

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
APRIL 25, 2013  
MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Patrick Dowling, M.D., M.P.H., Chairperson\***  
Jean G. Champommier, Ph.D., Vice-Chair\*  
Waleed W. Shindy M.D., M.P.H.\*\*  
Michelle Anne Bholat, M.D., M.P.H. \*

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE**

Jonathan E. Fielding, Director of Public Health and Health Officer\*\*\*  
Angela Haley, Secretary\*  
Public Health Commission

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ADVISOR**

Cynthia Harding, Chief Deputy\*\*  
Public Health

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION YOUTH ADVISOR**

Vacant

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
I. CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:04 a.m. by Chairperson Dowling at Central Health Center.	Information only.

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<b>II. ANNOUNCEMENTS &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<i>Introductions of Commissioners and guests were conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<b>III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<b>MOTION: APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2013 MINUTES</b>	<i>Chairperson Dowling entertained a motion from Commissioner Champommier, seconded by Commissioner Bholat and carried unanimously.</i>

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<p><b>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</b></p>	<p>Cindy Harding provided the Commission with a Public Health Report and discussed public health activities since the last report on April 11, 2013.</p> <p><b>Report on Meningococcal Disease</b></p> <p>On April 9, 2013, the Department of Public Health (DPH) was notified of a case of meningococcal disease. DPH conducted a thorough contact investigation, which included identifying any persons who had close and/or intimate contact with the case. DPH made sure that preventive antibiotic treatment was provided to individuals who had likely close contact with the patient including household contacts, friends, and health care workers.</p> <p>DPH will continue to closely monitor cases and conduct activities in close collaboration with CDC, CDPH, healthcare providers, and community partners. We will not hesitate to recommend a broad vaccination campaign should the pattern of additional cases reveal an outbreak.</p>	

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<p><b>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</b></p>	<p>Additionally, DPH is working with the leaders and health care providers in the gay community in L.A. County.</p> <p>Chairperson Dowling asked has everyone been tested at the gym where the person who contacted meningococcal frequently visited. Dr. Rachel Civen indicated no, because it did not constitute a high risk to other people.</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat asked staff what lessons did DPH learn as a result of the case of meningococcal. Ms. Harding indicated maybe DPH was slow in contacting the media, putting information on the website, and to meet with others to calm fears within the community. In the future, DPH needs to have a quicker response time to the media even if we don't have all the information but let them know here is what we're doing to get it.</p> <p><b>Mislabeled Seafood</b></p> <p>DPH convened a workgroup with the National Fisheries Institute (NFI), which represents 80% of fish distributors within the county. When DPH inspectors observe discrepancies with species identification that are due to the actions of the wholesale distributor, a referral will be made to the appropriate State and federal regulatory agencies. When an operator observes species substitution or has mislabeling complaints discrepancies, DPH is encouraging them to report it via the DPH complaint hotline or online on the DPH Environmental Health website.</p>	

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<p><b>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</b></p>	<p><b>National Planning Achievement Award for Best Practice</b></p> <p>DPH Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Division has been recognized with the American Planning Association's National Planning Achievement Award for Best Practice for the Model Design Manual for Living Streets. The purpose of the Manual is to help cities comply with new State requirements like the California Complete Streets Act.</p> <p><b>Update on Implementation of the Food Vehicle Inspection Grading Ordinance</b></p> <p>DPH Environmental Health is implementing the vehicle letter grading in two phases. Phase I was initiated in November 2010 and applies to "high risk" food vehicles such as full-service food trucks and carts. Phase II applies to "low risk" food vehicles such as pre-packaged food vendors, produce trucks, and coffee/pretzel carts, among others will be initiated once Phase I is complete. There are an estimate 6,000 food vehicles operating within the county. This total is comprised of approximately 3,200 high-risk and 2,800 low-risk food vehicles.</p>	

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<p>V. <b>PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC MEETINGS</b></p>	<p>Cindy Harding and staff discussed the draft document of the work that DPH is doing to prepare for Health Care Reform, Affordable Care Act, and future opportunities for DPH. Ms. Harding encouraged the Commission input on these topics.</p> <p><b>A Changing Landscape</b></p> <p><u>Patient Landscape</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people gaining insurance and medical homes</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Landscape</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal and State changes: some funding for clinical services will move to private sector</li> <li>• New grant opportunities</li> </ul> <p><u>New Players in the Marketplace</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased reimbursement will attract new providers, technologies, other organizations</li> </ul> <p><u>Focus on Quality and Cost</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triple Aim: Improve quality of patient care, improve population health, lower costs – more data available through the new electronic system</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>V. PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC MEETINGS CONTINUED</b></p>	<p><u>Increased Availability of Clinical Data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Information Exchanges, Electronic Health Records</li> </ul> <p>Wendy Schiffer discussed the Affordable Care Act (ACA).</p> <p><b>Prevention and the ACA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No-cost preventive medical services</li> <li>• Prevention and Public Health Fund</li> <li>• National Prevention Strategy</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive Medical Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventive medical services must be covered and provided at no cost to the patient (9/23/10)</li> <li>• Preventive care for seniors added to Medicare at no cost to the patient (1/11/11)</li> <li>• New preventive services added for women (8/1/12)</li> <li>• Services include those recommended by U.S. Preventive Services Task Force</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>V. PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC MEETINGS CONTINUED</b></p>	<p><b>Prevention and Public Health Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created as part of the ACA; the nation's first mandatory funding stream dedicated to improving our nation's public health.</li> <li>• \$15 billion FY 2010 – FY 2019, and \$2 billion every year thereafter.</li> <li>• During the first five years of the Fund's existence, amounts gradually increase to \$2 billion per year</li> <li>• The Fund is constantly in jeopardy of being reduced or eliminated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prevention and Public Health Fund Community Transformation Grant</b></p> <p>\$9.8 million for L.A. County supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobacco free living</li> <li>• Active living and healthy eating</li> <li>• High impact clinical preventive services</li> <li>• Social and emotional wellness</li> <li>• Healthy and safe physical environments</li> </ul> <p><b>National Prevention Strategy</b></p> <p><u>Vision:</u> Working together to improve the health and quality of life for individuals, families, and communities by moving the nation from a focus on sickness and disease to one based on prevention and wellness.</p>	



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<p><b>V.PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC MEETINGS CONTINUED</b></p>	<p>Ms. Schiffer indicated there are four main areas to support the National Prevention Strategy and DPH Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Healthy and Safe Community Environments</i></li> <li>• <i>Clinical and Community Preventive Services</i></li> <li>• <i>Empowered People</i></li> <li>• <i>Elimination of Health Disparities</i></li> </ul> <p>Ms. Harding discussed the following opportunities for DPH under ACA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Population Health</i></li> <li>• <i>Clinical Care</i></li> <li>• <i>Surveillance</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Population Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Focus on Upstream Determinants</i></li> <li>• <i>Consistent with National Prevention Strategy</i></li> <li>• <i>Health in All Policies Framework</i></li> <li>• <i>Social determinants of health</i></li> <li>• <i>Policy analysis; health impact assessments</i></li> <li>• <b>Help Clinical Providers with Population Health</b></li> </ul>	

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<p><b>V.PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC MEETINGS CONTINUED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some patients seek care at DPH clinics for convenience and privacy (e.g. STD patients)</li> <li>• DPH expertise in TB and complex STDs</li> <li>• However, many patients will gain insurance and may seek care elsewhere</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DPH Public Health Center Needs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billing process and system</li> <li>• Electronic medical records</li> <li>• Facility upgrades</li> <li>• Referral relationships with DHS and other providers</li> <li>• Possible future regionalization</li> </ul> <p><b>Clinical Care – Contracted Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many clients will gain insurance; need to ensure that full complement of needs are met</li> <li>• DPH contracts for: Substance Abuse and HIV treatment services</li> <li>• DPH oversees Children’s Medical Services providers, CHDP, CCS</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Expanding Role in Quality Assurance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many patients will shift from public sector to private sector medical care</li> <li>• Education and consultation with private providers on disease control methods</li> </ul>	

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<b>V.PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC                      MEETINGS CONTINUED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote appropriate use of clinical preventive services</li> <li>• Increased access to clinical data</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Surveillance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Information Exchanges – increased access to clinical data</li> <li>• Assess population health, surveillance</li> <li>• Use for quality assurance of clinical services</li> <li>• Use for evaluation purposes for DPH and to assist other organizations</li> </ul> <p><b>Work in Progress</b></p> <p><b><u>Executive Team Work Groups</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical care and health delivery systems</li> <li>• Population health and surveillance</li> <li>• Organizational change to support future role</li> <li>• Participating on Countywide health reform work groups coordinated by CEO</li> </ul>	

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<p>V. PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC MEETINGS CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>Substance Abuse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dual eligibility demonstration project (Medi-Cal and Medicare)</li> <li>• Develop a substance abuse benefit under the Low Income Health Plan (Healthy Way LA)</li> <li>• Develop recommendations for comprehensive substance abuse benefits under Medicaid expansion</li> </ul> <p><u>Children's Medical Services Statewide Work Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chaired by LA County DPH CMS Director</li> <li>• Assessing impact of health reform on CHDP and CCS</li> <li>• Researching best models for services for children with special health care needs under health reform</li> </ul> <p><u>HIV Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition of patients from Ryan White funded services to Healthy Way LA</li> </ul> <p><u>Public Health Centers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient survey</li> <li>• Exploring options for financial screening and enrollment assistance</li> <li>• Exploring partnerships with DHS and other providers</li> </ul>	

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<p>V. PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE PHC MEETINGS CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>Internal Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources on intranet page for employees</li> <li>• Webinar and policy brown bag seminar</li> </ul> <p><u>External Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources on DPH website</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/plan/">http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/plan/</a></li> <li>• Highlights/HCR/Health_Care_Reform.htm</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Harding stated DPH look forward to working with the Commission as they move forward on these topics, and asked for the Commission thoughts and ideas.</p> <p>Vice-Chairperson indicated he appreciates DPH draft document on Health Care Reform, and the Commission looks forward to working with DPH.</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat indicated that this document is a broad framework of where DPH wants to be. It's a challenge, but also a great place to be as an organization. She indicated DPH brings an extreme amount of expertise. Commissioner Bholat voiced the following comments:</p> <p>-The community as a participant in DPH Health Care Reform, and how is it being determined who in the community participates.</p>	

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<b>V.PLANNING MEETING FOR FUTURE                      PHC MEETINGS CONTINUED</b>	<p>-Direct Clinical Care – how do you deploy expertise beyond filling out a CMR.</p> <p>Chairperson Dowling indicated he's optimistic about DPH's draft Health Care Reform.</p> <p>The Commission and guests discussed that it would be beneficial to DPH by consolidating, regionalizing, integrating, and collaborating with their sister partners, i.e., DPSS, Kaiser, and etc.</p>	

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<p><b>VI. NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>Angela Haley, Staff, informed the Commission of the 2013 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Conference, May 22, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Music Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown Los Angeles. Ms. Haley also reminded the Commission that it was decided at the last meeting that the Commission would meet once a month from May through September.</p> <p>Ms. Harding suggested that the Commission meet quarterly to discuss issues that the department is facing and get their ideas, input, and support.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.</p>	<p>The Commission agreed that's an excellent idea.</p>