrick Corcoran, Sue Nesbit, Marianne Bennett, John Rodgers, Leslie Snokes.  
**Staff:** Paul Hicks, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
<b>Introductions</b>	Scott Seamons took over duties as Chair of the PHAB as Leticia Garcia has gone on maternity leave.	
<b>Chair’s Report</b>	The Chair shared the following notes: + The Governor signed AB 97 (Mendoza), which will ban the use of trans fat in California restaurants, into law, on July 25. The law, which goes into effect on January 1, 2010, makes California the first state to phase out the use of trans fat. Those not in compliance will face fines ranging from \$25 to \$1,000. + The County’s Youth & Gang Violence Initiative, which would have increased increased the County sales tax by 1/4-cent in order to fund gang violence prevention programs, will not go to the voters in November. The effort was halted due to a lack of support. + The PHAB’s Executive Committee will meet with the Chiefs of Staff on Thursday, August 14, at 3:20 p.m. + Leslie Snokes will present on behalf of the Tobacco Control Coalition today. + Due to re-organization efforts brought on by budget cuts, Olga Lockett of the Oak Park Neighborhood Multi-Service Center will not present today. + Anyone wishing to have staff pick them up a sandwich before the September meeting should put in their order at the end of the meeting.	
<b>Action Item: Meeting Minutes</b>	The PHAB Minutes from July 2 were unanimously approved without changes.	+ M/S (Benson, 1 <sup>st</sup> ; Keale, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) to unanimously approve the PHAB Minutes from July 2.
<b>Division Updates: DHHS’ Public Health and Primary Care Divisions</b>	<u>Primary Care Division:</u> Dr. Dorothy Pittman reported that the Primary Care Division is still in recovery mode after the recent budget cuts. Among these cuts included over 40 FTE’s and well as the reduction of hours at the County Clinics, which have impacted Primary Care’s ability to provide programs and services. Pitman said that the County’s Emergency Rooms haven’t yet been impacted by the budget cuts, however, once the flu season begins this is expected to change. Pitman did warn that the Budget outlook for 2009-10 is likely to be as, if not more, difficult than this year. <u>Public Health Division:</u> Dr. Glennah Trochet reported that the Trinity Cathedral Church has purchased a copy of the “Unnatural Causes” documentary and will be airing it for the public beginning on September 11 (if will aired over five consecutive Thursdays). One case of West Nile Virus has been documented in Sacramento County with another case under investigation. As the County begins to gear up for the flu season, it finds itself in a bind. Each year, the County hires part-time nurses for its flu clinics. Because many of these nurses were part-time employees who were layed off during budget cuts, they cannot be re-hired as temporary employees. The County is currently searching for a way around this so that it is prepared for the upcoming flu season. The County has completed its Sexually-Transmitted Disease Strategic Plan and requested time on the PHAB	+ Staff will add a presentation on the County’s new STD Strategic Plan to the PHAB September agenda.

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**Supervisor Don Nottoli**

Supervisor Don Nottoli, who has been a member of the Board of Supervisors for 14 years, visited the PHAB to talk about issues pertaining to Public Health. Nottoli acknowledged the importance of public health and warned that, in difficult budget times such as these, that it is paramount that the County remain vigilante. Because prevention/intervention is at the bottom of the County's Budget Priorities, these are the programs that are cut first when the County faces tough times financially.

A discussion was held regarding how little time the MAB's were given to respond to the County's proposed budget for 2009-10. Nottoli agreed that there were problems with the process this year and that accommodations will be made in the future to give the MAB's time to respond.

Nottoli acknowledged that budget cuts can be painful, but he noted that budgets are cycle-able. He said that it is important that, when the County is making cuts, that the cuts aren't so severe that it affects the continuity of the program. A program that has been cut completely is more difficult to resurrect than one that totally eliminated.

**Standing Committee  
Update: Tobacco  
Control Coalition**

Leslie Snokes gave the PHAB a Standing Committee Update on the Tobacco Control Coalition (TCC).

- Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing: Both Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento have passed resolutions regarding this issue. The TCC is currently working with the City of Rancho Cordova to pass a similar resolution.
- Secondhand Smoke: The TCC's "Eat The Grid" campaign is aimed at downtown restaurants making their outdoor dining patios smoke-free.
- Youth Purchase Surveys & Tobacco Retail Licensing: In May, the TCC visited 313 County retailers to see if they would sell to minors. The overall sales rate was 9.9% (which is down from 20.6% in 2006). Citrus Heights (27.3%) and Folsom (18.8%) had the highest sales rates. The TCC is currently working with the Cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom to implement Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinances.
- Smoke-Free Parks: Three parks in the City of Sacramento are currently smoke-free. This pilot program was begun last year and has been hampered by a lack of signage.
- Tobacco Control Coalition: The TCC recently updated its membership guidelines to allow for its growing membership (22 members were present at the July meeting).
- Youth Coalition: This year marked the first year that of the Youth Coalition, which is made up of 20 Sacramento youth. This group works with teens to advocate for smoking cessation.
- Tobacco Litigation Settlement Grantee's: The current grant cycle ends at the end of August 31 with a new one beginning on September 1.

**Announcements**

+ John Rodgers of the Environmental Management Department (EMD) shared that there are currently two Menu Labeling bills being considered by the California Legislature. AB2572 (Padilla) calls for mandatory Menu Labeling, while SB1420 (Parra) calls for voluntary Menu Labeling (and is endorsed by the California Restaurant Association). Rodgers also noted that the EMD will be in charge of implementing the State of California ban on Trans Fat, which goes into effect in 2010.

+ Marty Keale shared that the Sacramento Health Improvement Project (SHIP) recently published its findings and recommendations. Several sub-committees (Community Clinics, Dental Care, Specialty Referrals, and Transportation) are currently being formed. Anyone interested in participating should contact staff.

**Adjourn**

Next meeting: September 3, 12 noon.

