

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
December 12, 2019**

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health ******
Dr. Muntu Davis, Health Officer ******

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ADVISORS

Megan McClaire, Chief of Staff *****
Dawna Treece, PH 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 Chair Crawford, 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.</i> <i>October meeting minutes</i> <i>November meeting minutes</i>	<i>Information only.</i> <i>Motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioners Dowling and Dorian</i> <i>Motion to postpone approval of November meeting minutes to the next meeting. Motion approved by Commissioners Dowling and Dorian.</i>
<u>III. Public Health Report</u>	Ms. Megan McClaire, Chief of Staff, provided the Commission with the Public Health (PH) report and update since the last meeting on November 14, 2019. Mumps Cases at the Men's Central Jail There was a total of 34 mumps cases, but the trend is on the decline. This is contributed to the response of the mass immunization efforts from the staff that are housed at the Men's Central Jail and the quick response of isolating those that were infected and quarantining those	

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that were exposed. If there are no new cases, the quarantine will be lifted this month.

Emergency Shelter Activation

DPH activated an emergency shelter over the Thanksgiving weekend in response to the expected cold weather in LAC. DPH, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and Red Cross coordinated efforts to provide winter shelter support with more than 500 emergency shelter beds located in various facilities across the County, days ahead of their scheduled openings for the winter. The Red Cross offered support that includes training staff, providing supplies, such as cots and blankets, and identifying partners to provide food service. Hours of services vary but the shelters will remain open during severe weather conditions.

Health Equity Award

DPH was honored by the California Endowment and Human Impact Partners at the Advancing Health Equity Awards for Exemplary Health Equity Practice. DPH was awarded the “Excellence in Health Equity Practice Award” for launching the Center for Health Equity that seeks to increase LACDPH’s competency and capacity to engage in sustained equity work for the community. Commissioner Colopy and the Health and Human Services Department for the City of Long Beach received the same honor for their immigration rights efforts, run through their Office of Equity.

Alliance for Health Integration (Health Integration Network-HIN)

Dr. Ferrer, Dr. Ghaly, and Dr. Sherin submitted a proposal for aligning Health Department efforts in the absence of the Health Agency director. The Directors presented the proposal and continue to meet with the Supervisors to finalize plans.

Homelessness Mortality Initiative

The Chief Science Officer produced a report that showed the increased rate of mortality and impacting individuals experiencing homelessness. This report presents the results of the first comprehensive analysis of mortality among people experiencing homelessness in LA County (LAC). Current trends indicate that in

Megan to share the video once it becomes available.

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2019 LAC can expect to reach 1,000 deaths. The report identified substance abuse disorder, traffic safety, and violence concerns as underlying causes of mortality. DPH, in coordination with Health Services and Mental Health, is currently surveying 1,500 individuals experiencing homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered) to validate findings and develop recommendations to combat mortality trends.

Student Wellbeing Centers

DPH partnered with DMH and Planned Parenthood to make preventive health care accessible to young people throughout the County by bringing wellness services to school campuses. There will be 50 wellbeing centers staffed by trained Health Educators to offer helpful information to promote self-efficacy and social skills, as well as substance use prevention and sexual health services. DPH is on track to have at least 42 schools online in the upcoming months. DPH is trying to schedule a site visit to one of the centers for the February Public Health Commission meeting.

Board of Supervisor Chair Change

Supervisor Barger is the new chair, effective December 1, 2019. Also, each Department is reassigned to a particular Supervisor. DPH will continue to report to the same Supervisor in 2020.

DPH Personnel

The posting for the Director of Substance Abuse and Prevention Control has been released. John Connolly, the previous director, was appointed by Governor Newsome as Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health for the California Health and Human Services Agency. Also, Michelle Parra, Director of Vaccine Preventable Disease Control, will be stepping down and going into the private sector. Claire Jarashow will be the interim Director. DPH is actively looking to replace both positions as soon as possible.

Lung Illnesses and Deaths Associated with Vaping in LA County

DPH continues to warn residents about the use of vaping and e-cigarette devices as potentially harmful to proper lung function and urges residents to stop vaping. As of December 6, 2019, there have

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	<p>been two new reported cases, bringing the total to 34 cases of serious vaping- associated pulmonary injury and one death related to e-cigarettes in Los Angeles County (no new deaths).</p>	
<p><u>IV. Presentation: Community Profiles</u></p>	<p>PRESENTATION OVERVIEW</p> <p>Dr. Simon, Chief Science Officer, and Dr. Rashmi Shetgiri, Director of the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, presented on the City and Community Health Profiles (CCHP). The City and Community Health Profiles were developed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to provide local-level data for a broad array of indicators known to impact community health and well-being.</p> <p>Description</p> <p>The report includes a variety of local-level data that reflects 62 incorporated cities, 15 LA City Council districts, and 9 unincorporated communities. Each area’s population had to have at least 24,000 residents. The data was pulled from local, state, and national sources. This report was supported and funded by BlueShield of California Foundation and released last summer 2018.</p> <p>Scope</p> <p>Fifty-eight health indicators were highlighted in each report that included traditional health outcomes – such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, health behaviors, and healthcare. The reports also include a broader range of social determinants, such as poverty, food insecurity, and homelessness. The goal is to broaden the perspective of data reports to reflect environmental socio-economic and influence to push a system-level advocacy and policy change.</p> <p>Dissemination</p> <p>There was a year-long process to disseminate this information through the Regional Health Officers to reach over 600 people, that</p>	

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	<p>include community-based organizations/coalitions, healthcare organizations, school districts, and universities.</p> <p>Evaluation After the presentations, 365 people completed the survey and agreed to follow up to see if they are using the information and how they are using it. 85% have accessed the website. DPH found out that the information was mostly used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocacy and education ▪ Program finding and development within the organization ▪ Grant writing ▪ Fundraising ▪ Policy initiative 	
<p><u>V.</u> <u>New Business</u></p>		
<p><u>VI.</u> <u>Unfinished Business</u></p>	<p>Strategies to Increase PHC Meeting Participation</p> <p>In the last meeting, the Commission discussed ways to increase participation to better reach quorum for the monthly meetings. The Commissioners would like to utilize teleconferencing as an option if they cannot physically be present at the meeting.</p>	<p><i>Commissioner Crawford has volunteered to take the lead to revise Article IVX By-Laws.</i></p> <p><i>Dawna to send by-laws to Commission.</i></p>

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	<p>2020 PHC Annual Goals</p> <p>The Commission continued discussion on annual goals that would allow Commissions to a more active role in supporting and aligning with DPH priorities.</p> <p>Joshua Bobrowsky, Government Affairs, can return to present on some of the bills and other state legislative agenda items that were submitted to the CEO and give an update and timetable.</p> <p>Some Legislative Priorities include proposals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Establish a Prevention Trust▪ Oppose laws that expand the sales of alcohol and alcohol products beyond the current regulations.▪ Protect individuals in rural communities against power outage, especially those who are dependent on machines for medical reasons.▪ Strengthen and provide funding for improved monitoring and enforcement of brokering laws to protect substance use disorder patients.▪ Enhance emergency department discharge planning referrals. <p>The Commission expressed interest in being more advocacy-oriented and asked that DPH present what their needs are. There is also a commitment to support the success of environmental justice efforts, particularly the Lead Remediation Project.</p> <p>Commissioner Dorian has offered to take the lead on Commission goals. The group will discuss more at the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Megan to bring a list of legislative priorities to a future meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Megan to connect with Commissioner Dorian to get started.</i></p>
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<p><u>VII.</u> <u>Public Comment</u></p>		
<p><u>VIII.</u> <u>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 Chair Crawford called a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Vice-Chair Dowling and seconded by Commissioner Dorian. All in favor.</i></p>