

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

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Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health **
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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ADVISORS

Megan McClaire, Chief of Staff *
 Dawna Treece, Commission 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 10:45 a.m. by Vice Chair Dowling, at the Central Public Health Center.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u>	<i>The Commissioners, DPH staff, and guests introduced themselves. Meeting minutes pending.</i>	<i>Information only. October meeting minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.</i>
<u>III. Public Health Report</u>	<p>Ms. Megan McClaire, Chief of Staff, provided the Commission with the Public Health (PH) report and update since the last meeting on October 29, 2019.</p> <p>Food Waste Analysis The Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, in collaboration with partners, conducted a series of key informant interviews and studies on the food pantry system to: improve the nutritional quality of food distribution systems and food recovery, help eliminate waste, and to identify opportunities for expanding healthy food access in high need areas.</p> <p>Vaping in LAC</p>	

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	<p>On November 7th, one new death case was reported bringing the total cases of serious vaping-related pulmonary injury to 30 and 1 death associated with e-cigarettes. Two out of three cases are individuals that are 25 years or younger. DPH will provide regular updates and advises Los Angeles County (LAC) residents on the dangers of smoking.</p>	
<p><u>IV. Presentation: Environmental Health Division and County Counsel</u></p>	<p>PRESENTATION OVERVIEW</p> <p>The Environmental Health Division is part of the Health Protection Bureau. Janet Scully, Environmental Health, and Rob Ragland, County Counsel, presented highlights and the status on the Lead Paint Company Litigation Settlement.</p> <p>Background The Lead Paint Litigation lawsuit was against three former manufacturers of paint (The Sherwin-Williams Company, ConAgra, and National Lead). This was a 20- year effort to hold these manufacturers accountable for creating a public nuisance by promoting and advertising lead paint for use on the interior of homes while knowing its toxic hazard to human health. In July 2019, ten California Jurisdictions reached a settlement for the companies to pay \$305 Million for lead-paint hazard abatement.</p> <p>Lead Hazards There are approximately 3,000 kids in LAC that are lead poisoned each year. Lead paint is the primary source of lead poisoning for children. There are over 700,000 homes in LAC that are possibly at risk for lead paint hazards.</p> <p>Countywide Lead Paint Remediation Program Funding The \$305 million settlement awarded to LAC, along with other cities and counties, will be distributed to different areas to combat lead poisoning efforts. The funding will be paid out over the course of seven years and LAC will receive approximately \$134 million to provide lead poisoning remediation services to low income neighborhoods across the County.</p>	

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	<p>Plans for Implementation The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) will launch a workforce development pilot program, in partnership with Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), to expand the scope of the existing Countywide Lead Paint Remediation Program.</p> <p>Priority Areas & Groups Homes built before 1951, low-income families, and families with children under the age of 6 will have prioritization for services. Other priority groups include children with elevated blood lead levels (9.5), pregnant women and environmentally disadvantaged communities. The 2nd District has a large community with homes built before 1951.</p> <p>Goals for Implementation DPH will continue public outreach and education, hire local residents, provide workforce development, test and remediate lead paint hazard residential units, and evaluate the program to assure program efficiency.</p> <p>Targeted Community Outreach Strategies Using the Community Health Worker models has been useful to tailoring the approach for diverse communities. The program hired a public relations vendor to promote the program and conduct outreach. The goal is to understand what works when communicating information, and it requires being flexible and building trust with community organizations and residents.</p> <p>Program Estimates The program intends to mitigate lead paint hazards in 4,000-5,000 units. The average cost ranges between \$10,000-\$25,000 per single family residence. The cost for lead hazard evaluation is \$1,000 per unit, and temporary relocation per family is \$2,000. DPH expects to test more homes than remediate because not all homes will have lead hazards.</p>	
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<p><u>V. New Business</u></p>	<p>Strategies to Increase PHC Meeting Participation</p> <p>Last month, Commission Chair Crawford, Vice-Chair Dowling, Megan McClaire and Dawna Treece preliminarilay discussed ways to increase participation and better reach quorum for the monthly meetings. So far, the PHC has met 4 out of 10 times in 2019. This Commission is unique because of its small membership, where as DPH's other Commissions that have 25 or more members. PHC requires three members to be present to meet quorum, which has been a challenge. Recommendations from the call were sent the full Commission for discussion at the November 14th meeting.</p> <p>The Commission favored the teleconference capability. DPH would have to look into the Brown Act requirements to ensure compliance. There was also openness to exploring whether the PHC membership could expand or allow for delegate assignments.</p> <p>There was also a point raised that the Commission has by-laws regarding absences. There should be considerations made to reinforce the Commissioner's monthly commitment and responsibility to conduct PHC buseness and support DPH, the Board of Supervisors, and the public. DPH will defer to the Commission as to whether additional measures should be put in place.</p> <p>2020 PHC Annual Goals</p> <p>To be more productive and efficient in the upcoming year, the Commission strategized on revising and developing new goals for the forthcoming year. Dr. Ferrer envisions an active and proactive Commission that will advise on local and state-wide policies and advocate for programs as well as for the entire department. The Commission will identify a set of milestones to fulfill in 2020 and how they would like to be engaged. There are opportunities to structure</p>	<p><i>DPH to explore teleconference options and requirements, and if expanding the PHC membership was feasible.</i></p> <p><i>Commission will determine how the body will approach absences.</i></p>
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	<p>these meetings to support more active discussions and actionable follow-up, such as letter of support or calls to elected officials.</p> <p>The Commission expressed interest in being more advocacy-oriented and asked that DPH present what their needs are. The Commission can support funding initiatives and policy change. There is commitment to support the success of environmental justice efforts, particularly the lead remediation efforts.</p>	
<p><u>VI. Unfinished Business</u></p>		
<p><u>VII. Public Comment</u></p>		
<p><u>VIII. Adjournment</u></p>	<p><i>MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING</i></p> <p><i>The PHC meeting adjourned approximately at 12:26 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Commission Vice-Chair Dowling called a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Commissioner Colopy and seconded by Commissioner Dorian. All in favor.</i></p>