

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
October 24, 2013
MINUTES**

APPROVED

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

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<p>I. CALL TO ORDER</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. by Vice-Chairperson Champommier at Central Public Health Center.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>

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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS	<p><i>Introductions of Commissioners and guests were conducted.</i></p> <p><i>Crystal Crawford, J.D., Public Health Commissioner, appointed by Chairwoman Mark Ridley-Thomas, Second District, introduced herself and indicated she's excited to be a member of the Commission and looking forward to providing her input and expertise on public health issues and concerns.</i></p>	<p><i>Information only.</i></p>
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>Minutes will be approved at the next meeting when there's a quorum.</i></p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</p>	<p><i>Cindy Harding provided the Commission with a Public Health Report and discussed public health activities since the last report on October 10, 2013.</i></p> <p>Department of Public Health Response to the August 13, 2013 Board Motion Regarding Drug Medi-Cal Services</p> <p><i>On September 18, 2013, the Department of Public Health (DPH) provided an interim response to the Board's August 13, 2013 motion related to Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services. The interim response summarized the steps that DPH has already taken to improve the DMC Program. DPH informed the Board that they were collaborating with the Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) on a more comprehensive report in response to the Board's motion.</i></p> <p><i>The Board instructed DPH to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Work with the CEO to provide a status report on efforts to re-solicit contracts.</i> • <i>Develop a protocol for determining the severity of provider deficiencies found during audits and ensure that significant deficiencies are shared with the CEO and the Board; and</i> 	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Work with County Counsel on a plan to avoid and mitigate harmful disruptions in care with the report to include estimates of the number of patients affected at each suspended site Countywide, description of the services these patients were receiving, description of the notification about alternative places where they may receive treatment services for substance use disorder, and how they can obtain copies of their written records.</i> <p>Department of Public Health – Drug Medi-Cal Program Audit (Board Agenda Item 5, August 13, 2013)</p> <p><i>The report covers the audit of the DMC Program and recommendations to improve the integrity of the DMC Program and other alcohol and drug programs administered by DPH, where applicable. Counsel will report separately on an analysis of the County's legal obligations to contract with, and provide oversight for, local DMC providers.</i></p> <p><i>The DMC Program is a State-sponsored program that has been in existence for 34 years in Los Angeles County (LAC). The DMC Program provides substance abuse treatment services to Medi-Cal clients. Through an agreement with the State, DPH is the fiscal intermediary of the DMC Program in LAC. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13, DPH's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Division contracted with 147 program providers, with 350 locations, to provide services</i></p>	

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<p>V. CARDIOVASCULAR & SCHOOL HEALTH (CVSH)</p>	<p>Ruth Bell, Policy Analyst, Cardiovascular and School Health (CVSH), provided the Commission with an update of the activities within CVSH.</p> <p><u>Vision:</u> Physically fit families engaging in healthy lifestyles in line with the Surgeon General's recommendations.</p> <p><u>Mission:</u> To unite the strengths of public, private, nonprofit, and citizen efforts in increasing and promoting physical activity and other healthy lifestyles through policy, programs and initiatives, research and evaluation, and public awareness campaigns to reduce the burden of chronic disease among Angelenos.</p> <p>Cardiovascular and School Health</p> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 FTE (Core Team), interface with other key units in the Division such as Research & Evaluation, the Clinical Preventive Services unit, etc. <p><u>Funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net County Cost (NCC) • Community Transformation Grant (CTG) 	

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<p>V. CVSH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) – Focus on South L.A., El Monte, East L.A., Pasadena, Pomona, Compton (80 school districts in L.A. County)</i> • <i>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Law Research</i> <p>Primary Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Joint use/Share use</i> • <i>Physical education</i> • <i>Clinical preventive services and other cardiovascular health focus areas</i> <p>Who benefits?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Physical Education professional development addresses the students and what happens during the school day</i> • <i>Joint Use policy and agreements address the physical activity needs of the community during non-school hours</i> <p>Overview of CVSH Joint Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Physical Education Professional Development, Curriculum, Equipment</i> • <i>Joint Use District Policy, Agreement (s)</i> 	

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