

**Public Health Advisory Board**  
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**Meeting Notes: November 1, 2006**

**Members present:** Chris Wood, Leticia Garcia, Scott Seamons, Ana Negron, Anthony Russell, Carolyn Goetze, Matt Hedges, Joan Hurlock, Vicki McGahan, Tina Roberts, Leslie Benson, Steve Soto, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio).  
**Members absent:** Keith Yamanaka (excused), Keith Andrews (ex-officio).  
**Guests attending:** Dr. Vivian Belmusto, Dr. Cassius Lockett, Jeanine Seher, Dr. Dorothy Pittman (for Dr. Andrews).  
**Staff:** Alan Lange, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
<b>Introductions</b>		
<b>Chair’s Report</b>	<p>The Chair reported that a proposed slate of officers for the 2007 PHAB Executive Committee as recommended by the Nominating Committee was included in the November packet. The election for 2007 will take place at the PHAB’s meeting on December 6. All members are encouraged to nominate others on December 6, if desired.</p> <p>The Chair reported that a meeting with the Chiefs of Staff was held on October 26 and that the following issues were discussed: SB1534, which gives counties discretion to provide health aid to undocumented immigrants; and, Pharmacy Sale of Syringes/Needle Exchange Program.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the PHAB’s two newest members, Leslie Benson and Steve Soto, whose appointments were made official by the Board of Supervisors in October.</p> <p>The Chair reported that the Board of Supervisors workshop to discuss SB1534 (which gives the county the discretion to provide health aid to undocumented immigrants) was pulled from the BoS’s November 15 agenda, thereby alleviating the urgency of a PHAB discussion.</p> <p>The Chair announced that two members, Keith Yamanaka and Tina Roberts will resign from the PHAB due to time restrictions, effective December 31, 2006.</p>	
<b>Approve Meeting Notes</b>	The Minutes from the PHAB Meeting held on October 4 were approved unanimously without changes.	* M/S (Seamons, Soto) to approve minutes; approved.
<b>DHHS Updates</b>	<p><u>Primary Care Division:</u> Dr. Dorothy Pittman announced that the Outpatient Pharmacy is fully-functional and is no longer back-logged with prescriptions as a result of the labor strike last month. The automated distribution system is functional in the Primary Care Center pharmacy and will expand to Juvenile Hall and Mental Health Treatment facility soon.</p> <p>Plans are currently being finalized to re-model the clinic at 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; C Streets into a Homeless Care Center. This facility, which is expected to take approximately three months to re-model, will feature: alcohol and drug abuse treatment; more services for people with disabilities; and, restorative dental facilities.</p> <p><u>Public Health Division:</u> Dr. Trochet tabled her update until December.</p> <p><u>Communicable Disease Control &amp; Epidemiology:</u> Dr. Vivian Belmusto gave an overview of Communicable Disease Control. She spoke about the different surveillance methods that are used to track communicable diseases and what happens in the event of an outbreak. CD Control’s responsibilities include: tracks and monitors reportable diseases; assists in developing plans to manage outbreaks; coordinates trainings for providers; and, coordinates with a number of agencies on public health matters.</p> <p>Dr. Cassius Lockett gave an overview on Epidemiology, which is the study of disease patterns and frequencies. He explained that Epidemiology’s priority is monitor risk factors for: communicable diseases, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, chronic diseases (i.e. – asthma, diabetes, etc.), and</p>	

	<p>personal injury. Dr. Lockett said that there are over 100 different diseases that the State of California requires physicians to report on (with a list nearly as long of animal diseases that have to be reported on). The Epidemiology division continues to work to improve the efficiency of the disease reporting system in the county by using confidential electronic reporting. Electronically submitted reports will also decrease reporting errors.</p>	
<b>Committee Updates</b>	<p><u>Education &amp; Outreach (EOC)</u>: The EOC brought the completed Asthma, and Seasonal Influenza Public Health Issue Briefs before the PHAB for final approval. The two Briefs were approved unanimously by the PHAB. Dr. Trochet pointed out that other government agencies have already published similar briefs (on asthma, and seasonal influenza), and that the PHAB might consider looking into ways of publishing its Issue Briefs without duplicating what is already available to the public. Members agreed that this was an important consideration and decided to re-visit the Asthma, and Seasonal Influenza Public Health Issue Briefs at its meeting in December.</p> <p><u>Research &amp; Evaluation (REC)</u>: Due to time constraints, the REC Update and discussion about the talking points the REC recently put together endorsing SB1534 were tabled until the PHAB's December meeting.</p>	<p>* M/S (Seamons, Soto) to approve the Asthma, and Seasonal Influenza Public Health Issue Briefs; approved</p> <p>* Members will brainstorm ways to make the Public Health Issue Briefs more effective.</p> <p>* Members will prepare to discuss SB1534 at PHAB's December meeting.</p>
<b>County Performance Measure Project</b>	<p>Jeanine Seher gave an overview of the County Performance Measure Project (CPMP), which is a management tool that is to be used to access how effectively the county is meeting the needs of its residents. The CPMP focuses on six main areas, including: law and justice; transportation; economic growth; livable and sustainable communities; public health and safety; and, strong and healthy families. PHAB members expressed concern with the fact that a poor score from the CPMP could impact budget issues down the line and that the approved Performance Measures are not necessarily indicative of county performance. Dr. Trochet suggested that the PHAB could make recommendations to the CPMP regarding performance measures. It was suggested that Seher return to a future PHAB meeting and give another CPMP update.</p>	<p>* Members will consider ways for the PHAB to contribute to the County Performance Measure Project.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Adjourn</b>		Next meeting: December 6.