

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
October 11, 2018
MINUTES**

**APPROVED
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COMMISSIONERS

Jean G. Champommier, Ph.D. Chairperson *
Crystal D. Crawford, J.D. **
Patrick T. Dowling, M.D., M.P.H. *
Kelly Colopy, M.P.P. *
Alina Dorian, Ph.D. *

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health *

Sara Guizar, Secretary *
Public Health Commission

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ADVISOR

Megan McClaire, Chief of Staff *

Present **Excused *Absent*

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
<u>I. Call to Order</u>	<i>The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairperson Champommier, at the Central Public Health Center.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u>	<i>Introduction of Commissioners and guests was conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>III. Approval of Minutes</u>	MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2018	<i>Commission Chair Champommier entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes for (September 13, 2018). The motion passed with Commissioner Dowling, seconded by Commissioner Colopy. All in favor.</i>
<u>IV. Public Health Report</u>	<p>Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health, and Ms. Megan McClaire, Chief of Staff, provided the Commission with the Public Health (PH) Report, and discussed Department of Public Health (DPH) activities since the last report on September 13, 2018.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer and Ms. McClaire welcomed Dr. Alina Dorian, new PH Commissioner representing the 5th Supervisorial District. Commissioner Dorian was appointed by the Board of Supervisors (Board) in early August 2018.</p>	

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Ms. McClaire provided the Commission with information on the following news releases:

ACTOR DANNY TREJO AND PH CELEBRATE RECOVERY AT THE 44TH ANNUAL AL-IMPICS

Ms. McClaire provided the Commission with information on the 44th Annual Al-Impics hosted by actor Danny Trejo and DPH. She stated this was the largest constituent-driven recovery event in Los Angeles County (LAC). The event took place at the Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington. The Al-Impics was a special one-day event promoting health and wellness for those in drug and alcohol treatment programs and sober living. Teams of over 2000 adults and teenagers from communities around LAC participated in track and field, weightlifting, volleyball, and many other sporting activities.

PH AIMS TO ELIMINATE CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IN FIVE YEARS

Ms. McClaire shared with the Commission that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention released its annual Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance report that highlights an increase in syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia cases throughout the United States, including LAC. She stated DPH released a media advisory to state their commitment to reducing the rates of sexually transmitted diseases across LAC and eliminating cases of congenital syphilis. DPH and community partners work on addressing the causes of disproportionate rates of infections among African American women, transgender women, and Latino Youth. DPH will increase provider training, broadly disseminate the recently developed Syphilis Action Kit, and expand home-based services for pregnant women at high risk of having a poor birth outcome.

FIRST HUMAN CASE OF SAINT LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS IN LAC SINCE 1997

Ms. McClaire provided the Commission with an update on the first identified human case of Saint Louis encephalitis (SLEV) in the San Fernando Valley area of LAC since 1997. She stated SLEV is transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. DPH encourages residents of LAC to protect themselves by using EPA-registered repellent to keep mosquitoes from biting, and to make sure to remove any standing water in homes or yards where mosquitoes can breed.

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	<p>PH REPORTS SEVERAL CASES OF FLEA-BORNE TYPHUS</p> <p>Ms. McClaire informed the Commission regarding DPH's investigation of a cluster of flea-borne typhus cases in the downtown area of Los Angeles. Flea-borne typhus is a disease found in infected fleas, their feces, and can come from different types of animals including cats, rats, and opossums.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer commented on several cases of flea-borne typhus have occurred among persons experiencing homelessness and people who work and/or live in the downtown area of the City of Los Angeles (City of LA). She stated DPH works with the City of LA on efforts to implement environmental safety measures to reduce the spread of flea-borne typhus. DPH also works with national and statewide partners to continue surveillance activities and to interview and treat those affected by the disease. Dr. Ferrer also stated that DPH encourages pet owners to practice safe flea control and all cities in LAC to ensure maintenance of their trash and rodent control activities. DPH also provides outreach services to residents and providers on how to reduce exposure to infected fleas. Ms. McClaire provide the Commission with the following news release report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First West Nile Death Reported in LAC</i> <p>REPORT BACK ON PREVENTION OF OPIOID DEATHS</p> <p>The Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner and DPH were instructed by the Board to report back on the prevention of opioid deaths. The Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner and DPH engaged representatives from County agencies, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, SafeMed LA, and leads from the research study in San Diego County conducted on this issue to explore the feasibility of implementing a program in LAC in which letters are sent to prescribers when their patients die from an opioid overdose.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer expressed gratitude to the Commission for their support and flexibility. She provided the Commission with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Benefit Information Packets</i> • <i>DPH's Continued Efforts on the Prevention Trust Fund</i> 	
<p><u>V.</u> <u>Presentation:</u> <u>Substance Abuse</u> <u>and Prevention</u> <u>Control</u></p>	<p>Dr. Gary Tsai, Medical Director and Science Officer provided the Commission with a brief presentation on the Specialty Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System and Grupos, and on the Medi-Cal eligible population served by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) program.</p>	

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LAC AT A GLANCE

Dr. Tsai provided the Commission with information on LAC's population and healthcare enrollment. He stated LAC has a population of about 10.17 million within a 4,751 square mile area. He estimated about 3.9 million are Medi-Cal eligible, 3.1 million are enrolled in Medi-Cal, and 148,000 are enrolled in My Health LA.

START-ODS – SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION ADVANCE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT

Dr. Tsai informed the Commission on the Medi-Cal waiver, also known as the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS). He stated DMC-ODS is a Medicaid waiver program/project that funds a more expansive scope of quality-focused SUD services through Medi-Cal. DMC-ODS's focus is expanding quality of services for SUDs. The following informational charts/graphs were provided to the Commissions:

- *Contracted Budget/Provider Network/ Service Sites*
 - *147 contracted providers spread out in 573 sites*
- *Clinical Practice and Workforce Capacity*
 - *Medical Necessity/Evidence-Based Practices*
 - *SUD's workforce Enhancement and Training*

BECOMING A SPECIALTY MANAGED CARE PLAN

Dr. Tsai stated that the largest transformation of DMC-ODS waiver is the managed care plan. He commented on the authorizations and documentation process and training, the reorienting of existing staff, and financing services and rates. Dr. Tsai also provided the Commission with the following charts/graphs:

- *Funding Streams*
 - *Old System/Current New System*
 - *Old Drug Medi-Cal Benefits/Current New DMC-ODS Waiver Benefits*
- *Moving to a Chronic Care Model*
- *SUD Recovery Journey and Options*
- *Main Entryways into the Specialty SUS System*
- *Service and Bed Availability Tool (SBAT)*
 - *SBAT simplifies the identification of SUD referrals*

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Commission Chair Champommier commented on the mental health system and its improvements.

Dr. Ferrer asked about therapy assisted treatment in outpatient settings and the difference between outpatient and primary care.

Dr. Tsai stated therapy assisted treatment should be assessible to everyone. The difference between outpatient and primary care represents the level of care.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR) IMPLEMENTATION

Dr. Tsai informed the Commission about DPH's transition from a largely paper-based SUD system to an electronic, technology-based system to help meet the enhanced requirements of the DMC-ODS waiver. He also informed the Commission on the implementation of the SAGE system. He provided the Commission with information on the following graphs:

- *Provider Accountability and Compliance*
- *Treatment Non-Compliance, FY 2016-17 and 2017-18*
- *Treatment Effectiveness*

WHAT IS GRUPO AA 24 HORAS

Dr. Tsai stated Grupos are SUD treatment sites that are not licensed, regulated, or contracted with the County of Los Angeles, and have no jurisdictional oversight. Grupos are a faith-based recovery service for drug and alcohol abusers that typically provide services to undocumented individuals in several areas of LAC. DPH SAPC recommends education and awareness of Grupos to communities and the public. Following are some typical characteristics of Grupos:

- Dormitory-style sleeping arrangements
- Recent immigrant Hispanic/Latino population
- Services in Spanish, in context of Latin American culture
- Financially vulnerable individuals

Dr. Ferrer and Commissioner Colopy asked about tools and opportunities in terms of certifications for unlicensed facilities. Dr. Ferrer requested a follow-up report from SAPC on Grupos. Dr. Ferrer and Commissioner Dorian also noted that given that this is a resource that residents are using, it would be

Dr. Ferrer requested that SAPC report back on Grupos. SAPC will be scheduled for a follow-up report during a future Public Health Commission meeting.

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	<p>helpful to know about our license systems would serve as barriers (such as cultural relevance, lost) that make Grupos services more appealing.</p> <p>Commission Chair Champommier thanked Dr. Ferrer and Dr. Tsai for their comments and presentation.</p>	
<p><u>VI. Public Comment</u></p>	<p>Denise Tom of the California Community Foundation (CCF) provided the Commission with a pamphlet and information on foundations that focus in substance use and misuse in LAC. She stated CCF invests in the integration of primary care, substance use, and mental health delivery systems in the most impacted regions of LAC. She asked the Commission for a copy of the DMC-ODS presentation.</p> <p>Ms. Lolita Namocatcat of the Asian Pacific Counseling Treatment Center expressed concern for individuals suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. She commented about individuals experiencing financial difficulties within the Medi-Cal system among drug/alcohol abusers.</p> <p>Commission Chair Champommier expressed his gratitude to the public for their comments.</p>	<p><i>On October 11, 2018, the Commission Secretary (Ms. Sara Guizar) provided Ms. Denise Tom with a copy of SAPC's powerpoint presentation.</i></p>
<p><u>VII. Adjournment</u></p>	<p><i>MOTION: The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:13 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Commission Chair Champommier called a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by Commissioner Dowling, seconded by Commissioner Colopy. All in favor.</i></p>