

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 11, 2016  
MINUTES**

**APPROVED  
3/10/16**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Crystal D. Crawford, J.D., Chairperson\*\***  
Waleed W. Shindy M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chair\*\*  
Michelle Anne Bholat, M.D., M.P.H.\*  
Patrick Dowling, M.D., M.P.H.\*  
Jean G. Champommier, Ph.D.\*

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE**

Dr. Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, Interim Medical Director\*\*  
  
Sara S. Guizar, Secretary\*  
Public Health Commission

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ADVISORS**

Cynthia Harding, Interim Director\*\*  
Carrie Brumfield, Chief of Staff\*

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

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/FINDINGS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP</b>
<b><u>I. Call to Order</u></b>	<i>The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:35 a.m. by Commissioner Bholat at the Central Public Health Center.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<b><u>II. Announcements &amp; Introductions</u></b>	<i>Introduction of Commissioners and guests were conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<b><u>III. Approval of Minutes</u></b>	<b>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 22, 2015 MINUTES</b>  <b>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2015 MINUTES</b>  <b>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13, 2015 MINUTES</b>	<i>Commissioner Bholat entertained a motion from Commissioner Champommier to approve meeting minutes from (June 22, 2015 through January 14, 2016). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dowling and carried unanimously.</i>

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	<p><i>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 MINUTES</i></p> <p><i>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 SPECIAL MINUTES</i></p> <p><i>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2015 MINUTES</i></p> <p><i>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 MINUTES</i></p> <p><i>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2015 MINUTES</i></p> <p><i>MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14, 2016 MINUTES</i></p>	
<p><b><u>IV. Public Health Report</u></b></p>	<p><i>Carrie Brumfield provided the Commission with the Public Health (PH) Report and discussed public health activities since the last report on January 14, 2016.</i></p> <p><b>Homeless Populations and El Nino</b></p> <p>Ms. Carrie Brumfield informed the Commission that the Department of Public Health (DPH) was directed by the Board of Supervisors (Board) to report back regarding agencies able to provide and distribute emergency supplies to the homeless such as raincoats, to protect them from the rain. She indicated that DPH directs homeless individuals and families with referrals to shelters. Ms. Brumfield also stated DPH is currently investigating the possibility to provide supplies to the homeless.</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat commented on an Armory location in West Los Angeles that helps the homeless during the rainy season. She indicated socks would be a perfect item for the homeless.</p>	

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	<p><b>West Nile Virus in Los Angeles County (LAC) – Lessons Learned from the 2015 Season</b></p> <p>Ms. Brumfield informed the Commission that on October 27, 2015, DPH made a presentation to the Board on the West Nile Virus (WNV) in LAC. She stated the 2015 season had the highest numbers of West Nile Virus. Ms. Brumfield stated DPH is geographically targeting prevention by visiting cities and areas where cases of the West Nile Virus are found, and by placing signs and outreach materials.</p> <p><b>Sunshine Canyon Landfill</b></p> <p>On January 5, 2016, DPH was directed by the Board to report back on findings and recommendations regarding odors occurring in the Sunshine Canyon Community.</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield informed the Commission that the location of the landfill was in Sylmar. She stated there were complaints from residents about bad odors in the community. She stated regulatory agencies first attributed the problem to incoming fresh trash and wind patterns, but further investigation determined that the main cause for the odors was from gas escaping into the community. Ms. Brumfield indicated that the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and the City of Los Angeles are working with DPH to find methods and understand its mitigation plans.</p> <p>Commissioner Champommier asked DPH if there was any evidence about the gas odors being harmful to the community.</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield indicated that the gas odors are not harmful. She informed the Commission that additional information regarding the Sunshine Canyon Community will be presented on the next PH report.</p>	<p><i>Commissioner Bholat asked Ms. Brumfield for help in making sure that the mosquito bite virus information from the DPH website is easily accessed.</i></p>

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	<p><b>Food Facility Grading System</b></p> <p>Ms. Brumfield informed the Commission that the Food Facility Grading System is a monthly report requested by the Board. She indicated DPH is in the process of upgrading the Food Facility Vending System, and currently working with the California Restaurant Association to move forward with recommendations and implementation activities.</p> <p><b>Update on the Zika Virus Outbreak in South and Central America, and the Caribbean and Planning Efforts in LAC</b></p> <p>Ms. Brumfield informed the Commission about one confirmed case of the Zika virus infection for an LAC resident who traveled to El Salvador. She indicated that the DPH website has been updated to include information on the Zika virus. She stated currently DPH in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and the State, are in the process of developing Lab testing guidelines. Ms. Brumfield also stated that DPH has created a work group to develop plans for outreach purposes. DPH also reached out to providers in LAC.</p> <p><b>Department of Public Health’s Intent to OPT Into the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver Amendment</b></p> <p>Ms. Brumfield indicated that on January 22, 2016, DPH informed the Board of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC’s) intent to Opt into the Drug Medi-Cal waiver. She indicated the waiver authorizes a range of additional benefits for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries with a much broader benefit package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdrawal Management (formerly detoxification services)</li> <li>• Residential Treatment</li> <li>• Medication Assisted Treatment</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Brumfield indicated that the cost for services for beneficiaries (Newly Eligible Federal) financing for 2016 is 100%, decreasing to 90% in 2020, and</p>	

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	<p>the rest being picked up through local financing. Ms. Brumfield stated DPH works closely with DHS, DMH and SAPC to implement a completion process.</p> <p><b>Aliso Canyon Gas Leak</b></p> <p>Ms. Brumfield provided the Commission with the following packets on the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results from Expanded Air Monitoring (January 31, 2016)</li> <li>• Results of Air Monitoring and Assessments of Health (February 5, 2016)</li> <li>• Alison Canyon Gas Leak Incident Update (February 8, 2016)</li> <li>• Returning Home After the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak</li> <li>• Aliso Canyon Storage Facility Gas Leak Update</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Brumfield informed the Commission that DPH and SAPC perform all-day monitoring in testing the Air at the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak. She stated that methane and benzene have decreased leading to the possibility of capping the gas leak soon. She indicated there were discussions between SoCalGas and AQMD about Porter Ranch residents returning to their homes. Ms. Brumfield stated DPH continues investigating the cause of nose bleeds. SoCalGas and AQMD will continue to monitor the air at Porter Ranch so that residents feel safe going back home.</p> <p>Commissioner Dowling asked if DPH staff has worked daily on-site.</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield responded by stating that DPH, SoCalGas and the Incident Commanders (ICS) work day/night at Aliso Canyon/Porter Ranch. Ms. Brumfield stated EH has been very involved at the Aliso Canyon.</p> <p>Commissioner Champommier asked Ms. Brumfield for an update on DPH's involvement at the Exide.</p>	<p><i>Ms. Brumfield will provide the Commission with information on the results of the nose bleeds investigation once becomes available from SoCalGas and AQMD.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Brumfield will provide the Commission with information on the high levels of Lead in children at Porter Ranch community.</i></p>

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	<p>Ms. Brumfield responded by stating that about 10,000 homes have been contaminated and are in need of assessment. DPH is currently working with the Department of Toxicology (DTSC) in getting assessments completed. Mrs. Brumfield stated that DPH's Interim Director, and LAC Supervisor - First Supervisorial District, traveled to Sacramento in search of additional funding for the assessment project. DPH continues to meet weekly with County Counsel and the Board to reassess the funds needed. She stated DPH's Interim Director will be visiting Washington D.C. for support in providing additional funds for the clean-up. Ms. Brumfield stated DPH has begun performing assessments and outreach in the Porter Ranch community. DPH together with DTSC will perform about 45 assessments per day as DPH continues to negotiate a funding plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat thanked Ms. Brumfield for the information.</p>	
<p><b><u>V. Presentation: Update on LAC Youth HIV Cascades</u></b></p>	<p>Mario J. Perez, Director Division of HIV and STD Programs.</p> <p>Mr. Perez provided the Commission with a review on LAC Youth HIV cascades. He informed the Commission that the Division of HIV/STD Programs (DHSP) continues to experience an HIV epidemic among young people.</p> <p>New HIV Diagnoses by Age Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Los Angeles County (LAC), 2012</li> <li>• Greater proportion among people 30 years and younger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New diagnosis does not reflect all young people with HIV</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Estimated Rate of New HIV Infection in Young MSM by Race/Ethnicity and age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High rates of infection among young men</li> <li>• Most impacted group of people with HIV: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Young Black and Latino Gay men</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>DHSP Testing, Linkage, Care and Treatment Framework and Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Testing (High risk persons): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HIV Negative/HIV Positive</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Customize prevention programs (PEP/PrEP)</li> <li>• Linkage to Care:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Re-engage Care/Retained in Care</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medical Care Coordination (MCC) Program:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adherent to ART Medication</li> <li>○ Suppressed VL and Reduced Transmission</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>LAC HIV Cascade for Persons Diagnosed and Living with HIV and Persons Unaware of HIV Infection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes persons reported with a new HIV diagnosis in 2013 and living in LAC as of 12/31/14:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Diagnosed – 86%</li> <li>○ Engaged in Care (61%)/Retained in Care (51%)</li> <li>○ Virally Suppressed – 50%</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>HIV Care Continuum by Age, LAC 2013 - Data for 2013 are Provisional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons reported with a new HIV Diagnosis in 2013 and Living in LAC:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 679 persons ages 18-29</li> <li>○ 916 persons ages 30-49</li> <li>○ 259 persons 50+</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Provider Meeting Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV/STD programs met with Connect Protect Los Angeles (C2PLA)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Build community mobilization and leadership</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meetings with CHLA and Altamed Health Services</li> <li>• Meeting with 8 Young PLWH               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fish bowl Guidelines and Arrangement/Facilitated Discussion</li> <li>○ Reflections from Providers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Youth Feedback and Input</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationships:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peer Support (for young people)</li> <li>○ Relationship with Case Manager (prefer open relationships)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Indefinite term</li> <li>- Age appropriate assessments (prefer short sessions)</li> <li>• Access Issues/Struggles:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Time Management/Evening and Weekend Hours</li> <li>○ Appointment Prompts and Reminders</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prompting Questions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not Clear What Services Are Available (notify Providers)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Navigating Insurance Landscape:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Youth Guide to Insurance and Health Plans                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create guides for young people (easy to navigate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Life Skills:</li> <li>• Mental Health Support – Create a multiyear regional approach to mental health capacity in Southern California:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Depression, Stigma and Fatigue</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Homeless, no phone, no car:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Young people to be able to communicate with case manager</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hard to ask for help when not sure what help you need!</li> </ul> <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redesign of current contracts to allow for broader flexibility</li> <li>• Amend Contract Exhibits congruent with modified or new performance metrics</li> <li>• Extend Contracts and add 10% more in funds</li> <li>• Review Prescriptive Nature CM Models</li> </ul> <p>Commissioner Champommier asked DHSP their thoughts regarding the outcome from the providers in helping young people with HIV.</p> <p>Mr. Perez stated DHSP receives positive reactions from the providers. He stated providers admitted to the need to connect with young people.</p>	



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	<p>Commissioner Dowling asked DHSP their thoughts about expanding the services not only to providers but other people as well. Mr. Perez responded by stating there are three providers expanding services to people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Hospital, Altamed, and LA Family Aids Network</li> </ul> <p>Commissioner Dowling asked DHSP if there were any requirements to do HIV testing on Medi-Cal recipients/youth age 29 and below.</p> <p>Mr. Perez responded by saying there is no requirement to do an HIV test on youth ages 29 and below. He informed the Commission about an assembly bill through Senate that proposed to mandate HIV testing in every California Emergency room. He indicated there are about 20,000 HIV tests done yearly at LAC-USC through a joint program. Mr. Perez expressed the need for routine testing to become available in certain areas of California.</p> <p>Commissioner Dowling indicated it is not to exclude people from receiving health care. He stated there is a nationwide requirement for Hepatitis C testing based on population.</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat asked DHSP for the total numbers of positive HIV tests done at Children’s Hospital and at AltaMed. Commissioner Bholat also asked about any other outposts available for people besides Children’s hospital and AltaMed.</p> <p>Mr. Perez indicated that DHSP finances about 180,000 tests. He stated there are other outposts available that are to the most impacted zip codes in LAC. These outposts are very aggressive in terms of providing provider feedback. He informed the Commission that routine HIV screening programs are available at St. John’s South L.A., AltaMed, St. Mary’s Medical Center, and LAC-USC Medical Center. Mr. Perez stated that DHSP continues in pursuing Martin Luther King Jr., hospital for future routine screenings.</p>	

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	<p>Commissioner Bholat asked about the percentage of time spent by physicians involved in the necessary needs of a person.</p> <p>Mr. Perez stated that the percentage of time spent by a physician varies. He stated there is a large number of routine testing programs in place. He stated that the best model for success would be for clinicians to fast track the linkage of care, and to walk people through the right process before living the ER.</p> <p>Bholat stated that the need for clinicians is important to fast track the linkage of care.</p> <p>Mr. Perez stated DHSP's next visit will be to present a plan to end Aids in LAC.</p> <p>Commissioner Champommier complemented and thanked Mr. Perez for an excellent presentation.</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat thanks DHSP for their presentation.</p>	
<b><u>VI.</u>    <u>New Business</u></b>	<p>Commission Chair Crawford postponed the Election of New PHC Officers to be discussed at the next PHC meeting in February 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election/Nomination of Officers</li> <li>- Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Commission Chair Crawford by incoming Chair Shindy</li> </ul>	<i>The election of new PHC Officers was postponed to the next PHC Meeting of March 10, 2016 when Chairperson Crawford, and Vice-Chairperson Shindy are present.</i>
<b><u>VII.</u>    <u>Adjournment</u></b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately at 11:35 a.m.	