

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: October 1, 2008

Members present: Scott Seamons, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Robert Meagher, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Leslie Benson, Rebekkah Anderson, Ana Negron, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio).

Members absent: Marty Keale (excused), Joan Hurlock (excused), Chris Wood (excused), Leticia Garcia (excused), Vicki McGahan (excused), Mia Orr (excused), Barbara Fox, Terri Mack, Dr. Pitman (ex-officio).

Guests attending: Dr. Olivia Kasarye, Nancy Gilberti, Sandra Hand, John Rodgers, Gary Parent, Dave Casey, Ronnie Castillo.

Staff: Paul Hicks, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions	Scott Seamons served as Chair for the meeting.	
Chair’s Report	<p>The Chair shared the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Governor Schwarzenegger signed the \$144.5 billion 2009-10 California State Budget on September 23, thus ending the state’s 85-day impasse. Further cuts to health care programs are expected as a result of the new budget. + Governor Schwarzenegger signed a menu labeling bill, SB 1420 (Padilla) into law on September 30. This law, which requires all “chain restaurants” with 19 or more sites in the state to post caloric information on all menus and menu boards, makes California the first state in the country to require menu labeling. + The Education & Outreach Committee will give an outreach presentation to the Sacramento Environmental Commission on Monday, October 20, at 6 p.m., the Board of Supervisors Chambers. This meeting, which will be televised locally by Comcast, affords the PHAB the opportunity to reach a larger audience. + Human Services Week will be celebrated the week of November 2-8. The PHAB will mark this event with a display at County Administration Building. The PHAB’s Education & Outreach Committee is currently working on this display. 	
Action Item: Meeting Minutes	The PHAB Minutes unanimously approved its Meeting Minutes from August 6 and September 3.	+ M/S (Dr. Meagher, 1 st ; L. Benson, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Minutes from August 6 and September 3.
Update: DHHS Public Health & Primary Care Divisions	<p><u>Public Health Division:</u> The County Health Officer, Dr. Glennah Trochet gave the PHAB an update regarding the DHHS’ Public Health Division, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Cuts: The Governor signed the State Budget on September 23, which led to further budget cuts in Public Health. The California Children’s Services Administration and Medical Treatment units were impacted by this latest round of cuts; • Contract Moratorium: The California State Department of Public Health declared a contract moratorium in order to deal with budget cuts. Many of the County’s Public Health work is contracted out, which has resulted in more program and service cuts. The Tuberculosis Housing Subsidiary for the Homeless was specifically impacted by this development; • West Nile Virus: Two more human cases of West Nile Virus were reported in September, which brings the County’s total to 14 cases in 2008; • Flu Vaccinations: The County will kick off its annual Flu Vaccination efforts with a press conference at Susan B. Anthony Elementary School on October 8. There is no shortage of vaccinations this year and everyone is encouraged to seek treatment; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the Sacramento County Community Health Status Report 2008 were distributed to members. <p><u>Primary Care Division:</u> Dr. Dorothy Pitman was unable to present due to a scheduling conflict, however, she did drop off some brochures regarding the County's Clinics new hours of operation.</p>	
Public Health Division Presentation: County Medically Indigent Services Program	<p>Nancy Gilberti gave a Public Health Division update to the PHAB on the County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP). The CMISP is a state-mandated program designed to provide medical care for the medically indigent. It is a program of "last resort" that is designed to meet the health needs of individuals who are not otherwise eligible for healthcare programs such as MediCal, MediCare, or private health insurance, and who meet the County's "last resort" socio-economic eligibility standards. The CMISP works with the Primary Care Division to provide these services.</p> <p>Gilberti briefly described the CMISP's eligibility standards, which include: being between the age of 21 and 65 years of age; being able to prove that you are a County resident; and, that your monthly income and available resources are below MediCal eligibility requirements.</p> <p>The CMISP, which has an overall annual budget of \$45 million, funded approximately 3,000 cases making up 11,000 inpatient days last year. These numbers, Gilberti noted, increase each year.</p> <p>The CMISP recently terminated its Third Party Administrator contacts with the UC Davis Medical Center at the end of the 2007-08 fiscal year. These contracts were terminated because they were overwhelming UCD's ability to see patients, as well as of pricing and evaluation issues.</p> <p>The newly-contracted providers seemed to be happy with the new arrangements because the CMISP's reimbursements rates are more competitive.</p>	
Standing Committee Presentation: Perinatal & Child Health Advisory Committee	<p>Dr. Olivia Kasirye gave the PHAB a Standing Committee Update on the Perinatal & Children Health Advisory Committee (PCHAC). The PCHAC is currently collaborating with Black Infant Health to host the "A Healthy Baby Starts With You" Summit on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at Sutter Health University.</p> <p>Dr. Kasirye explained that this perinatal health disparities event is being held to address infant mortality rates among African-Americans, which are twice as high as other ethnicities in Sacramento County, California, and throughout the United States.</p> <p>The PCHAC is using the Perinatal Periods of Risk Assessment Tool to plan this summit. Several prominent speakers have been lined up, including: Dr. Elliot Main, Dr. Michael Lu, Dr. Ashton, Dr. Dominguez, and Dr. Iton. The event will also feature Break-Out Sessions, which will give attendees the opportunity to network and brainstorm for possible ways to impact this issue.</p> <p>Dr. Kasirye also passed out the nomination form for the first annual "A Healthy Baby Begins With You" Awards. Members were encouraged to nominate people they felt had made significant contributions to efforts to address infant mortality in Sacramento County.</p> <p>Dr. Kasirye also briefly described the Needs Assessment efforts currently under way with the Maternal & Child Adolescent Health (MCAH), which is mandated to perform every five years.</p>	
Announcements	<p>+ Rebekkah Anderson announced that the PHAB Education & Outreach Committee has begun discussing putting on an Intervention/Prevention Workshop for the Board of Supervisors in 2009. Members briefly discussed how they thought this should be included in the PHAB's Work Plan for 2009.</p> <p>+ Gary Parent announced that National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is Wednesday, October 15. Two events will be held locally: at the La Familia Counseling Center at 5 p.m.; and, at the Washington Neighborhood Center at 4 p.m.</p>	
Adjourn		Next meeting: November 5, 12 noon.