

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
JUNE 26, 2014
MINUTES**

COMMISSIONERS

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Public Health Commission

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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 10:15 a.m. by Chairperson Champommier at Central Public Health Center.	Information only.

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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS	Introductions of Commissioners and guests were conducted.	Information only.
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 12, 2014 MINUTES	After amendments were made, the motion passed with Chairperson Champommier, Vice-Chairperson Crawford, and Commissioner Bholat voted in favor by saying yes.

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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 June 12, 2014.</p> <p>Status Report on Progress of County Toxic Threat Strike Team (March 1, 2014 Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>Carrie Brumfield informed the Commission that on March 11, 2014, the Board directed Department of Public Health (DPH) to convene a County Toxic Threat Strike Team to target facilities that release toxic pollutants in highly burdened communities. The goal is to eventually be able to access L.A. County and determine which facilities are leaking pollutants and find a way to deal with them. The strike team is interacting with other agencies to find a solution. Also, the strike team will be providing updates on a regular basis, and staff will forward the updates to the Commission.</p> <p>Flawed Management Led to Improper Inspections of L.A. County Nursing Homes, Audit Says</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield indicated that the Daily News June 19, 2014 article, is related to a quality review audit that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) conducted based on their findings. DPH doesn't necessarily agree with everything in</p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p>the article, and is in the process of looking at the cases that were reviewed. Ms. Brumfield indicated as previously reported, the main problem is staffing. When DPH compares their programs to all of the other state offices, we're running at 50 percent. DPH has made a lot of progress, including tighter oversight by management, more training, hiring retirees to help address the backlog and better use of data to determine where to put resources.</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield indicated that on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, Supervisor Antonovich introduced a motion regarding CDPH recently released report that confirm L.A. County DPH staff repeatedly failed to follow State policies on nursing home inspections, leading, in some cases, to improper closure of cases and incomplete and delayed investigations.</p> <p>DPH's response to these findings indicates that the inspection program has been restricted and corrective actions are being taken to address deficiencies. DPH has also indicated that it is negotiating with the State to request the resources required to address the workload for L.A. County. However, the details of these actions and implementation status are not clear.</p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p><i>The Board has directed DPH to provide bi-weekly reports on the implementation status of each corrective action. The report should include how the Department is ensuring complaints involving potential immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of nursing home residents are being prioritized and investigated in a timely manner.</i></p>	<p><i>The Commission requested a copy of the California Department of Public Health Center for Health Care Quality Review, L.A. County Health Facilities Inspection Division Long-Term Care Complaint and Entity Reported Incident Investigations report. Ms. Brumfield will forward a copy of the report to the Commission.</i></p>

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<p>V. PLACE PROGRAM</p>	<p>Jean Armbruster, Director, DPH Polices for Livable Active Communities and Environments (PLACE) Program, provided the Commission with an update of the activities within the PLACE Program.</p> <p>The PLACE Program is about transforming a huge, sprawling, car-centric metropolis with vast health disparities into a network of healthy active places.</p> <p>GEAR UP!</p> <p>Get in the saddle Emphasize equity Activate networks Reach across the aisle</p> <p>Up shift to a higher gear Pioneer for Public Health!</p> <p><u>Grant Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike/Ped/Active Transportation Plans: Culver City, Long Beach, Pomona, Lynwood, Lancaster, South Bay Cities, and San Gabriel Valley Cities • Complete Street Policies: Baldwin Park, Azusa, and Huntington Park 	

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<p>V.PLACE PROGRAM CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and Healthy Streets Plan – Glendale/LACBC • Health and Wellness Element – City of Los Angeles, El Monte • Glendale Safe and Healthy Streets Plan, adopted 2011 • Glendale residents now (picture showing residents riding bikes in bike lanes) <p><u>Technical Assistance Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans: Lynwood and Pomona • Complete Streets Policies: Huntington Park • Safe Routes to School Initiatives: South Gate, Huntington Park, and Cudahy <p><u>Growing Collaboration on Active Transportation (AT) Issues Between:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation agencies • Foundations • Local jurisdictions • Business groups • Advocacy organizations • Schools 	

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<p>V. PLACE PROGRAM CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>Active Transportation Collaborative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Based Organizations • Transportation Agency Staff • Elected Officials • Business Leaders <p><u>Active Transportation Grants Program in CA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New grant opportunity in CA: the ATP: • Will fund planning, design and construction of bike/walk facilities • Non-infrastructure encouragement, enforcement, and planning of walk/bike activities • SRTS infrastructure and non-infrastructure • ATP funding priorities include projects and planning in disadvantaged communities <p><u>Inter-Agency Capacity Building Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint perception of need to increase readiness for these funds • Planning committee: SCAG, DPH, AT Collaborative, city staff, consultants • Common goal: increase quality of apps • Held capacity building training for six county region to create vision and provide support • Grant writing TA: Annenberg Foundation 	

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<p>V.PLACE PROGRAM CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>Healthy Design Ordinance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH funded DRP to develop ordinance • Supervisors adopted it in January 2012 • Community gardens, farmers markets in all zones; sidewalk and bike parking requirements • Mandated high-level interdepartmental workgroup to ID best practices for County <p><u>Healthy Design Workgroup (HDW)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held all day inter-departmental convening in February 2013 to create shared vision • Two rounds of individual meetings with: Planning, Public Works, Parks, Fire, Beaches & Harbors, etc. • Established quarterly meeting schedule • Policy subcommittee prioritized strategies • Had to be feasible, under County control, could be replicated, potential for impact <p><u>HDW 2014 Work Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete streets project initiation checklist • Bike parking guidelines • High visibility crosswalks in TODs 	

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<p>V. PLACE PROGRAM CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>DPH Automated Counter Lending Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: loan to grantees and partners to increase capacity to collect count data • DPH purchased automated counters programmed to count cyclists & peds 24/7 • Training: how to install counters and use standardized count methodology • Nine city partners are participating in the first year of the program <p>The Commission and guests discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges and obstacles with the parks and green space • Have there been a study conducted on how many ethnic minorities have bicycles • Develop potential messaging of not discouraging people from being outside, but at the same time of being mindful of their environment. • How air pollution affects people health who lives close to freeways <p>The Commission thanked Ms. Armbruster for an informative and exciting presentation.</p>	<p>Dr. Simon will forward a copy of the position paper on how air quality exposure affects people's health who lives near freeways.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.</p>