

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: October 4, 2006

Members present: Leticia Garcia (acting chair), Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio), Anthony Russell, Carolyn Goetze, Matt Hedges, Joan Hurlock, Vicki McGahan, Tina Roberts.

Members absent: Chris Wood (excused), Keith Yamanaka (excused), Scott Seamons (excused), Ana Negron, Keith Andrews (ex-officio).

Guests attending: Leslie Benson, Terri Mack, Bruce Wagner, Dave Frankie, Linda Kimura, Mary Ann Treadaway, Donna Paul.

Staff: Alan Lange, Kevin O’Keefe, Sara Wolf.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions		
Chair’s Report	The Eating Healthy & Exercise Forum was held at the Oak Park Community Center on Wednesday, September 27. The Forum, which was attended by over 90 people, featured a cooking demonstration by Denise Chapel of the Health Education Council.	
Approve Meeting Notes	The Minutes from the PHAB Meeting held on September 6 were approved unanimously without changes.	* M/S (Matt, Anthony) to approve minutes; approved.
DHHS Updates	<p><u>Emergency Medical Services:</u> Bruce Wagner gave an overview of Sacramento County’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The EMS develops and implements plans, as well as evaluates and monitors emergency trauma centers in the county. It’s other primary responsibilities include: coordinating emergency services in 10 adjacent counties, certifying emergency medical staff; maintaining protocols involving emergency services; and, addressing complaints about emergency services. The EMS is currently working toward opening a third trauma center to Sacramento County, which it would like to see happen by 2010.</p> <p><u>Public Health Division:</u> Dr. Trochet addressed several public health issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The West Nile Virus season is one month away from coming to a close. So far, only 12 cases has been reported this year, compared to 150 last year. * The Seasonal Influenza season is starting up and it is time to start getting flu shots. Unlike last year, there will be no shortage of flu vaccine. Children between the ages of six months and five years of age make the highest risk group and Dr. Trochet strongly recommended that they get their flu shots. There is now a flu mist that is being recommended for people between the ages of six and 49. * Governor Schwarzenegger signed four major pieces of public health legislation in late September, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB162: Establishes a Department of Public Health within the Department of Health & Human Services. The new Dept. of Public Health is scheduled to open in July ’07. • SB 611: This bill requires meat and poultry distributors, and processors that sell their products in California to notify the California Dept. of Health Services (DHS) of the names and locations of retailers that receive potentially contaminated recalled meat. This bill also requires public health officials to notify the public regarding this information. • AB 699: This bill requires the DHS to annually determine the amount of influenza vaccine that is available, as specified, and the amount of vaccine needed for the state’s population. This bill requires manufacturers and distributors of the influenza vaccine to report specified information to the DHS upon request. • SB1534: This bill, which was co-authored by Deborah Ortiz (D-Sacto) allows local governments to use their own discretion as to whether or not to provide health aid for undocumented residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Members will prepare to discuss the EMS’ plan to add a third trauma center in Sacramento County. * Members and staff will go out and get their flu shot before the next PHAB meeting.

	<p>* Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed the Universal Health Care bill (SB840). There was some discussion as to whether this topic is something PHAB want to consider.</p> <p>* An E. coli outbreak that has been traced back to California-produced spinach has not affected anyone in Sacramento County.</p> <p>* The First 5 Commission is holding its annual Children’s Celebration at Fairytale Town on October 7. Dr. Trochet noted that parents must be accompanied by a child in order to attend.</p> <p>* The Perinatal Child Health Advisory Committee continues to work on the Infant Mortality Health Disparities Project. Dr. Trochet expressed that this would be a good subject for the PHAB to get involved with.</p> <p>* Twenty-six pharmacies are signed up so far to participate in the Pharmaceutical Sales of Syringes, which the Sacramento City Council approved in September. Several corporations with pharmacies are still looking into participating in this program. The Sacramento City Council will be looking into a Needle Exchange Ordinance in the months to come.</p> <p>* A law requiring that all syringes be disposed of at a hazardous waste site is set to go on the books in 2008.</p> <p><u>Primary Care Division:</u> There was no report from Primary Care, however, members comments on two related issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Clinic Consortium will be re-implementing a “Patient Navigator” program within the County Primary Care Center. It is designed to identify and connect people who do not have medical insurance, and cannot afford to pay for medical coverage, with local clinics so that they will receive medical coverage. • The Healthy Kids & Healthy Future program began this month. This program, which has the goal of providing medical coverage for all children (ages 18-and-under), is aimed at assisting people who do not qualify for MediCal or Healthy Families programs. 	
Committee Updates	<p><u>Education & Outreach (EOC):</u> The EOC is looking into partnering with the Perinatal Child Health Advisory Committee (PCHAC) and holding a workshop at the Black Expo in February. The Black Expo offers the opportunity to outreach for the PCHAC’s Infant Mortality Health Disparities Project and open a discussion regarding Infant Mortality among African-Americans in Sacramento County, which is among the highest in the state.</p> <p><u>Research & Evaluation (REC):</u> Matt Hedges gave an update on the activities of the REC, including: how it has begun using Evaluation Criteria to prioritize public health issues that the PHAB will address in 2007. The committee recommended that PHAB endorse the Food Safety Program Enhancements. A draft letter was presented. Members recommended making it more concise.</p> <p><u>HIV Health Services Alliance to Prevent AIDS:</u> Debra Drayton, William Green, Ronnell Kelley, John Merial, and Gary Nunnally were nominated to be appointed to the committee. Additionally, Adrienne Rogers, Craig Spatola, and Michael Ungeheuer were nominated for re-appointment.</p>	<p>* M/S (Anthony, Tina) to endorse the Food Safety Program Enhancements; approved.</p> <p>* M/S (Joan, Anthony) to send a concise letter of support; approved.</p> <p>* M/S (Tina, Matt) to approve HIV Health Services Alliance to Prevent AIDS nominations; approved.</p>
Pedestrian Master Plan	<p>Dave Frankie, Program Manager at the Sacramento County Department of Transportation, gave a presentation on the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP). The purpose of the PMP, which is expected to cost \$351 million over the next 30 years, is to improve pedestrian safety and mobility on public roadways in unincorporated Sacramento County. The PMP will incorporate a variety of new ideas to accomplish this, including: high-visibility sidewalks; pedestrian-activated signals; curb extensions; pedestrian refuge islands; signage; and traffic calming measures.</p>	<p>* Members will consider ways for the PHAB to take a stand on the Pedestrian Master Plan.</p>
Announcements	<p>Tina Roberts introduced Donna Paul, who is the new Executive Director of the Sacramento County Community Clinic Consortium. Paul is expected to apply for PHAB membership in the next month.</p>	
Adjourn		<p>Next meeting: November 1.</p>