

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
February 14, 2019**

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Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health *
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Public Health Commission

Gabriela Mendoza, Liaison *

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
<u>I. Call to Order</u>	<i>The meeting was called to order at 10:43 a.m. by Vice-Chair Dowling, at the Central Public Health Center.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u>	<i>Commissioners, DPH staff, and guests made their introductions.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>III. Approval of Minutes</u>	MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2018 MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2019	<i>Commission Vice-Chair Dowling suggested a motion to approve the meeting minutes for (December 13, 2018, and January 10, 2019). The motion passed with Commissioner Colopy, seconded by Commissioner Dorian. All in favor.</i>
<u>IV. Public Health Report</u>	Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health, and Ms. Megan McClaire, Chief of Staff, provided the Commission with the Public Health (PH) Report, and discussed Department of Public Health (DPH) activities since the last meeting You're welcome. Noted, thank you for your prompt response to my email. Thank you, Gabriela Mendoza Special Assistant Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health 313 N. Figueroa Street, Room 807 Los Angeles, CA 90012 213-288-7133	

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gabmendoza@ph.lacounty.gov in January.

PUBLIC HEALTH WARNS OF POSSIBLE MEASLES EXPOSURE

On January 10, 2019, DPH confirmed 1 case of measles in a person who visited the city of Malibu while infectious on December 29, 2018. No current risk related to measles currently exists at this venue as the period of possible exposure has ended. DPH provided an overview of possible symptoms and released a reminder that getting immunized is the best way to prevent the spread measles.

UPDATE ON FLEA-BORNE TYPHUS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

DPH has continued to investigate the occurrence of flea-borne typhus throughout Los Angeles County. An increase in flea-borne typhus cases in recent years highlights the need for everyone to take steps to reduce their risk of infection.

In October 2018, Public Health announced flea-borne typhus outbreak clusters in the downtown Los Angeles and Willowbrook areas. To date, there have been a total of 19 cases in downtown Los Angeles (8 out of 19 in people experiencing homelessness) and seven cases in Willowbrook. While clusters of cases have occurred in downtown Los Angeles and Willowbrook, there are no areas designated as "typhus zones" as all areas of Los Angeles County are at risk.

DPH continues to work with other County departments and incorporated cities to reduce the environmental risk for typhus infections.

BECOME A HEART HERO AND SAVE LIVES – HANDS-ONLY CPR

DPH, Health Services, and Fire are partnering with the American Heart Association, and the American Red Cross to train 100,000 individuals in Hands-Only CPR, a free, fast, and easy-to-learn form of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). On February 12, 2019, the campaign called "Heart Heroes" was launched following the proclamation by Supervisor Solis. Heart Heroes draws attention to the role that each person can play in providing life-saving assistance in an emergency.

According to the American Heart Association, approximately ninety percent of people die after suffering cardiac arrest (unexpected stop in heart

Dr. Ferrer stated DPH will reach out to Vice-Chair Dowling for connections with UCLA for CPR training.

Check with Stella Fogleman from DPH, Emergency Preparedness and Response in regards CERT Teams in LAC.

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function) outside of a hospital setting. If performed immediately, CPR can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. DPH strives to improve survival rates in LA County with the launch of Heart Heroes.

Commissioner Dorian commented that the social media campaign for Heart Heroes was very effective in teaching disaster preparedness. Also, commented on the importance on getting to know your neighbors as an emergency preparedness strategy and shared that the UCLA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Teams offer CPR training to schools K-12. Commissioner Dorian recommended to reach out to UCLA CERT Team for training opportunities.

Vice-Chair Dowling asked DPH to reach out to former Commissioner Michelle Bholat, the Head of the American heart association, for additional opportunities to collaboration.

Chair Crawford commented on bystander liability in public settings and asked DPH to bring awareness on how Aspirin can serve as another life-saving measure.

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER

The Board of Supervisors issued a Board Motion to create a mental health treatment facility instead of the "Consolidated Correctional Treatment Facility." The motion will address substance abuse disorders via mental health programmatic components. The mental health treatment center will also address issues with payment for substance abuse treatment as Medi-Cal does not cover treatment for people who are in custody.

The three Directors of the Health Agency will discuss the motion more in depth and review effective ways to help patients and make recovery more available to people. DPH is committed to finding ways to use Medi-Cal Managed Care funds for substance abuse treatment as 80% of inmates have co-occurring substance abuse disorders.

Commissioner Colopy asked if the mental health facility will adapt the human correctional facility model.

Dr. Ferrer stated that different models are being considered. There are people who have committed violent offenses and must be appropriately

Obtain info from Dr. Dowling about the CPR training from Dr. Bohlat

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supported in a secure facility; however, most of the people are there for non-violent offenses.

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Board of Supervisors passed a motion to create the County Office of Violence Prevention Program at DPH. The motion approved eight positions and allocated six hundred dollars to use throughout the years.

DPH will be contracting with community organizations in each Service Planning Area (SPA) to coordinate local coalitions on violence prevention. The additional Measure B funds will be used for planning activities.

LA COUNTY SMOKE-FREE ORDINANCE

Dr. Ferrer commented on the upcoming LA County Smoke-Free Ordinance. The ordinance is essential due to the increase use of electronic cigarettes. The ordinance bans tobacco products in county properties such as beaches, parks, county buildings, golf courses, and parking lots. More information to follow as the date for the board motion approaches.

Commissioner Colopy asked about enforcement for the Tobacco Control ordinance.

Dr. Ferrer commented that DPH will work closely with the Sheriff's Department to enforce the ordinance. Also, commented that signage and education are important to notify the public that smoking is not permitted in public areas.

YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The County Employee Youth Mentorship Program is a new volunteer program that aims to connect the workforce with youth in our communities. DPH has established a Youth Advisory Council for volunteers with a stipend in the County System. There are two components to the Youth Mentorship Program. The first component is to assigned volunteers to work DPH clinics and support community field operations. The second component is for volunteers to meet every Saturday to gain skills and advise DPH on issues of importance.

HEATH AGENCY DIRECTOR

Dr. Ferrer mentioned DPH will provide an update on the Tobacco Control ordinance.

Dr. Ferrer will provide the Youth Advisory Council schedule of the Saturday meetings.

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	<p>The Board passed a motion to extend Fred Leaf’s position as interim Health Agency Director.</p> <p>Commission Chair Crawford thanked DPH for their PH report and comments.</p>	
<p><u>V. Presentation:</u> <u>Communication and Public Affairs</u></p>	<p>Mr. Joshua Bobrowsky, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, provided the Commission with an update on State Legislative Priorities and Opportunities.</p> <p>OVERVIEW ON BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS Mr. Bobrowsky shared updates on Public Health policy opportunities and the 2019-2020 California legislative sessions. The budget highlight overview included Governor Newsom’s proposed FY 19-20 budget items and legislative areas that need additional support.</p> <p>FY 2019-20 MAJOR INVESTEMENTS</p> <p>The \$144.2B state general fund is a major investment to reduce debt and building reserves, combat homelessness, expand Medi-Cal to undocumented young adults, improve child care and early childhood programs and improve California’s emergency readiness, response, and recovery capabilities.</p> <p>EXIDE CLEANUP</p> <p>The Exide Cleanup provides a \$50M one-time appropriation loan to the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) to expedite cleanup of 700 additional high-risk residences impacted by Exide contamination. This included \$24.5M to cover cost overruns on the initial 2,500 properties prioritized for cleanup.</p> <p>DPH HEALTH FACILITIES INSPECTION DIVISION</p> <p>Mr. Bobrowsky shared that DPH Health Facilities Inspection Division is under a \$17.2M (\$65.5 M total) contract with the state to perform licensing and certification activities to regulate health care entities in LA County. The three-year contract is to shift all regulatory work to the County by FY23-24.</p> <p>MEDI-CAL EXPANSION TO UNDOCUMENTED YOUNG ADULTS</p>	

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Mr. Bobrowsky commented that the governor proposed a \$260M budget for the expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility for approximately 138,000 undocumented young adults through the age of twenty-five by July 1, 2019.

Vice-Chair Dowling asked if the proposal will use state money.

Mr. Bobrowsky noted that federal money will pay for emergency care only, but state funds will cover full-scope care.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION

Mr. Bobrowsky shared that the governor proposed a \$2M appropriation for local prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The Board of Supervisors has tasked and directed DPH to work with advocacy communities to develop a robust advocacy agenda to increase funding for infectious disease prevention. The Board has requested \$50M ongoing funds for infectious disease efforts and STI prevention and control.

Chair Crawford asked if the board motion addressed the STI rates in LA County and recommended a robust advocacy agenda.

Mr. Bobrowsky will provide more information.

WHOLE PERSON CARE PILOT PROGRAMS

The governor proposed \$100M for Whole Person Care Pilot Programs to coordinate health, mental health, substance use disorder, and social services, including supportive housing for individuals with mental illness.

BLACK INFANT HEALTH AND HOME VISITING

The Governor proposed an additional \$7.5M to increase participation in the Black Infant Health Program in efforts to improve African-American infant and maternal health through case management services, including home visiting. The Governor also proposed an additional \$23M to expand home visiting services with a focus on low-income, young mothers and to use of a wider range of home visiting models based on varying family needs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Mr. Bobrowsky commented on the early childhood education proposal to fund for universal preschool for all income-eligible four-year-old children. The

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	<p>governor proposed \$125M to use for the first year of a three-year phase-in of 200,000 slots by 2021-22. The proposal aims to achieve universal pre-kindergarten for all low-income four-year-old children. Mr. Bobrowsky shared that \$500M will be used to build child care infrastructure and \$750M to expand facilities and increase access to full-day kindergarten.</p> <p>FY 19-20 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>Some of the FY 19-20 budget highlights are initiatives to combat homelessness, increase affordable housing, enhance emergency readiness and response, expand earned income tax credit, and implement state individual mandate.</p> <p>The initiative to combat homelessness provides a one-time allocation of \$500M for local governments to site and build emergency shelters, navigation centers, or supportive housing.</p> <p>Mr. Bobrowsky shared that the governor proposed \$1.3B in tax credits to address the housing affordability crisis in California and \$500M for emergency readiness, response and recovery to enhance Emergency Readiness and Response.</p> <p>Mr. Bobrowsky noted that the Expand Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) will create a new "Working Families Tax Credit" to double the existing EITC program from the current \$400M up to \$1B. Also, the governor implemented a state individual mandate to use health insurance coverage penalties to expand subsidies for purchasing individual health insurance policies through Covered California.</p> <p>PREVENTION OPPORTUNITIES: CALIFORNIA WELLNESS TRUST</p> <p>Lastly, Mr. Bobrowsky provided an update on the California Wellness Trust, a prevention effort to reduce rates of chronic diseases, facilitate population health, and reduce health inequities. The prevention trust will prevent illness and injury, improve success of recovery, cost-containment and return on investment and create a better linkage between healthcare systems, providers, public health, and communities.</p>	
<p><u>VI.</u> <u>New Business</u></p>	<p>SUNSET REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE BOARD</p> <p>Chair Crawford asked for an extension for to March 15, 2019. We will request an extension to March 31, 2019.</p>	

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<u>VII.</u> <u>Unfinished Business</u>	DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD (IN PROGRESS) The Draft Annual Report to the Board has been extended to March 31, 2019.	
<u>VIII.</u> <u>Public Comment</u>	No comments from the public.	
<u>IX.</u> <u>Adjournment</u>	<i>MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING</i> <i>The PHC meeting adjourned approximately at 12:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Commission Chair Crawford called a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Commissioner Dowling and seconded by Commissioner Colopy. All in favor.</i>