

Public Health Advisory Board
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Meeting Notes: December 5, 2007

Members present: Leslie Benson, Leticia Garcia, Terri Mack, Ana Negron, Dr. Anthony Russell, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Dr. Robert Meagher, Chris Wood, Dr. Glennah Trochet (ex-officio), Dr. Keith Andrews (ex-officio), Dr. Dorothy Pitman (ex-officio).
Members absent: Matt Hedges (excused), Joan Hurlock (excused), Vicki McGahan (excused), Steve Soto (excused), Barbara Fox, Scott Seamons.
Guests attending: Donna Paul, Jeff King.
Staff: Alan Lange, Kevin O’Keefe.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Introductions	Chair Matt Hedges was unable to attend the meeting, so Dr. Anthony Russell served as Chair.	
Chair’s Report	The PHAB’s first meeting of 2008 will be held on a different date and at a different location. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 12 noon, in Conference Room 1-A/B at the Senior & Adult Services Building, which is located at 4875 Broadway. The HIV Health Services Planning Council requested that a representative of the PHAB sit on their Nominating Committee in late-December. Leslie Benson volunteered to handle this.	PHAB member Leslie Benson will serve on the HIV Health Services Planning Council Nominating Committee.
Action Item: Meeting Notes	The PHAB Minutes from November 7 were unanimously approved without changes.	M/S (Benson, 1 st ; Mack, 2 nd) to unanimously approve the November 7 Minutes without changes.
Presentation: Dr. Keith Andrews and Dr. Dorothy Pitman of Primary Care Services	Dr. Keith Andrews, Division Chief of Primary Care Services in Sacramento County, and Dr. Dorothy Pitman, County Clinics Director, presented an overview of the County Primary Care Division. Primary Care, which has an annual budget of \$100 million, consists of seven branches, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Oak Park Neighborhood Multi-Service Center</u>: This program provides a menagerie of services, including: an After School program; Mental Health services; Anger Management education; Smoking Cessation classes; and, a Health Clinic). The Health Clinic primarily serves the pediatric needs in the Oak Park community. Should the Oak Park Center face budget cuts in the future, the Health Clinic would likely be re-located to the South City Health Center; • <u>Pharmacy & Support Services</u>: The Pharmacy at the County Primary Care Center fills 1,400 prescription refills/day. Automated software has allowed the Pharmacy to fill prescriptions on the same day. Raises were recently provided for pharmacists, which has helped to ease a vacancy rate that has plagued this program in recent years; • <u>Women Infant & Children (WIC) Program</u>: The WIC program increased its client load by 25% in the past year and now serves 30,000 annually. The WIC is an extremely effective program and operates efficiently with very little County contribution. Due to economy of scale, the WIC program is most efficiently operated at the County level. Maintaining staff is challenging due to competition within the State. Nursing and psychiatry (currently there is only one part-time psychiatrist on staff) are particularly challenging; • <u>Primary Health Services Administration</u>: Approximately 55,000 patients in total were served by Primary Care last year. These increased patient numbers are seen across the board in all Primary Care programs. Annual patient increases had been steady at 4% to 6% annually until 2006 when it increased by 15%. Of the approximately 55,000 patients that the clinics serve each year: less than 33% come in once-a-year; 40% to 50% come in at least three times/year for chronic health conditions; 60% to 70% are working poor; and, 29% are homeless patients who are predominantly 	

	<p>served at the C Street Clinic;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Clinic Services Branch (CSB)</u>: The CSB is a MediCal-based program and brings revenue into the Primary Care Division. Whereas Primary Care Services saw 100-120 patients/day three years ago, it now sees approximately 200 patients/day. Several CSB issues were discussed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Refugee Health Program is seeing fewer clients (less than 10/week) and is winding down. This has opened the doors for the expansion of a wellness clinic focusing on women's health and public health services. It was noted that the HPV vaccine is available but very expensive; ➤ The CSB hopes to open a Cardiomyopathy (heart failure) clinic next. Dr. Pitman noted that methamphetamine issues in the County are creating more heart patients; ➤ Educating the community to visit the right clinic when it needs medical attention helps to alleviate demand issues; ➤ The Dental Clinic on C Street sees approximately 40 patients/day and is looking for additional funding; and, ➤ The County has a contract with the UC Davis Medical Center to act as the provider of last resort for specialty cases. This contract was originally written in the 1970's and language issues have arisen regarding what services that the contract mandates are actually being provided. A flat rate model is being used to pay for services rather than a fee-for-service model. This contract is currently being re-negotiated. • <u>County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP)</u>: The CMISP is a program of last resort for residents in need of health care. It acts as a care management program, referring individuals to accepting providers and makes payment for services rendered. Three years ago, the CMISP served approximately 1,000 patients/month. This number has risen to approximately 1,400 patients/month in the last year. This program was one of several looked at by the Board of Supervisors during budget negotiations this past year. It is likely to be scrutinized again next year. Indigent services do have a share of cost scale, but the recovery rate is very low. 	
<p>Action Item: PHAB Work Plan for 2008</p>	<p>The PHAB and its Sub-Committees put together its Work Plan for 2008 during the months of October and November. This document was brought before the PHAB and unanimously approved without changes.</p>	<p>M/S (Garcia, 1st; Benson, 2nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Work Plan for 2008.</p>
<p>Action Item: PHAB Slate of Officers for 2008</p>	<p>The PHAB convened a Nominating Committee in November to develop a Slate of Officers for 2008 (re: Executive Committee). The recommended slate included: Leticia Garcia, Chair; Scott Seamons, Vice Chair; Leslie Benson, At-Large Member; and, Dr. Robert Meagher, At-Large Member. The PHAB unanimously approved this Slate of Officers for 2008.</p>	<p>M/S (Dr. Russell, 1st; Wood, 2nd) to unanimously approve the PHAB Slate of Officers for 2008.</p>
<p>Action Item: Approval of HIV Health Services Planning Council members</p>	<p>The HIV Health Services Planning Council requested approval of the re-appointment of two members, including: Gary Parent (who is currently the Council's Chair); and, Dave Casey (who is currently the Council's Vice Chair). The PHAB unanimously voted to approve the re-appointments of Parent and Casey.</p>	<p>M/S (Benson, 1st; Dr. Meagher, 2nd) to unanimously approve the re-appointment of Gary Parent and Dave Casey to the HIV Health Services Planning Council.</p>
<p>Division Update</p>	<p><u>Public Health Division</u>: Dr. Glennah Trochet reported on several issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sandra Hand was unable to attend the PHAB meeting and make her program overview of Public Health's TB/STD Control program; • In January '08, Dr. Trochet will give a presentation to the PHAB regarding the Public Health Division's priorities for 2008 as well as issues related to Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA); • That the PHAB consider extending the length of time given to Public Health Division Program Overviews to 20 minutes to allow for sufficient time for presentation and discussion; 	<p>* The PHAB's Executive Committee will examine increasing Public Health Division Program Overviews from 10 minutes to 20 minutes.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West Nile Virus (WNV) season is over. Sacramento County reported 27 cases in 2007 (which is twice as many as reported in 2006), including one death. Dr. Trochet reported that the WNV season lasted late into October this year, whereas in the past it has usually ended in mid-September; and, • There has been a lot of public concern regarding Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA). Dr. Trochet, who reported that information regarding MRSA can be accessed at www.scph.com, will speak to the PHAB about MRSA at its meeting in January of 2008. 	
PHAB Updates	<p><u>Education & Outreach Committee (EOC):</u> The EOC is currently working on: updating the PHAB's Public Health Survey; completing its PHAB PowerPoint presentation, which will used to do outreach; and, its Work Plan for 2008.</p> <p><u>Research & Evaluation Committee (REC):</u> The REC is currently working on: Criteria for Developing Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors; a recommendation regarding the banning of Trans Fat by County food establishments; a recommendation regarding the placement of Defibrillators in public places; and, its Work Plan for 2008.</p> <p>It was requested that staff include a monthly update of its six Standing Committees (Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition, Perinatal & Child Health Advisory Committee, Tobacco Control Coalition, HIV Health Services Planning Council, Sacramento Alliance to Prevent AIDS, and the Dental Health Advisory Committee) in future PHAB packets.</p>	* Staff will include a monthly update of all six PHAB Standing Committees in future packets.
Announcements	<p>→ Leslie Benson announced that Education for Healthy Choices collaborated with the County's Public Health Division to develop a Hand Washing PowerPoint presentation regarding Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA). Staff was requested to include this PowerPoint presentation in the PHAB packet for January of 2008.</p> <p>→ Dr. Trochet shared that there is good news on the California Children's Services (CCS) front. MediCal has previously de-certified Sacramento County's CCS program because of it had an 80% vacancy rate among Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physical Therapists (PT). This shortage has created a lengthy waiting list for children in need of OT and PT services, which are mandated by State of California. Sacramento County has had trouble filling these vacancies because compensation issues. The County remedied this issue by re-classifying these OT and PT positions to a higher compensation level. As a result, the County has been able to hire several OT's and PT's and bring its vacancy rate below 50%. The hope is that MediCal will re-certify Sacramento County's CCS program.</p> <p>→ Dr. Russell mentioned that a new study has found that honey will soothe the cough of a toddler. Children under the age of six, however, should not be given honey because of susceptibility to botulism.</p>	* Staff will include the Hand Washing PowerPoint presentation developed by Education for Healthy Choice in collaboration with the County's Public Health Division in the PHAB packet for January of 2008.
Adjourn		Next meeting: January 9, 2008, 12 noon.