

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
November 14, 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. \*\*\*  
Crystal D. Crawford, J.D.\*

**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**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/FINDINGS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP</b>
<p><b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:16 a.m. by Chairperson Dowling at Central Public Health Center.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>



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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 JULY 11, 2013 MINUTES</b>  <b>MOTION: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2013 MINUTES</b>	<i>Chairperson Dowling entertained a motion from Commissioner Shindy, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Champommier and carried unanimously.</i>  <i>Chairperson Dowling entertained a motion from Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Champommier and carried unanimously.</i>



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<p><b>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</b></p>	<p>Carrie Brumfield provided the Commission with a Public Health Report and discussed public health activities since the last report on October 24, 2013.</p> <p><b>Update on Tuberculosis in Los Angeles County</b></p> <p>Ms. Brumfield provided an update on tuberculosis (TB) cases in Los Angeles County (LAC), including among homeless community members in the downtown/Skid Row area. The last report on TB cases was sent to the Board on November 1, 2013, based on data as of September 19, 2013. At that time, the Department of Public Health (DPH) reported 254 cases with 23 cases identified in the homeless population throughout LAC, including Skid Row. Since the last data reporting period, the DPH Tuberculosis Control Program (TCP) has conducted intensified efforts to confirm TB cases, which is a common activity for data reporting purposes towards the end of each calendar year. As of November 5, 2013, a total of 443 TB cases have been confirmed in LAC, with a total of 44 cases identified in the homeless population throughout LAC, including Skid Row.</p>	



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<p><b>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</b></p>	<p>DPH work continues in three strategic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assure that close, sustained contacts to TB cases identified in the original outbreak, as well as new cases, can be located, screened and offered preventive treatment.</li> <li>• Assure the effective implementation of DPH Shelter Guidelines for the prevention of TB transmission in shelter settings.</li> <li>• Establish annual TB screening for the homeless population in L.A. County.</li> </ul> <p><b>L.A. Times Article – AIDS Healthcare Group Takes New Approach to City’s Health Services</b></p> <p>Ms. Brumfield discussed the L.A. Times article on a high-profile AIDS healthcare organization, who on Friday, November 8, 2013 filed a new proposed initiative with the city clerk’s office, this one only requiring the city to form a citizens’ commission to oversee health services that the city receives from the county. The city would also be required to study the feasibility of setting up its own agency.</p> <p>The citizens’ commission would be composed of 15 people appointed by City Council members. They would be tasked with reviewing county contracts, attending county meetings related to health policy, and formulating a health services plan</p>	









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<p>V. <b>NUTRITION &amp; PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM (NPAP)</b></p>	<p>Steve Baldwin, Director, Nutrition and Physical Activity Program (NPAP), provided the Commission with an update of activities NPAP has been involved with. Mr. Baldwin discussed the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevalence of Obesity and Diabetes Among Adults in Los Angeles County (LAC), 1997-2011 – Prevalence of obesity not leveling off for adults.</li> <li>• Obesity Prevalence Among 3 and 4 Year Olds in the WIC Program, LAC, 2003-2010</li> <li>• Prevalence of Obesity Among 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders in LAC Public Schools, California Physical Fitness Testing, 1999-2010</li> <li>• Percentage of Children Who Consume One or More Soda or Other Sweetened Drinks Per Day</li> <li>• Percent of Adults (18+ years) Reported Having Eaten 5 or More Servings of Fruits/Vegetables in the Past Day (a traumatic gain in the last 5 years).</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding Obesity Prevention – Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention (NEOP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDPH – Network for a Healthy California</li> <li>• New model for funding: NEOP</li> <li>• Healthy Hungry Free Kids Act (HHFKA) 2010 – farm bill</li> </ul>	



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<p><b>V. NPAP REPORT CONTINUED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health approaches allowed</li> <li>• Shift from direct contracting to DPH as lead local agency</li> <li>• More diverse portfolio of agencies</li> <li>• Build capacity, sustainability</li> <li>• Change regulations in the schools</li> </ul> <p><b>NEOP in LAC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAUSD, LACOE: classroom based education, adult education</li> <li>• 15 contractors: peer-to-peer, Youth engagement, Faith Media</li> <li>• Community assessment</li> <li>• Robust evaluation</li> <li>• Publications</li> </ul> <p><b>Build Capacity, Support Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Health (inspections in detention facilities)</li> <li>• DPSS (Restaurant Meals Program)</li> <li>• First 5 (TA, Head Start)</li> <li>• Community Transformation Grant (CTG) – Restaurant Recognition Program</li> </ul>	



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<p><b>V. NPAP REPORT CONTINUED</b></p>	<p>The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will receive approximately \$43 million from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in FY 2013-2016 to implement the Network-Local Health Department Program. The four-year Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Project will provide comprehensive local nutrition education and obesity prevention programs to qualifying low-income populations in Los Angeles, in accordance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.</p> <p>Christine Montes, Policy Analyst, discussed the new Choose Health L.A. Restaurants Program. A partnership between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and local restaurants that gives customers the option to choose smaller portion sizes and healthier children's meals.</p> <p>This is a voluntary program that is separate from the Environmental Health restaurant inspection process and does not impact a restaurant's letter grade.</p>	





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<p><b>V.NPAP REPORT CONTINUED</b></p>	<p>Ms. Montes indicated that in the packets that were distributed to the Commission, are some post cards that the Commission can give to their favorite restaurants if they would like for them to participate in the Choose Health L.A. Restaurants partnership.</p> <p>Vice-Chairperson Champommier asked where the fast food restaurants stand with this partnership.</p> <p>Ms. Montes indicated it varies, and they have heard from Carl's Jr. Restaurants that have already qualified for the program include Poquito Mas (10 locations), Subway (640 locations), Roman's Pizza, My Fit Foods, Lido di Manhattan Ristorante, Locali Conscious Convenience, Localita &amp; The Badasserie and Deano's Gourmet Pizza, with additional applications pending. Vice-Chairperson Champommier stated Ms. Montes optimism is really positive.</p> <p>Commissioner Crawford asked in terms of strategically moving this forward, the restaurants that have lunch or smaller portions, how are they promoting as a healthier choice. Ms. Montes indicated they have talked to a lot of restaurants who are thinking about partnering with DPH, who are in the process of thinking of ways to promote their menu items as a healthier choice.</p>	



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<p><b>V.NPAP REPORT CONTINUED</b></p>	<p><i>Commissioner Shindy asked has DPH thought about using social media, global media, radio, and etc. to get the word out. Mr. Baldwin stated at the state level, they have their own Facebook page that provides nutrition tips, and it's on NPAP radar. The challenge is working with the State to get approval to come up with our own networking sites. Also, Commissioner Shindy asked can NPAP impact the school districts at the nutrition level. Mr. Baldwin stated school districts nutrition programs are better now than they have ever been, but there's still room for improvement and they're headed in the right direction.</i></p> <p><i>Linda Aragon indicated that DPH is involved with the Wellness Center partnership at LAC+USC Medical Center.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.</i></p>	

