

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
MAY 12, 2016
MINUTES**

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Cynthia Harding, Interim Director*
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 approximately 10:35 a.m. by Commission Chair Bholat at the Central Public Health Library.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u>	<i>Introduction of Commissioners and guests were conducted. Introduction of new Commissioner (Steinberg) by Commission Chair Bholat.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>III. Approval of Minutes</u>	MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 14, 2016 MINUTES	<i>Commissioner Dowling entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes for (April 14, 2016). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Champommier, all in favor.</i>
<u>IV. Public Health Report</u>	<i>Cynthia Harding, Interim Director Department of Public Health (DPH), provided the Commission with the Public Health Report and discussed PH activities. Water Systems in Los Angeles County – Actions Taken by Water Agencies:</i>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to provide a joint report to the Board on actions taken by water agencies in LAC • Ensure that LAC Waterworks Districts' and customers are not at any risk of contaminants • There are 330 public water systems serving most residents in LAC <p>Multi-Departmental Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five (5) County Departments – DPH's MCAH is County lead • Provide updates to the Board on the implementation of the Multi-Departmental Medi-Cal Outreach Program • Outreach services were performed by DPH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Works actively on enrolling populations <p>Commission Chair Bholat asked about the Outreach Medi-Cal Enrollment and Retention, the number of enrolled individuals and completed applications.</p> <p>Ms. Harding guided the Commission to the Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Grant packet which provided a year-to-date total percentage report on Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Contents - 64,045 • Completed Applications - 10,171 • Confirmed Enrollments – 5,094 <p>Water Quality Monitoring of Small Water Systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH was instructed to provide quarterly reports to the Board on its water quality and monitoring of public water systems • Report summarizes water quality findings in public water systems throughout LAC • Outlines the actions taken by Environmental Health (EH) in response to the findings 	

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	<p>Commissioner Steinberg asked about the measure in water quality and how it is tested.</p> <p>Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH is in the process of creating a Community Prevention Health Task Force: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead is DPH ○ Oversee issues about health equity, population health, and community health <p>The Protectors – A New Media Campaign Launched by DPH HIV/STD Programs around PrEPLA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A directive to prevent becoming HIV Positive • Pride events throughout LAC • DPH works actively with transgendered, gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities <p>Commissioner Dowling asked about the status of Exide.</p> <p>Ms. Harding stated DPH is in the process of providing the Board with a report on Exide in mid-June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH was able to test 500 homes in ten (10) days • DPH and DTSC are working together to address additional homes • DPH met with USEPA & DTSC – Work as a group to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss improvements at the Exide community ○ Expedite the process ○ DPH Nurses and Health Educators communicate with residents, and help connect to services. ○ DHS working with Health Clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide outreach and work with Health Care Providers 	<p>EH (Ms. Lopez) will provide the Commission with information on the procedures for Water Quality testing.</p>

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	Commission Chair Bholat thanked Ms. Harding for the information presented.	
<u>V. Presentation: EH Update – Reducing Food Waste and Transportation of Food from Restaurants</u>	<p>Ms. Bernadette Garcia-Silva and Ms. Denise Noborio of Environmental Health (EH,) provided the Commission with an update on Reducing Food Waste, and Transporting Food from Restaurants.</p> <p>REDUCING FOOD WASTE</p> <p>LACFRI and Waste Not Orange County (WNOC) - www.wastenotoc.org - WNOC aims to break down the perceived food safety barriers surrounding the donation of excess foods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/promotion by the OC Health Officer, EH Division, and businesses/schools that donate food. • Inspired by a previous project called by Waste Not OC Coalition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead by the Orange County Health Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educate facilities about food waste ○ Managed by DPH EH between 2014-2015 <p>LACFRI Strategic Plan – 1st Draft (3/18/16) - The new Strategic Plan’s initiative was developed in December 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission - To promote safe and efficient food recovery methods through a comprehensive initiative endorsed by the health department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Target businesses and non-profit agencies • Initially focused solely on food donations like WNOC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educating food facilities on “Best Practices” for safely donating food / Educating food assistance organizations on safely receiving donated food/Donation liability education ○ Supporting the work of existing food rescue efforts in the County 	

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	<p>ReFED Report - March 16, 2016 - A Roadmap to Reduce US Food Waste by 20%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ReFED (Rethink Food Waste through Economics and Data): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contains 27 effective strategies to prevent, recover, and recycle food waste ○ Follows EPA hierarchy and national goals to reduce food waste ○ Identifies what each stakeholder can do and what they are currently doing <p>ReFED Strategies - Food Recovery Hierarchy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Solutions/Prevention - Stopping waste from occurring • 7 Solutions/ Recovery - Redistributing food to people • 8 Solutions/Recycling - Repurposing waste as energy, agricultural and other products <p>LACFRI Strategic Plan (In Progress):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like to approach the food waste issue more holistically • Addressing prevention, recovery, and recycling of food waste: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Not limited to food recovery only) <p>LACFRI Strategic Plan – Cross-Cutting Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Putting LADPH weight behind policies that support ongoing efforts • Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educating households, businesses, and other industries • Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connecting stakeholders to infrastructure/funding opportunities • Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting new ways to educate and reach stakeholders 	

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	<p>Where can Public Health impact food waste the most – Have some ideas!:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consumer Education Campaigns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending food shelf life/Proper storage tips ○ Standardized Date Labeling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy and Education ○ Smaller Plates/Trayless Dining/Other strategies • Recovery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standardized Donation Regulation ○ Donation Matching Software/Donation Transportation ○ Donation Storage and Handling/Value-Added Processing ○ Donation Liability Education • Recycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with DPW to help support these efforts ○ Centralized Composting/Centralized Anaerobic Digestion ○ Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) with Anaerobic Digestion ○ Commercial Greywater/Community Composting <p>LA County Food Redistribution Initiative Steering Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Finders/Food Forward • LA County Sheriff's Department – Food Service Unit • LA County Dept. of Public Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental Health Division, among other divisions • LA County Public Works • Kaiser Permanente • LA Kitchen • Los Angeles Food Policy Council/Patina Restaurant Group 	

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	<p>DPH's recent report relates to social determinants of health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One third of people experience food insecurity in LAC • Address food insecurity and reduce waste going into LAC's land fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connect with larger cities and Hospitals <p>Commissioner Dowling asked EH about logistics and the structure for the pick-up and delivering of food waste. He also inquired about the size of serving plates.</p> <p>Ms. Garcia-Silva stated there are four (4) major non-profit organizations in LAC that pickup food from back yards, restaurants and grocery stores. She informed the Commission about Trayless dining - a method for cafeteria/buffet style and food facilities to minimize food intake and food waste.</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD FROM RESTAURANTS</p> <p>Traditional Food Delivery Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants may deliver prepared foods to your home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delivery to the customer within thirty minutes to one hour ○ Third party delivery also available ○ Meals are ordered via Phone, Fax, On-line <p>General Requirements for Food Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the transport, food shall be protected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contamination/Unsafe food temperatures/Vermin • Food Compartments in transport vehicles shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a smooth, washable interior ○ Maintain holding temperatures of potentially hazardous foods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 135°F or above/41°F or below • Insulated bags or containers are often used in personal delivery vehicles (Packing of food is done at the restaurant) 	

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	<p>Current trend – Web Based Applications (LAbites - Yelp Eat24 – GrubHub):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More convenient option for the consumer • Part of the New Shared Economy • Connects customers to local restaurants and many businesses • Ordering food is more accessible/Variety of restaurant participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide market access to small restaurants <p>Commission Chair Bholat expressed her concern about the delivery vehicles, and the purchasing of insulated materials. She asked if DPH EH was involved in the regulation for transporting food as a third-party.</p> <p>Ms. Lopez indicated EH involvement is through complaints from the consumer.</p> <p>Commissioner Steinberg asked about the status of symptoms on people at the Porter Ranch community.</p> <p>Ms. Harding stated DPH is in the process of releasing the results of the air sampling and dust sampling at Porter Ranch. DPH is investigating metals found around the Porter Ranch homes and other areas which may be part of the symptoms of people in the community.</p> <p>Commission Chair Bholat thanked EH for their presentation.</p>	
<u>VI.</u> <u>New Business</u>	<p>Commission Chair Bholat asked for a future agenda item to be focused on CDC guidelines of Opioid drugs (Abuse and misuse).</p> <p>It was agreed that a future presentation to the commission would include a presentation regarding CDC guidelines on Opioids drugs.</p>	<p><i>Substance Abuse and Prevention Control (SAPC) Program is confirmed to present to the Commission on July 2016 for an update on Opioid drugs.</i></p>
<u>VII.</u> <u>Adjournment</u>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately at 11:35 a.m.</p>	