

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
January 11, 2018
MINUTES**

**Approved
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COMMISSIONERS

Jean G. Champommier, Ph.D. Chairperson *
Crystal D. Crawford, J.D. *
Patrick T. Dowling, M.D., M.P.H., *
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 10:40 a.m. by Chairperson Champommier, 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 DECEMBER 14, 2017.	<i>The motion passed by Commissioner Dowling, seconded by Commissioner Colopy, all in favor by saying "I".</i>
<u>IV. Public Health Report</u>	<p>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 December 14, 2017.</p> <p>News Release – It’s not too late for Your Flu Vaccination</p> <p>Ms. Eowan informed the Commission about the importance of flu vaccinations and protective behaviors to prevent getting the flu. She stated that flu activity is</p>	

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elevated and increasing throughout Los Angeles County (LAC). DPH continues to remind residents it is not too late to receive influenza vaccine to prevent getting the flu.

Public Health Confirms First Case of Sexually Transmitted Zika in LAC

Ms. Eowan informed the Commission about the first case of sexually transmitted Zika infection in LAC. She stated DPH continues to remind residents about precautions during sex if their partner has traveled to an area with risk of Zika. Transmission of Zika virus continues in Mexico, Latin America, and other regions of the world.

Update on Hepatitis A Cases and Outreach

DPH was instructed by the Board to report back with information on hepatitis A (Hep A) cases and prevention efforts. DPH has been successful in preventing an increase in the number of Hep A cases in LAC. DPH continue its efforts to vaccinate the homeless population and Men Having Sex with Men (MSM):

- Total Hep A case count - 35
- Total Hep A vaccines administered or distributed to partners – 33,945

Metrics for Success and Preliminary Assessment of Community Violence Intervention Services at Parks After Dark (PAD) Parks

DPH, in collaboration with Parks and Recreation and the City of Los Angeles' Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD), was instructed by the Board of Supervisors (Board) to identify metrics for success associated with community violence intervention services to keep parks open after hours. Ms. Eowan stated this was an opportunity to collaborate with GRYD to provide community violence intervention services at two County parks located within the City of Los Angeles boundaries. Activities include basketball tournaments, dance contests, gymnastics, family movie nights, and teen talks. Metrics for success for community violence intervention services include:

- Outreach and mediation activities provided
- Trauma center visits for violence related assaults and crime trends
- Community perceptions of safety and neighborhood social cohesion

Commission Chair Champommier commented on the importance of PAD and DPH's commitment in making communities a safe place for youth. He also

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	<p>expressed gratitude to DPH, LAC, and the City of Los Angeles for their involvement in making a difference in communities.</p> <p>Multi-Departmental Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Grant – Quarterly Report to the Board</p> <p>Ms. Eowan stated DPH’s Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs continue to act as the lead for the Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Grant Project, and work in partnership with the Sheriff’s Department to successfully implement this grant. DPH continues its outreach and enrollment efforts with contracted agencies. Ms. Eowan also stated that the Sheriff’s Department conducts outreach and enrollment at jails throughout LAC. County Departments and contracted agencies conducted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach activities to educate potential clients about Medi-Cal • Assisted 2, 547 persons with completing Medi-Cal applications • Successfully confirmed as enrolled 1,141 individuals with Medi-Cal benefits <p>Commissioner Dowling asked about funding/cost for the Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment grant program.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer stated that the Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment program is supported by a federal grant. She also stated that hospitals and health centers have done a great job in training staff for Medi-Cal screening eligibility.</p>	
<p><u>V. Presentation: Emergency Preparedness and Response Program</u></p>	<p>Ms. Stella Fogleman, Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response Program (EPRP) provided the Commission with an update on EPRP’s activities.</p> <p>Different Types of Emergencies</p> <p>Ms. Fogleman stated EPRP is responsible for the following three types of emergencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predictable – Earthquakes, wildfires, and heatwaves • Predicted – Acts of terrorism and chemical biological nuclear weapons • Emerging – Diseases i.e., Ebola, Zika, Middle eastern Respiratory Corona Virus, and Opioids 	

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EPRP's Overall Responsibilities

Ms. Fogleman informed the Commission that EPRP has a spread-out jurisdiction of 4,000 square miles. EPRP conducts community outreach efforts with community-based organizations through community health services by keeping contact with small coalitions to keep communities prepared for emergencies. Ms. Fogleman also stated that DPH works collaboratively in partnership with the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena to:

- Provide training and exercises for DPH staff and partner agencies
- Maintain a 24/7 emergency preparedness capability with local, regional, statewide and federal emergency management system
- Coordinate and conduct PH emergency responses

Policy and Planning

Ms. Fogleman indicated that EPRP conducts hazard vulnerability assessment, at-risk population identification, and mapping and planning with partners for hazards happening in LAC. EPRP also oversees the medical countermeasure dispensing and is the lead for Anthrax attack and pharmaceutical intervention. Ms. Fogleman also stated EPRP manages the Medical Reserve Corps in LAC and the PH emergency volunteer network with over 7,000 volunteers.

Threat Assessment

Ms. Fogleman stated EPRP's threat management is a joint regional intelligence center that provides classified threat intelligence to DPH decision makers and law enforcement agencies in different counties. EPRP also oversees Bioterrorism Threat Detection for special events.

Emergency Operations

Ms. Fogleman stated the emergency operations unit manages the DPH Emergency Desk and:

- Maintains mobile command vehicles and emergency communications
- Conducts drills and exercises to maintain readiness

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	<p>Recent Highlights</p> <p>Ms. Fogleman provided the Commission with information on emergent disasters and the coordination of PH responses throughout LAC. She stated EPRP works with the Environmental Justice unit to ensure awareness of any upcoming environmental issues, and to increase preparedness and response capacity. EPRP also supports several events i.e.; Special Olympics, Academy/Grammy Awards, Marathons, and visits to Los Angeles by the President of the United States. In addition to conducting community planning and engagement, EPRP responded to the following incidents within a year's period of time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threats of biological, chemical, and radiological terrorism • Skirball and Creek fires • Hepatitis A & Mosquito Borne Illness • Aliso Canyon gas leak • Exide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Conducted door-to-door outreach with informational materials – Contacted over 20,000 Exide residents • Bioterrorism Detection <p>The Commission thanked Ms. Fogleman for the presentation.</p>	
<p><u>VI. Public Comment</u></p>	<p>Ms. Lolita Namocatcat of the Asian Pacific Counseling Treatment Center asked about the volunteers and their assistance within the different districts of the County.</p> <p>Ms. Fogleman stated volunteers are allowed to respond from any district within LAC once they have been recruited and registered.</p>	
<p><u>VII. New Business</u></p>	<p><i>MOTION TO VOTE: Selection of PHC Representative for the Integration Advisory Board (IAB)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Public Health Commission voted for Commissioner Colopy to serve as one of the Public Health Commission representatives for the Integration Advisory Board, with the rest of the PH Commissioners (Patrick Dowling and Crystal Crawford), as alternates. <p>Commission Chair Champommier agreed and accepted the nominations from the Public Health Commission.</p>	<p>The motion was presented by Commissioner Dowling, seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Crawford. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by saying "I".</p>

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Annual Report to the Board	Commission Chair Champommier informed the Commission that the PHC was instructed by the Board to provide an update about its activities through an Annual Report. DPH will provide a draft of the annual report to the Commission for review and approved at a regular Commission meeting.	
<u>VIII.</u> Unfinished Business	<p>Potential Meeting Presentations for 2018</p> <p>Commissioner Chair Champommier asked DPH for future presentation topics of interest for the PH Commission and areas of focus.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer suggested Cannabis Regulations and Violence Prevention and Trauma would be ideal topic presentations for the PH Commission.</p> <p>Commission Chair Champommier expressed his gratitude to Dr. Ferrer for her suggestions.</p> <p>Commissioner Dowling informed the Commission about medical field education at hospitals/universities in LAC. He also commented on the new PH medical school and asked if any of the hospitals were linked in violence prevention programs for high school students interested in the medical field.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer stated that DPH and hospitals are linked in violence prevention. She commented on DPH's project to expand the new PH medical school program into the Magnet school education, and violence prevention and trauma to expand opportunities for high school students in the medical field.</p>	
<u>IX.</u> ADJOURMENT	The meeting adjourned at approximately at 12:21 p.m.	