

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 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, Acting Chief Deputy**
Public Health

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION YOUTH ADVISOR

Vacant

*Present **Excused ***Absent

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I. CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:06 a.m. by Chairperson Dowling at Central Health Center.	Information only.

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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS	<i>Introductions of Commissioners and guests were conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>The December 13, 2012 minutes will be approved at the next meeting when Vice-Chairperson Champommier is present.</i>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</p>	<p>Carrie Brumfield provided the Commission with a Public Health Report and discussed public health activities since the last report on December 13, 2012.</p> <p>Update – Measure B</p> <p>Measure B requires all adult film producers filming in unincorporated county areas or in any city that has adopted L.A. County Health and Safety Code, Title 39, to obtain an Adult Film Production Public Health Permit. This ordinance, titled the "Safer Sex in the Adult Film Industry Act," became effective December 14, 2012. During the first twelve months following the effective date, the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) may issue Conditional Adult Film Public Health Permits to producers of adult films. The Act further authorizes DPH to take appropriate measures to enforce the Act, and conditions any film permit issued by the County for the production of an adult film on the use of condoms and other safety precautions.</p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p>Prescription Drug Abuse in L.A. County</p> <p>Nationally, prescription drug abuse has become one of the fastest growing public health concerns. Data from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicate that prescription drugs –opioid pain relievers in particular—are the second most abused category of drugs after marijuana. The purpose of the report is to increase awareness of the growing prescription drug abuse problem and to stimulate joint efforts to implement coordinated strategies to address the problems in L.A. County.</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield indicated that prescription drug abuse is a priority for Dr. Fielding. Chairperson Dowling asked if there's someone who can come and present to the Commission on this topic.</p> <p>Mislabeled Seafood Sold in Restaurants and Grocery Stores</p> <p>DPH is expanding the Seafood Task Force to include industry stakeholders, such as the National Fisheries Institute, Better Seafood Board, and Oceana. DPH will convene the Seafood Workgroup in early 2013 with the purpose of developing strategies to address species substitution, mislabeled seafood, and deficiencies in menu disclosures. Strategies will include</p>	<p>Angela Haley, Staff, Public Health Commission will contact John Viernes, Director, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Program, to come and present to the Commission on prescription drug abuse.</p>

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p>developing educational components for DPH Environmental Health inspectors, consumers, and retail and wholesale food facilities that sell or distribute seafood. Workgroup efforts will also include creating an enforcement plan to be jointly supported by the State and federal partners, as well as industry stakeholders.</p> <p>Homeless Tuberculosis Screening</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield informed the Commission of the upcoming tuberculosis (TB) screening that will be occurring in the SKID Row/Central City East area of downtown Los Angeles in early January 2013. Recently, there has been a steady increase in the number of TB cases among homeless in the area. Testing of these cases has revealed a common genotype (DNA) among a significant percentage of homeless TB cases.</p> <p>DPH is working with the L.A. Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), shelter operators, local provider clinics and hospitals, and the City of L.A. Office of Public Safety to review the status of TB among the homeless in the area. In addition, DPH will provide these agencies with recommendations and assistance regarding the screening and reporting of clients that present with symptoms of TB.</p>	<p>Commissioner Bholat stated there has been a problem with TB testing of the homeless population in West L.A. Since Dr. Alvarez is no longer with the TB Control Program, who is the contact person. Ms. Brumfield indicated Dr. Peter Kerndt has been appointed the Director of the TB Control Program.</p>

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<p>V. OBESITY PREVENTION EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS</p>	<p>Dr. Tony Kuo, Director of Senior Health, provided the Commission with the obesity prevention efforts and some of the initiatives put forth in the community.</p> <p>Dr. Kuo discussed the following:</p> <p>Major Funding Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop 99 • Communities Putting Prevention to Work • Community Transformation Grant • Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (USDA funded) • Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Project (First 5 LA funded) <p>Key Areas of Momentum: Obesity Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built environment • Breastfeeding promotion • Sugar sweetened beverage campaign • Healthy food/beverage purchasing • Joint use agreements • P.E. training and support for teachers • School meals 	

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<p>V. OBESITY PREVENTION EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS CONTINUED</p>	<p>Dr. Kuo discussed the following charts and graphs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prevalence of Obesity and Diabetes Among Adults in L.A. County, 1997-2011</i> • <i>Prevalence of Obesity Among 5th, 7th, and 9th Graders in L.A. County Public Schools, California Physical Fitness Testing, 1999-2010</i> • <i>Obesity Prevalence Among School Children LAUSD vs. Rest of L.A. County, 1999-2010</i> • <i>Obesity Prevalence Among 3 and 4 Year Olds in the WIC Program, L.A. County, 2003-2012</i> <p>Dr. Kuo distributed and discussed "Choose Health L.A.!" newsletter, that features an article on L.A. County was awarded a Community Transformation Grant (CTG) in the fall of 2011.</p> <p>Matthew Sharp, California Food Policy Advocates, informed the Commission that he has worked with obesity prevention in Los Angeles for the last 15 years, and there's a staff of 15 statewide.</p>	

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<p>V. OBESITY PREVENTION EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS CONTINUED</p>	<p>Mr. Sharp discussed the following:</p> <p>Status of Obesity Prevention Efforts in the Schools</p> <p><u>Framework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal funding and expectations – Supported by federal grant \$1.2 billion • State funding and expectations • Local funding and jurisdiction <p><u>History of Obesity Prevention Work in L.A. Schools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance – Underway to look at 5th, 7th, and 9th graders on how this is being measured • Pilot projects being conducted locally • Policy Changes – The Board is trying to get LAUSD to take some different steps and make policy changes. • Health Education <p><u>Ingredients of Progress in L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused, consistent leadership • Steady media attention • Resources to raise community voices 	

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<p>V. OBESITY PREVENTION EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>What's Next in Schools?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumption of new menu items – conscious of plate waste • Water – drink water instead of sugar sweeteners • Early education/child care • Connecting classrooms and cafeterias – provide breakfast in the classroom, and skills-based nutrition education • School health centers to call fresh <p><u>What's Needed? (Besides More Money)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage school district leaders countywide • Integrate health metrics into school reform data • Maintain impatience and urgency <p>Mr. Sharp provided a list of communities where CFPA staff would appreciate leadership contacts to assess the opportunity to provide support and resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antelope Valley Union High School • Lancaster School District • Whittier Union High School District • Inglewood Unified School District • Long Beach Unified School District 	

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<p>V. OBESITY PREVENTION EFFORTS IN SCHOOL CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whittier City School District • Lennox Elementary District • Baldwin Park Unified School District • West Covina Unified School District • Norwalk LaMirada Unified School District • El Rancho Unified School District • Paramount Unified School District • Covina Valley Unified School District • Basset Unified School District <p>Angela Haley, Staff, asked Mr. Sharp if LAUSD has considered changing the policy to where P.E. would be mandatory for four years, instead of the two years that is now in place. Mr. Sharp indicated that policy change has been introduced several times since 2005, and has been vetoed each time. It's a budget decision, and that would mean hiring more instructors.</p> <p>Ms. Haley also asked who would be the appropriate contact to discuss changing food vendors in the schools. Mr. Sharp stated refer the organization to his office and he would direct them to a parent organizer to facilitate some dialogue for this issue.</p>	

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V. OBESITY PREVENTION EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS CONTINUED	<p>Commissioner Shindy voiced his concerns regarding there's not enough physical education in the schools which means that the parents have to involve their children in extra curricula activities. He also stated that the cost of hiring more physical education (P.E.) teachers is less than the cost of caring for adults with cardio vascular disease, diabetes, etc. The State is looking at the short term savings of not hiring P.E. teachers, but not looking at the long term cost that these adults will have if they don't get active, is that fair to say. Mr. Sharp indicated not only is it not fair to say, but it was a part of the financial cliff negotiations, but at the state level, the budget cycle does not provide any room for capturing long term savings. Mr. Sharp stated he shares Commissioner Shindy frustration. Commissioner Shindy said he will be attending his children school district meeting and ask them what they're doing to conduct more physical education in the schools.</p> <p>Chairperson Dowling asked what is the funding source for First 5 L.A. Mr. Sharp indicated the tobacco tax (Proposition 99).</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat asked have any organizations looked at other countries (from a global point of view) to see what they are doing to address this issue. Mr. Sharp indicated he toured the childcare lunch programs</p>	

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<p>V.DIVISION OF HIV & STD PROGRAMS CONTINUED</p>	<p><i>in Israel last year for a few days, as part of the exchange program, and they're serving sodas at the pre-school level.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Sharp indicated he met with the delegation from Latin American here in the U.S. to discuss obesity issues among children, and was amazed at the level of the food industry's control over all elements of the public health regime.</i></p> <p><i>The Commission thanked Dr. Kuo and Mr. Sharp for an informative presentation.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>The Commission recommended having two Area Health Officers present at the same time to see how the SPAs are inter-related and are collaborating with each other and community partners. The Commission also recommended having presentations that are related to each other to have cross talk dialogue, i.e., marijuana program and what's happening with incarceration in the jail system.</i></p>