

**Public Health Advisory Board**  
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**Meeting Notes: November 7, 2006**

**Members present:** Leslie Benson, Leticia Garcia, Matt Hedges, Terri Mack, Vicki McGahan, Ana Negron, Anthony Russell, Steve Soto, Raymond Wilson  
**Members absent:** Joan Hurllock, Barbara Fox, Scott Seamons, Chris Wood, Robert Meagher, Dorothy Pitman (ex-officio), Glennah Trochet (ex-officio).  
**Guests attending:** Donna Paul, Adrienne Rogers, Dave Casey, Gary Parent, Kate Varanelli, Karen Zazzi  
**Staff:** Alan Lange, Mary O’Neal

| Issues   | Discussion   | Action/Recommendation   |
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| <b>Introductions</b>                               |  |   |
| <b>Chair’s Report</b>                              | HSCC coordinated with the Board of Supervisors to hold the inaugural Heroes of Human Services awards. The event was very well attended.<br>A slate of officers has been developed and will be emailed to all members prior to the December meeting.  | -Recommended slate of officers will be forwarded to members.                  |
| <b>Approve Meeting Notes</b>                       | Notes from August, September, and October were reviewed.   | M/S (Leticia/Leslie) to approve August, September, October minutes; approved. |
| <b>HIV Health Services Planning Council Update</b> | The Ryan White CARE Act saw some significant changes in its latest authorization, the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act. The Sacramento region is receiving less funding and has less flexibility in how it allocates funds to meet the needs of local clients. Materials were distributed with details on the changes, including: HIV names-based reporting; allocation of supplemental funding; core services; linkages to medical outcomes. Discussions regarding the next reauthorization may begin in early 2008.  |   |
| <b>Division Updates</b>                            | Public Health Division: No report. (Dr. Trochet was unable to attend the meeting.)<br>Primary Care Services Division: No report.   |   |
| <b>Dental Health Program Overview</b>              | Kate Varanelli reported on the County dental health program. The program focuses on oral health education and hygiene instruction in pre-school through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade. In the past year, more than 17,000 children have been screened and given a report on their oral health status with resources and referrals for follow up services, as needed. In addition to screening, the program provides fluoride treatments (with parental permission in areas without water fluoridation) and dental sealants.<br>Access to care is a challenge in Sacramento County. There has been difficulty getting children into the dental Geographic Managed Care program with barriers including transportation, language, and long waits to receive service. Noted that consumers have also reported challenges with the Denti-Cal fee-for-service program, as well. Steve Soto noted that he would like to try to help make needed connections within the Geographic Managed Care program, as beneficial.<br>An oral health needs assessment found that California does not compare favorably to other states in terms of oral health of children. Figures were reviewed regarding proportion of children with tooth decay and disease. |   |
| <b>Committee Updates</b>                           | The Education and Outreach Committee developed a presentation that it will take to the community. The presentation was reviewed with very positive response. Committee will target 3-5 outreach presentations in 2008.<br>The Research and Evaluation Committee reviewed the roles and responsibilities outlined in PHAB’s establishing resolution and found that there are tasks that PHAB needs to further emphasize. REC advised the Executive Committee to look at the REC’s last minutes and implement the recommendations.   |   |
| <b>2008 Work Plan</b>                              | Executive Committee will be presenting a proposed work plan at the December meeting. Members were asked to contribute any final recommendations. Suggestions included:   |   |

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|   | <p>-Under Encouraging development of appropriate services: the focus now needs to be on maintaining what currently exists. PHAB needs to be more involved in advising the divisions and department on budget issues.</p> <p>-Under coordinating forums: The Education and Outreach Committee has a plan to engage new groups, but there also might be a need to better interact with the standing committees. Several ideas were mentioned: EOC could present to each standing committee; staff could produce a one page summary of the activities of the standing committees and make it available at each meeting (could be taken from committee minutes).</p> <p>-Under Advising the Board on all major policy matters: There are a number of things that go on in the community that PHAB doesn't address, such as the trauma center designation. There are also both policy and operational issues, such as the Denti-Cal GMC that could benefit from PHAB input. Members and staff both need to be actively identifying community issues, and raising them to the full Advisory Board for consideration.</p> |  |
| <b>County Legislative Policy Document</b> | Item was tabled due to meeting time constraints.   | Item tabled.   |
| <b>Announcements</b>                      | A member questioned whether local action was needed regarding the drug-resistant staph infection, such as mandating reporting. Dr. Trochet will be asked to discuss the issue at the December meeting as part of the Public Health Division update.  | -Staff will request that Dr. Trochet address drug-resistant staph infection and any need for local action at the December meeting. |
| <b>Adjourn</b>                            |  | Next meeting: December 5.  |