

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
June 14, 2018
MINUTES**

**APPROVED
9/13/18**

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. *

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 Health Services Administration building.</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 MAY 10, 2018	<i>Commission Chair Champommier entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes for (May 10, 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 (PH), 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 May 10, 2018.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer informed the Commission about DPH's efforts in providing the Commission with the most current information. She thanked the Commission for their support and representation to the Board of Supervisors (Board).</p> <p>Commission Chair Champommier thanked Dr. Ferrer for her comments. He stated the Commission looks forward to future discussion plans.</p>	

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Ms. McClaire provided the Commission with the most current PH News Releases and information:

- Congenital Syphilis Cases Increase in Los Angeles County (LAC)
- Suicide is a Serious and Significant Public Health Issue
- Appointment announcement of DPH's New Health Officer

Ms. McClaire informed the Commission that Dr. Muntu Davis will be joining DPH as the new Health Officer, effective July 30, 2018. Dr. Davis served as Director for the Alameda County Public Health Department for the past six years, and as Health Officer since 2009. Dr. Ferrer expressed her gratitude to Dr. Gunzenhauser for serving as Interim Health Officer. She stated Dr. Gunzenhauser will continue as the Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Disease Control.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INSPECTIONS

Ms. McClaire stated that in June 30, 2018, DPH entered into an Agreement with CDPH to perform federal certifications of local health care health care facilities, and investigate complaints and facility-reported incidents. An update was also provided to the Board of Supervisors (Board) regarding DPH's contract negotiations with the State for health care facility inspections to extend and increase funding to support cost increases.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Dr. Ferrer stated that DPH was instructed by the Board to propose the infrastructure needed within LAC to create and support an Integrated Countywide Office of Violence Prevention and an outline of the staffing and resources needed for a Countywide Office of Violence Prevention. She stated DPH engaged with the Prevention Institutes to perform initial listening sessions and interviews with specific leaders in the movement for violence prevention. DPH also met with County partners to develop a Countywide violence prevention strategic plan, identifying the resources needed to complete such a plan, and outline the funding needed to support the process.

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CITY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILES

Dr. Ferrer provided the Commission with a draft version of the City and Community Health Profiles hand out for the city of Palmdale. She stated DPH is in the process of releasing 86 City and Community profiles. She stated DPH is also working to make sure that the data reaches all communities within LAC. DPH created an interactive web-based platform where data files will be assessible to communities so that people can receive or add additional information without prior approval from DPH.

Commissioner Champommier commented on the great opportunity for people to engage in communities.

Commissioner Dowling asked about the web-based platform's launch date. He commented on the State's MSSAs, and the comparison with LAC SPAs.

Dr. Ferrer stated that the launch date for the web-based platform is the end of June 2018. She stated that LAC SPAs are selected in jurisdictions with over 25,000 people, and that MSSAs are not. DPH currently works on smaller active and vibrant communities, but also works on strategies for smaller jurisdictions.

Commissioner Collopy asked about DPH's survey and the concept of additional space for data.

Dr. Ferrer stated that DPH continues processing surveys. DPH currently works on creating a Countywide data report to raise issues around race and ethnicity, and works on other resources people in communities would be interested in. Dr. Ferrer welcomed suggestions from the Commission and stated DPH is doing great with the current available data.

Dr. Ferrer informed the Commission about DPH's community Summit at the Willowbrook/Westmount West Athens areas. Over 150 people participated. She stated it was a great effort to support community groups and to improve the health of residents in communities of LAC. LA Pride also took place highlighting the Center for Health Equity to promote services, and address issues like STIs and HIV/AIDS.

Commission Chair Champommier thanked Dr. Ferrer for a great PH report.

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<p><u>V.</u> <u>Presentation:</u> <u>Cannabis Update</u></p>	<p>Cynthia A. Harding, Chief Deputy Director for the Department of Public Health, provided the commission with an update on cannabis, and DPH's prevention efforts around marijuana.</p> <p>Ms. Harding informed the Commission about DPH's efforts around cannabis. She introduced Mr. Fredrick Agyin, Branch Director for the Environmental Health Division, Dr. John Connolly, Interim Director for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) with a presentation on prevention efforts around marijuana, and Ms. Rachel Tyree, Director Communication and Community Relations for the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Division. Ms. Tyree presented on youth marijuana recreation efforts, and on youth prevention media campaign.</p> <p>Ms. Harding informed the Commission about the cannabis workgroup within DPH. She stated that the workgroup's focus is to provide messaging and educate providers on cannabis prevention. The Long Beach and Pasadena Health Departments also participate in the DPH cannabis workgroup. Ms. Harding also stated that California was one of the first states to legalize medical marijuana, and is among a group of states that legalized adult use marijuana. Ms. Harding provided the Commission with information on the following charts/graphs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shifting Policies and Norms• Prop 64 – Adult Use of Marijuana Act• California – Proposition 215, Senate Bill 420• State Licensing Authorities• Trends in Usage <p>Ms. Harding stated that the medical marijuana program has been issuing Medical Marijuana ID (MMID) cards since 2007. Prior to Prop 64, MMID cards were not required for the purchase of medical marijuana at dispensaries. The new State law requires that consumers present a MMID card for the purchase of tax free medical marijuana.</p> <p>PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLES</p> <p>Ms. Harding stated that DPH plays a very important role around community education and prevention messaging, and in making sure those messages are accurate and understood by target audiences. She updated the Commission on the following charts/roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy development and advocacy	
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- Engage communities & offer evidence
- Quality Standards and Safety
 - Regulate industry and support cities on permitting
- Surveillance
 - Identify opportunities for new data and understanding
- Treatment
 - Reframe addiction as a chronic disease
 - Ensure availability of effective treatment options
- Environmental Protection
 - Participate in development of regulations to ensure that environments are maintained
- Health Equity
 - Ensure that vulnerable populations are not disproportionately impacted

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS FACILITIES

Mr. Agyin informed the Commission about Environmental Health’s (EH) role cannabis regulations, especially edibles. He stated that on December 2017, the Board approved the Cannabis ordinance. He stated there are two departments at the State level involved with Cannabis regulations: the Department of Agriculture deals with cultivation and the California Department of Public Health deals with manufacturers. Mr. Agyin provided the Commission with information on the following charts:

- Plan Review and Approval Process
- Routine Inspections at Permitted Facilities
- Commercial Activities Allowed by DPH’s Ordinance
- Cannabis Cultivation Facility
- Cannabis Manufacturing Facility/Complaints Received by DPH-EH
- Cannabis Retail Facility

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS IN LAC

Mr. Agyin stated there are several cities that proposed to allow commercial cannabis businesses in LAC. Long Beach and Pasadena are both included as independent health departments.

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ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION SERVICES (AODPS)

Dr. Connolly provided the Commission with information on the scope of work within SAPC's prevention program, and on the different types of contracts and activities for prevention services. He stated that SAPC's network is comprised of 31 community-based organizations providing youth engagement in schools, community events, and Friday Night Live (FNL). FNL is a positive youth development approach, where youth come together and have a positive social experience, as well as receive leadership development and education. Dr. Connolly provided the Commission with information on the following charts:

- Prevention Efforts
- Prevention Partners
- Contracted AODPS Providers

CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Tyree provided the Commission with an overview of the Media Campaign Development (MCD) Program. The MCD program was established on October 2017, targeting youth ages 12-17. She stated MCD works on efforts to educate and encourage youth not to use marijuana at all.

MCD members work with community partners, focus groups, and youth. Ms. Tyree provided the Commission with information on the new website for teens, where teens can communicate about drugs and alcohol. The website also provides education for adults, schools, parents, and caregivers. Ms. Tyree provided the commission with the following charts:

- Creative Themes
- Video Library – LetsTalkCannabisLACounty.com
- Bigger Choices
- Resources

Commissioner Dowling asked about funding sources for the media campaign.

Dr. Connolly stated that the primary funding for MCD comes from SAPC federal block grant. Ms. Harding stated that funds for the cannabis campaign comes from a Wells Fargo Bank grant, as well.

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	Commission Chair Champommier thanked DPH for such a great presentation.	
<u>VI.</u> <u>New Business</u>	The Commission discussed plans for future meeting presentations for 2019.	
<u>VII.</u> <u>Adjournment</u>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:13 p.m.	