

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
March 12, 2020**

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 10:36 a.m. by Chair Dowling, at the Central Public Health Center.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u>	The Commissioners, DPH staff, and guests introduced themselves. February meeting minutes	<i>Information only.</i> <i>Motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioners Colopy 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 February 13, 2020. Alliance for Health Intergration The Board has approved the new structure for the new health agency. The Department is moving away from an Health Agency. The Alliance will allow the various health department to continue to coordinate with a set of priorities. The commitment includes identifying a chair each year, Dr. Ferrer with be first. Dr. Ferrer will continue to work with Dr. Sherian and Ghaly. The structure comes	

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with 5 positions that includes a COO. Some of the priorities are Homelessness, data integration, Center for Health Equity, and Alternative to Incarceration.

Alternatives to Incarceration

The Board approved the recommendations. This is the result of a robust process that included intentional engagement from those who were formerly incarcerated. Gayle Haberman, Office of Planning, and a team from the Center of Health Equity lead the efforts in the community engagement process that resulted to the approval of the 26 recommendations. There are still details of men's central jail that needs to be repaired and fixed and will work closely with CEO and Public Works to complete those issues.

Public Health Week

The week's event has been postponed to a later date due to the mass gathering guidance. The theme is supporting positive youth development. Highlight a series of "Spring into love event" in SD2 lead by community partners that around STD prevention and safe sexual health practices.

Community Wellness Complex and Employee Expo were canceled.

Homeless Mortality Prevention Initiative

Motion was passed in response to those experiencing homelessness. Did a survey and interviewed 1600 individuals using street team outreach. Working with the co-authors of the motion around the report backs. Extended to next Monday. It was pushed back twice.

COVID-19

The LAC is experiencing community transmission and elevated our response. LAC has a total of 29 cases and 4 presumptive positive cases and 1 fatality. Those that are at greatest risk should avoid public gathering and nonessential travel. Limiting big conferences and events that are 250 or bigger. High risk are 65 years or older, underlying condition and pregnant women. Conducting telebriefing a

Will send updated calendar of events. Will update on what will be transferred to online events or postponed dates for mass gathering events.

Will send final to your review

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	<p>week for different groups. The team is in full work so people feel prepared and supported. Sport and entertainment events will be a little challenging. Encouraging telework, staggered schedules and supporting staff in many ways. Impacting small businesses, hourly workers, and others.</p> <p>Need to make decision at school and university levels. Many will move to online learning. Many locals are looking to DPH for guidance. Many are grateful for the information. Private schools are closing and LAUSD may follow suite. People are not sending their kids to school in fear of contracting the virus.</p> <p>Westside Armory 150 cots a night that fills up every night. DPH nurses showed up to check things out. Everyone is in one room. Everyone is in line. A meal, shower and cot is provided. It is a challenge with this specific issue for the homeless. The ability to separate and identify beds and where to have the capacity that is not COVID related. When someone is being tested, they should be in isolation. It is expected to run into a shortage of PPE. We are encouraging to be more broadly. Everyone may need to be screen before entering A workgroup is working to actively address all issues. Trying to work with CEO for quarantining facilities.</p> <p>Keep tabs on websites and pressers on. Telebriefings related to your sectors.</p> <p>LA Hahn has update info – Send to Commission.</p>	<p>Dr. F will share recommendations on how to better prepare on outbreaks in the jail system.</p> <p>Dr. Ferrer will share budget recommendations with the Commission in an upcoming meeting.</p> <p>Send telebriefings d</p> <p>The Commission's support is appreciated by elevating the plan to the Board.</p>
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<p><u>IV. Presentation: Student Wellness Center</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESENTATION OVERVIEW</p> <p>Victor Cortez, Chief Financial Officer and Nanette Decampo presented on Public Health’s Budget Requests and Recommendations FY 2020-2021 and emerging priorities and challenges for the department.</p> <p>Purpose Dr. Ferrer and the department are moving towards being more transparent in regards to program budgets. This will enable all programs to see what items they have, funds allotted for training and supplies. DPH Financial team is not only continuing the regular business but also juggling additional work related to COVID-19. This has created a set of challenges for the team to work on the budget cycle for FY2020-21 as well as funds for COVID-19. This will bring more responsibility of financial stewardship for our programs.</p> <p>The financial team is doing an tirelessly efforts in stretching our way around on how we understand budgets. This is what we will be requesting for the upcoming fiscal year., which is a multi-month process.</p> <p>There are three phases to the budget cycle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended Budget Phase• Final Changes• Supplemental Budget (Final) <p>The information was presented to the CEO on February 27, 2020 and will be presented to the health deputies in the coming weeks. Victor presented the budget that was submitted to CEO on emerging priorities and challenges for the department. Victor also gave information on the funding sources for fiscal year 20221. Roughly 1.3 billion budget, which comprise of various funding sources such as federal grants, federal funds, state grants, net County cost and fees. Roughly 88% of the department is run off of grants of fees, and net county cost is about 18%.</p>	
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	<p>From FY14-15 to FY 19-20, funding has historically has gone up. Recently, the department has undergone a budget rightsizing, which caused a dip in FY 19-20. Under rightsizing, old grants or grants that no longer existed were removed and lining up all grants to current expenditure trends, which gives a more realistic picture of available funds for the department.</p> <p>For 19-20 to 20-21, DPH is asking for an increase of \$19 million in appropriation.</p> <p>Other adjustments includes cleanup from consolidation efforts from deletion of vacant positions. DPH deleted roughly 800 vacant positions but there is still debate over those items because although its 800 positions, about 60% are regular positions that have had activity. It takes almost 6 months to hire, which is part of the challenge, so looking closely, DPH has only a couple hundred items that a long term vacancies that will need to be reevaluated</p>	
<p><u>V. New Business</u></p>	<p>Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Commissioner Crystal Crawford, J.D. Commissioner Crawford served as Chair Commissioner from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.</p> <p>Next PHC meeting will be held at Esteban E. Torres High School located at 4211 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063</p>	<p><i>Certificate was presented by Commissioner Dowling.</i></p> <p><i>Staff and Commissioners to meet in school office by 10:00am.</i></p>
<p><u>VI. Unfinished Business</u></p>	<p>2020 PHC Annual Goals:</p> <p>The main goal for the Commission is to have a more active role in supporting DPH program issues. Commissioners, appointees of the Board, can help elevate issues that are stagnant and important to the</p>	

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	department. This activity will be integrated into each meeting throughout the year.	
<u>VII.</u> <u>Public Comment</u>		
<u>VIII.</u> <u>Adjournment</u>	<p><i>MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING</i></p> <p><i>The PHC meeting adjourned approximately at 12:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Commission Dowling called a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Vice-Chair Colopy and seconded by Commissioner Dorian. All in favor.</i></p>