

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 14, 2017
MINUTES**

**APPROVED
1/11/18**

COMMISSIONERS

Patrick Dowling, M.D., M.P.H., Chairperson *
Jean G. Champommier, Ph.D., Vice-Chair *
Crystal D. Crawford, J.D. **
Kelly Colopy, M.P.P. *

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health *
Dr. Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, Medical Director **

Sara Guizar, Secretary *
Public Health Commission

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ADVISORS

Cynthia Harding, Chief Deputy Director **
Kim Harrison Eowan, Senior Advisor *

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
<u>I. Call to Order</u>	<i>The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairperson Dowling, at the Central Public Health Center.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u>	<i>Introduction of Commissioners and guests was conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>III. Approval of Minutes</u>	MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2017.	<i>The motion passed by Chairperson Dowling, seconded by Commissioner Colopy, all in favor by saying yes.</i>
<u>IV. Public Health Report</u>	Kim Harrison Eowan, provided the Commission with the Public Health (PH) Report, and discussed Department of Public Health (DPH) activities since the last report on November 9, 2017. Smoke Advisory: Unhealthy Air Quality Declared Due to Smoke from the Creek Fire and Skirball Fire	

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 14, 2017
MINUTES**

Ms. Eowan stated DPH urges individuals in affected areas to avoid unnecessary outdoor exposure and to limit physical activities. DPH also advised schools in session in smoke-impacted areas to suspend outdoor physical activities, provided helpful tips to individuals regarding the indoor air quality, and made recommendations on the care of pets.

Two Flu Deaths in LA County Confirmed

DPH has confirmed the first two influenza-associated deaths for the 2017-18 flu season. Both individuals had underlying health conditions. A news release went out on November 16, 2017 emphasizing the importance of flu vaccination, particularly for those at high risk. DPH encourages people to visit the Public Health Website for educational material for both the public and providers. DPH also recommends flu vaccination for everyone older than 6 months of age.

Update on Hepatitis A Cases and Outreach

Ms. Eowan stated DPH continues to report back weekly to the Board of Supervisors (Board), with information on Hepatitis A (Hep A) cases and prevention efforts. DPH continues providing educational and vaccination outreach events in communities in Los Angeles County (LAC). Ms. Eowan also stated that almost 29,000 doses of Hep A Vaccines have been administered/distributed to partners, and a total of 34 cases have been identified since the outbreak was declared.

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, DPH Director, provided clarification on Hep A cases. She stated DPH tracks the outbreak amongst homeless individuals, those actively using drugs, and Men Having Sex with Men (MSM). She informed the Commission about outbreaks amongst MSM across Europe and New York City. DPH continues to emphasize the importance of vaccination efforts in both the homeless and MSM communities.

Dr. Ferrer stated that DPH, in collaboration with community partners, continues its efforts to aggressively vaccinate communities at risk. No new cases of Hep A amongst homeless individuals and/or active drug users have been reported in the past weeks. She expressed her gratitude for DPH's staff and the remarkable outcome that within two months almost 29,000 individuals were vaccinated. First responders were also vaccinated; police, fire, and service providers providing services particularly to homeless individuals.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 14, 2017
MINUTES**

Commission Chair Dowling asked about new strategies in place for the MSM population.

Dr. Ferrer stated there are various communication strategies already in place. DPH aggressively continues to communicate with providers making sure vaccinations are offered to MSM. DPH also offers vaccines to providers.

Commission Chair Dowling commented on DPH's extraordinary outreach efforts, and the terrific partnership DPH has with providers, and communities.

West Nile Virus

DPH was instructed by the Board to work with the five local Vector Control Districts and other key partners to explore and report back on strategies to address the West Nile Virus (WNV), and enhance activities and countywide outreach for "It's Not Just a Bite" campaign.

Dr. Ferrer stated DPH has new innovative strategies for getting information out regarding mosquito-borne illness. DPH staff conducted door-to-door outreach in the City of Bell and Hawaiian Gardens to talk with residents about mosquito-borne diseases, and distributed informational materials and posters for the "It's Not Just a Bite" campaign. One hundred teams of two people reached out daily for one week and distributed materials and information to over 14,000 community based organizations and businesses, throughout LAC. DPH works on efforts to improve education and media campaign for the 2018 mosquito season.

Key STD Rates and Current STD Control Efforts in LAC

DPH in collaboration with the LAC Commission on HIV recognized the "World AIDS Day", and launched the LAC HIV/AIDS Strategy for 2020 and beyond. The goal of the new Strategy is to significantly reduce the number of annual HIV infections in LAC and bring an end to the HIV epidemic. DPH was instructed by the Board to report back on LAC's key sexually transmitted disease (STD) rates. The report includes information on disparities, the plan for increasing STD control efforts, and identifies potential resources. Current STD control efforts include:

- Improve screening of STD cases
- Provide effective treatment for patients and their partners
- Improve awareness and empowerment to protect health
- Integrate a new prevention model for LAC

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 14, 2017
MINUTES**

Quarterly update on U-Conquer Addiction Now (U.C.A.N.)

Ms. Eowan provided the Commission with a quarterly update to the Board on the U-C.A.N. working group. The purpose of the U-C.A.N. working group is to specifically examine drug overdose and deaths related to opioids in LAC. The U-C.A.N. group was established in July 2017. Progress to date includes:

- Examine avenues for grants and ongoing naloxone funding options for the Sheriff's Department
- Ensure access to safe and timely substance use disorders treatment
- Development of an opioid specific media campaign and gathering of geographic data on overdoses
- Analyze geographical areas with highest rates of overdosing drawing data from multiple agencies

Report Back to the Board on Efforts Related to Exide

Ms. Eowan provided the Commission with an update on DPH's ongoing efforts to address the health needs of communities surrounding the former Exide Technologies facility in Vernon:

- Evaluate the feasibility of a permanent location for a wellness center
 - Include primary care services to support local residents
- Review legislative and legal strategies
- Continue providing blood lead testing at community outreach events

Changes to the Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program – Report to the Board

Ms. Eowan notified the Commission that effective January 2018, DPH will be implementing changes to the administration of the Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC). She stated DPH MMIC operates as an extension of the California Department of Public Health's MMIC Program. The program is responsible for:

- Issuing ID cards including verification of valid physician recommendation for the use of medical marijuana
- ID card services are offered through the Division of Environmental Health at various sites
- Sale of marijuana for medical use will be tax-exempt with a valid medical marijuana ID card

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 14, 2017
MINUTES**

	<p>Dr. Ferrer invited the Commission to the Center for Health Equity's Listening Session launch event taking place in Van Nuys. Dr. Ferrer also offered to provide to the Commission the flyer announcement.</p>	<p>The Center for Health Equity's Listening Session flyer has been provided to the Commission on 12/14/17.</p>
<p><u>V. Presentation: Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program</u></p>	<p>Dr. Edward Bloch, Director of Children's Medical Services, provided the Commission with an update on Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP).</p> <p>Dr. Bloch informed the Commission that the California Children's Services and the Children's Court Medical Pediatric Program are also part of CHDP. Dr. Bloch introduced Dr. Karen Streeter, Interim CHDP Director for CMS. He stated that the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care was established in 1989 under the CHDP Program. The CHDP program is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed by Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Public Health Nurse (PHN) Supervisors, and PHNs, as well as health Educators and support staff • Funded by Federal funds for Medi-Cal eligible populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – State general funds for uninsured low-income population <p>CHDP Purpose/Background History</p> <p>The purpose of CHDP is to provide free, comprehensive, well-child exams for low-income children and youth, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic health assessments and related services • Assistance with referrals to primary, specialty and dental care providers • Care coordination for problems identified during health assessments <p>Dr. Streeter stated there are 2,293 CHDP health assessment providers at 905 CHDP provider sites in LAC, which offer education and trainings to providers, and also conduct quality assurance through site reviews. Medi-Cal benefits were extended to all children in households receiving aid to families with dependent children. The original legislation allowed states the option to extend coverage to poor children under the age of 21. The program's timeline follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1973: Assembly Bill (AB) 2068 created CHDP in California • 1989: Under AB 75 CHDP services became available to low income non Medi-Cal children and youth • 1997: The Vaccine For Children (VFC) program was developed • 2000: The Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) was established under CHDP • 2003: The CHDP Gateway process program was implemented (Allowed providers to pre-enroll children into a temporary Medi-Cal program) 	

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 14, 2017
MINUTES**

Criteria for Becoming a CHDP Provider

Dr. Streeter stated Physicians must meet the criteria to become Board certified in pediatrics, family practice, or internal medicine. Also required are 600 hours of supervision experience by an approved CHDP Provider:

- Nurse practitioners are certified by in family practice or pediatrics
- Responsible for enrolling patients through the Gateway program, performing well-child examinations, and arranging for follow-up care on conditions discovered during examinations
 - Thorough physical, vision, hearing, and dental screenings
 - Nutritional assessment, immunizations, and test for glucose, anemia, and lead poisoning

CHDP Challenges

Dr. Stabell informed the Commission about CHDP's success in getting children insured, and the decrease in Fee-For-Service (FFS) patients moving into the managed care program. A major contributor for this was Senate Bill 75 which was implemented in 2016:

- Regardless of immigration status, children 18 years and under are eligible for Medi-Cal, and are assigned to a managed care program
- Following this change, there was an increased number of provider claim denials

California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS) Proposed Future of CHDP Activities

CDHCS proposed to educate families and providers on the benefits of fluoride varnish. CHDP would maintain lists of registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice and of Dentists who see FFS clients.

Commissioner Colopy asked if the new dental funding comes from the state.

Dr. Stabell stated funding for dental health is under CHDP. It would establish dental homes, link to services, and ensure preventive health assessments for:

- FFS children, aged birth to 21 years
- Medi-Cal managed care beneficiaries aged birth – 6 years
- Children/youth under 21 years with urgent/emergent issues

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 14, 2017
MINUTES**

	<p>Statewide CHDP Program Recommendations to CDHCS/Local Activities and Training</p> <p>Dr. Stabell informed the Commission about the activities included for children in the foster care system. CHDP plans to implement a new oral health care activity and is involved in the development and planning of “Help Me Grow LA”. This initiative is a collaboration with LA Care, and First Five LA that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists foster care nurses with care coordination • Connects families with mental health issues to services • Develops screening tools and trains providers on their use • Continues CHDP trainings for vision, nutrition and hearing <p>LAC DPH and State Performance Measures</p> <p>Mr. Craig Vincent-Jones provided the Commission with information about CHDP’s overall Performance Measure (PM) plans. He stated CHDP has measures that are state funded and required. CHDP reports PMs to the state according to data definitions and methodology. PMs are initiated within 120 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New, additional PMs are determined based on proposed oral health and other activities • Feasibility of current and new PMs are reviewed in light of reporting changes • Percent of providers completing orientation and recertification – 79% & 82% / Percent of dental and lab test referrals – 15% & 23% <p>Commissioner Collopy asked about the number of children falling out of the managed care plan and the plans for bringing them back into the system.</p> <p>Dr. Bloch stated CHDP continues to have an infrastructure for re-enrollment. This is also to be addressed through a budget cycle request.</p> <p>Commission Chair Dowling thanked Dr. Bloch and CHDP staff for their presentation.</p>	
<p><u>VI. Public Comment</u></p>	<p>Ms. Lolita Namocatcat of the Asian Pacific Counseling Treatment Center asked about the perspective in providing health care to communities serving children.</p> <p>Dr. Bloch stated that any provider holding proper credentials, meets CHDP’s criteria and standards, and holds a medical site, can be approved as a provider.</p>	

