

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
August 9, 2018  
MINUTES**

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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. \*\*

**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 \*\*  
Gayle Haberman, Director of Office of Planning \*

**\*Present \*\*Excused \*\*\*Absent**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/FINDINGS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP</b>
<b><u>I. Call to Order</u></b>	<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>
<b><u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u></b>	<i>Introduction of Commissioners and guests was conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<b><u>III. Approval of Minutes</u></b>	<b>MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2018</b>	<i>Due to a lack of quorum, the approval of minutes for June 14, 2018, was postponed by Commission Chair Champommier, until the next regularly scheduled meeting.</i>
<b><u>IV. Public Health Report</u></b>	<p>Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health (PH), and Ms. Gayle Haberman, provided the Commission with the Public Health (PH) Report, and discussed Department of Public Health (DPH) activities since the last report on June 14, 2018.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer informed the Commission about the water ballot measure project across Los Angeles County (LAC). She stated that rain water flowing into the LAC beaches and oceans are often dirty, carrying pollutants that can make it unsafe to swim after a storm. DPH currently works with the Department of</p>	

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Public Works (DPW) and communities to promote the importance of the water reclamation project, and on efforts to reclaim storm water.

**SATIVA WATER DISTRICT**

Dr. Ferrer provided the Commission with an update on the Sativa Water District situation of discolored water. She stated that the Sativa Water District serves a community of about 1,200 households. DPH and DPW work on efforts to make water safe and appropriate for consumption and ensure people in communities get clean water. Dr. Ferrer also stated that DPH works with the Board on efforts to regulate small water districts and to make water safe for communities across LAC.

**ALISO CANYON SETTLEMENT**

Dr. Ferrer stated that the Board voted to approve the Aliso Canyon Settlement with the Southern California (SoCal) Gas Company. A press statement was sent out in early August releasing the terms of the settlement. She stated DPH will be setting up an advisory board to oversee the long-term health study for residents of the Aliso Canyon communities and to provide residents with the information needed to better understand the level of exposures and also with guidance moving forward.

**EXIDE BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT (EXIDE)**

Dr. Ferrer provided the Commission with an update on the contamination in communities surrounding Exide. She stated DPH works in partnership with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to quickly assess and identify the homes affected by lead. A bus tour was organized by DTSC where Dr. Ferrer and other State and local elected officials attended a hearing related to the Exide contamination. She stated DPH works collaboratively with DTSC to ensure a full clean-up of the properties and parkways affected by Exide. Dr. Ferrer also commented on the newly opened Resource Center in East Los Angeles that offers health services, resources, and free blood testing to families affected by Exide.

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS**

Dr. Ferrer announced that DPH, in collaboration with the hospitals and health care plans, is working to create a strategic plan for investments to

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reduce the epidemic of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) in LAC. She stated DPH works collaborative with the managed care networks and medical care homes to ensure that treatment is available for individuals during this STI epidemic.

**NEW COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER FOR LAC**

Dr. Ferrer introduced Doctor Muntu Davis, who was recently sworn in as the new Health Officer for LAC. Dr. Davis was the former County Health Officer and Director of the Alameda County Public Health Department. Dr. Ferrer stated she is honored and thrilled for Dr. Davis' arrival to the Department. She stated Dr. Davis will be working closely and leading the work for the Public Health Commission. Dr. Ferrer also expressed gratitude for Dr. Gunzenhauser's work and leadership as both Interim Health Officer, and Medical Director.

Commission Chair Champommier, and Commissioner Dowling, welcomed Dr. Davis to the LAC DPH team.

**MARIJUANA USE ON THE RISE AMONG ADULTS**

Ms. Haberman informed the Commission about the increase in marijuana usage among adults across LAC. She stated that the report analyzes data from the Los Angeles County Health Survey (LACHS), which showed that the percentage of adults ages 18 and over who reported using marijuana in the past year increased by 33% from (9% to 12%), from 2011 to 2015. Ms. Haberman also informed the Commission regarding DPH's Teen Marijuana Use Prevention Campaign program, and the launch of its new video highlighting the health effects of marijuana use on the development brain.

**PAYMENT PLANS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT FEES**

Ms. Haberman stated that DPH was instructed by the Board of Supervisors (Board) to explore options for implementing a payment plan for business inspection fees beginning in Fiscal Year 2019-20. She stated that DPH in coordination with County partners will report back to the Board with a plan for allowing businesses to pay in installments, as well as any ideas for incentive programs for businesses that focus on public health requirements. Ms. Haberman stated DPH will be providing the Commission with future updates.

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	<p>LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY LAUNCHES CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY ACTION PLAN</p> <p>Ms. Haberman stated that the Board, along with the LAC Health Agency and community partners, announced the release of a new plan to promote a culture of equity across LAC. Over the next five (5) years, the Health Agency will join with others to sustain efforts to reduce and eliminate some of the biggest gaps in health outcomes. The plan is a call to action and seeks to grow a movement to advance health equity so that everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they need for optimal health and well-being in LAC.</p> <p>Commission Chair Champommier thanked Dr. Ferrer for a great PH report.</p>	
<p><b><u>V. Presentation: Center for Health Equity</u></b></p>	<p>Heather Northover, Director of the Center for Health Equity provided the commission with an update on community engagement strategies around gender and racial equity.</p> <p>Ms. Northover thanked the Commission for their support and attendance at the Center for Health Equity’s (CHE) action plan press event. She informed the Commission about future CHE events as well as the upcoming public webinar taking place in mid-August. She commented on the number of forums coming up geographically across LAC within each Supervisorial District. The upcoming forums will focus on critical populations, reaching out to lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities, people with disabilities, faith-based communities, and Native American indigenous populations.</p> <p>WHAT IS A HEALTHY COMMUNITY</p> <p>Ms. Northover commented on the importance of understanding how communities we live in impact our health and well-being. She provided the Commission with information on the following keys to a healthy community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Needs – Clean air to breath, clean drinking water, healthy food to eat, safe and affordable housing, shelters, and healthcare for the sick</li> <li>• Sustainable Environments – Safe sustainable energy sources and transportation affects climate change. DPH and community partners understand climate change is an important 21<sup>st</sup> century issue</li> </ul>	

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- Economic and Social Development – Have safe and well-paid employment opportunities, places to learn, and areas with social connections

Ms. Northover discussed and provided the Commission with information on the following graphs/charts:

- *A Portrait of Los Angeles County*
- *Differences by Race/Ethnicity*
- *Social Determinants of Health Domains*
- *Equality & Equity*
- *CHE Org Chart*

Commission Vice-Chair commented on the differences by race and ethnicity and asked about the latest data report.

Ms. Northover stated the data shown is a portion of LAC. The most recent data reports can be available through the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology Division.

Dr. Davis commented on Title 17, California's DPH section 1276, which refers to the basic services that a health department provides to its jurisdiction, and to services directed that affect health.

#### THE CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY (CHE)

Ms. Northover stated that CHE was launched in October 2017. CHE is led by DPH and is designed to:

- Leverage existing resources and efforts
- Ensure a racial and social justice lens
- Serve as a critical touchpoint for partners and community

#### COUNTY-WIDE COLLABORATIONS

Ms. Northover provided the Commission with information on the following County-wide collaborations:

- Countywide Homelessness Initiative – Tasked with reducing the rising homelessness issue and removing barriers to housing in LAC
- Division of Youth Diversion and Development – Designed to divert young people from the criminal justice system and create a safety net in communities

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- Office of Child Protection – Designated to ensure the health and well-being of children, and address social and structural conditions that act as stressors for families and communities
- Women and Girls Initiative – Designed to examine the systemic issues that lead to inequitable gender outcomes
- LGBTQ+ Steering Committee – Tasked with improving County services involving LGBTQ+youth

**EQUITY-RELATED COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

Ms. Northover asked the Commission for participation/their thoughts about promising equity-related community initiatives that CHE should engage or participate in, and how CHE can add value to existing community efforts.

Commission Vice-Chair Crawford commented on the connection of mental and emotional health to physical health, the existing work around the Cultural Racial Disparities Project, and the State-wide mental health work related to communities of color.

**CHE STRATEGIC PRORITIES**

Ms. Northover informed the Commission about CHE strategies, and the goal of reducing and eliminating gaps in health outcomes. She informed the Commission on following focus areas:

- *Provide useful and inclusive data*
- *Support policy and systems change*
- *Cultivate public-private community partnerships*
- *Strengthen organizational readiness and capacity*

**THE CENTER'S KEY FOCUS AREAS**

Ms. Northover provided the Commission with information on the following five (5) key focus areas:

- Reduce the gap between black/white infant mortality
- Reduce STIs in those that are affected
  - Gay bisexual and transgender individuals, as well as African American women
- Environmental Justice
  - Reduce exposure to toxic emissions and other particular chemicals

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Neighborhoods             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provide safety net and care in a coordinated network for people with complex health needs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cultural &amp; Linguistic competency</li> </ul> <p>ACTION PLAN 2018-2023</p> <p>Ms. Northover stated that the Center’s action plan was released in August 2018. The action plan is a call to action seeking to grow a movement to advance health equity in LAC.</p> <p>HEALTHY EQUITY LENS</p> <p>Ms. Northover provided the Commission with information on the following equity lens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluating people, places, processes, and power</li> <li>• Identify the largest gaps by understanding the policies and systems that really impact inequities</li> <li>• Have and maintaining cultural humility</li> <li>• Having accountability</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>VI.</u></b>    <b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p>	<p>Ms. Lolita Namocatcat of the Asian Pacific Counseling Treatment Center, commented on the new homeless project care center and the various services offered by the new homeless center.</p> <p>Staff from The San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center commented on the need for Spanish literature/materials for Spanish speaking people in need of hospital, clinic, and insurance information.</p>	<p>The Commission Secretary provided copies of the August 9, 2018 power point presentation to members of the public of the San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center.</p>
<p><b><u>VII.</u></b>    <b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:13 p.m.</p>	