

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
October 13, 2016
MINUTES**

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Carrie Brumfield, Chief of Staff*

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
<u>I. Call to Order</u>	<i>The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Chairperson Bholat, at the Central Public Health Center.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u>	<i>Introduction of Commissioners and guests were conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>III. Approval of Minutes</u>	MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2016	<i>Commissioner Chair Bholat entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes for (September 8, 2016). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dowling, all in favor.</i>
<u>IV. Public Health Report</u>	<i>Carrie Brumfield, Chief of Staff for the Department of Public Health (DPH) Chief Deputy Director's Office, provided the Commission with the Public Health Report</i> Tobacco Tax Brief <i>Ms. Brumfield discussed the Tobacco Tax for Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Act of 2016 (Proposition 56) brief. She stated that the document</i>	

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	<p>discusses the projected long-term health impacts that the passing of the proposition could potentially have.</p> <p>Multi-Departmental Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Grant (Fourth Quarter Report)</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield gave the Commission an update in regards to the fourth quarter report for the Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment grant. She indicated that together, the departments of Public Health, Health Services, Mental Health, Sherriff, and Public Social Services have surpassed the enrollment outreach goal.</p>	
<p><u>V. Presentation: Overview of the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology</u></p>	<p><i>Dr. Paul Simon, Chief Science Officer provided the Commission with an overview of the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology</i></p> <p>Division Leadership</p> <p>Dr. Simon discussed the organizational structure under his leadership. He gave a brief overview of the divisions he oversees, which includes: the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, Planning, Evaluation, and Development, and Quality Improvement and Accreditation Program.</p> <p>Dr. Simon also discussed and gave a brief overview of his new role as the department's Chief Science Officer.</p> <p>Promoting a Stronger Culture of Science</p> <p>Dr. Simon discussed some next steps for promoting a stronger culture of science, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use existing science to inform work and ensure the department is making good decisions • Create greater structure and focus by re-establishing Science and Data work group • Increase training opportunities • Address HR constraints that make it difficult to recruit/advance career growth 	

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	<p>Recent and Soon to be Released Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and Public Health in LA County (May 2016) • The CA Tobacco Tax for Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Act of 2016 (October 2016) • Initiative Ordinance JJJ: Affordable and Transit-Oriented Housing Policies for the City of Los Angeles, Health Impact Assessment (October 2016) • Mortality in LA County (October 2016) • Key Indicators of Health by Service Planning Area (October 2016) <p>Interesting Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a decline in leading causes of deaths in the County. Specifically, heart disease is down 36%. This decrease can be attributed to advances in medical care as well as the rise of upstream prevention efforts. • Some of the leading causes of premature death are attributed to injury and violence (homicide, violence, motor vehicle crashes, drug overdoses, suicide, etc.) • Smoking prevalence shows that advances have stalled. • The rapid rise in e-cigarette use is concerning. • There is evidence of the impact of obesity and diabetes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For children, there is a decline in obesity prevalence. • DPH worked with the National Center for health statistics staff on an analysis of two reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trends in Hypertension among adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The analysis compared trends from two time periods: 1999-2006 and 2007-2014. ▪ Between the two time periods, the prevalence of adults being treated for hypertension in LA County has gone down. ▪ Additionally, the prevalence has gone up for individuals who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ are aware that they have hypertension, ○ are under treatment for hypertension, and ○ have controlled hypertension 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trends in Diabetes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The trends show worsening for diagnosed diabetes. ▪ Undiagnosed and prediabetes have gone up significantly. ● Significant reduction in data: Homicide Rate Among Non-Hispanic Black Males in LA County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There has been a decline in Hispanic males as well. ○ Other cities in California have also shown a decline in homicide rates among non-hispanic black males. ○ Potential contributing factors to the decline: City of Los Angeles's gang reduction initiative, changes in policing, youth development programs, diversion programs. ○ Commissioner Champommier complimented the work that the City of Los Angeles is doing in the area of gang violence. ● Latest data on insurance coverage/measures of access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The highest group of uninsured individuals is among young adults, ages 25-29. ○ Latinos represent the highest percentage of uninsured race/ethnicity. <p>Commissioner Bholat asked Dr. Simon if there have been any hospitals that have reached out to Public Health for data from the community needs assessment.</p> <p>Dr. Simon indicated that DPH is working closely with hospitals with DPH's incentive being data and the willingness to identify best practices and evidence based practices to connect hospitals with community partners. In return, DPH will encourage hospitals to increase collaboration as well as think about more upstream strategies.</p>	
<u>VI. PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	Ms. Lolita Namocatcat of the Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center informed the Commission about a diabetes education program available at a local hospital.	

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<u>VII.</u> <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	<p>During Dr. Simon's presentation, the Commission expressed interest in a presentation from Planning, Evaluation, and Development.</p> <p>The Commission also expressed interest in receiving Interim Department Director Cynthia Harding's weekly email message to staff.</p>	<p>A presentation is already on the calendar for November 2016.</p> <p>Commission staff will follow up with this request.</p>
<u>VIII.</u> <u>ADJOURMENT</u>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately at 11:23 a.m.</p>	