

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
January 13, 2022**

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

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES**

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

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/FINDINGS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/FOLLOW-UP</b>
<b><u>I. Call to Order</u></b>	<i>The meeting was called to order remotely at 10:37 a.m. by Chair Dorian</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<b><u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u></b>	The Commissioners and DPH staff introduced themselves.  October minutes  December minutes	<i>Information only.</i>  <i>Approved</i>  <i>Approved</i>
<b><u>III. Public Health Report</u></b>	Dr. Ferrer, Director of Public Health  These are challenging times for LA County and across the US especially around testing. Many employers are witnessing a shortage of staffing due to their staff testing positive. The staff at Public Health are doing an amazing job on a multitude of issues while managing the pandemic. Public Health filled in some key positions on the Leadership Team. Dr. Kurian is now the Regional Health Director for SPAs 1 & 2. Dr. Chang is the new Regional Health Officer for SPAs 7 & 8. Dr. Nichole Quick will join next week as the Director of Health Facilities Inspection Division and Sonya Vasquez is now Director of the Center for Health Equity.  In the Public Health Department, over 93% of the staff are fully vaccinated. Healthcare personnel will now need to be fully vaccinated and boosted by February 1 <sup>st</sup> . Some staff	

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have requested exemptions and we are working through that consolidated process with a third party entity.

Across the county, almost 80% of residents 12 and older are fully vaccinated. The county is continuing to make slow but steady progress. The group with the most challenges are 5- to 11-year-olds, which has extraordinarily low rates. Right now, hospitals are seeing the highest number of sick children during the entire pandemic. CLAC is hoping that as families see how safe the vaccines are, they'll be more inclined to add this layer of protection as they see millions of other children, across the country, that have already been vaccinated. There was an increase of 82% in vaccination with 12 – 17-year-olds. This was partly due to some of the mandates that were placed at LAUSD. There has been an increase in the number of kids vaccinated and LAUSD will continue to require vaccinations for kids to play sports.

Today, there are over 45,000 cases and over 4,000 hospitalizations, with test positivity is between 20% and 25% on a given day. This means one in five people getting tested are resulting in positive. There are staffing shortages because of people testing positive. There are also people that need to quarantine because of coming in close contact with someone who tested positive.

Right now, it's imperative to protect the medically vulnerable such as those residing in skilled nursing facilities and People Experiencing Homelessness as well as hospitals and our health systems to remain functional. About 95% of staff at skilled nursing facilities are fully vaccinated and up to 56% boosted, that are eligible. Routine testing has increased for staff and residents and upgraded PPE are available for staff.

Strategies to protect People Experiencing Homelessness include providing rapid test kits to shelters so that people going in can be tested. Many shelters have all their guests either isolated or quarantined. Public Health is trying to increase the number of rooms available under the Project Room Key program for the most vulnerable and get them out of encampments and shelters.

Hospitals and health systems are aligned with the state to modify isolation and quarantine requirements. The state passed a rule stating healthcare personnel at hospitals could work even if they were positive if they are asymptomatic. Public Health

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	<p>has not adopted that ruling right now but is trying to make other adjustments to avoid the risk of spread.</p> <p>A lot of work has been done in the schools and the requirements and recommendations are always evolving. Public Health has implemented a mask requirement indoors and outdoors for all students and staff unless they can be distanced outdoors. There is an increased testing capacity, and Public Health helped with school's case management, contact management, contact tracing, and outbreak management. Also, Public Health will increase mobile team efforts at school sites for easy access.</p> <p>Employers are required to provide their employees with higher grade masks free of charge starting January 17<sup>th</sup>. For mega events, the thresholds were lowered to 500 for what is considered an indoor mega event. Everyone must be masked at all times at mega events unless they are actively eating or drinking, which should be in a designated area.</p> <p>The best step the residents of LA County can take is to be vaccinated and boosted if they are eligible to be boosted to avoid quarantine and are less likely to get infected. People who are boosted are four times less likely in LAC to end up getting infected than unvaccinated people. They are nine times less likely to be hospitalized if they are vaccinated and not boosted.</p> <p>For more information and COVID-19 updates visit <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/</a></p>	
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**IV. Presentation:**

**PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

*Jaclyn Baucum, Director, Alliance for Health Integration gave a brief overview of the updates, projects, and investments of the long-term health integration efforts. The Alliance for Health Integration collaborates with Departments of Health Services, Public Health, and Mental Health.*

The Alliance for Health Integration (AHI) was created through a Board motion to provide support to the departments of Public Health, Mental Health, and Health Services. AHI manages goals, projects, and deliverables that the Board outlines with the three department heads for health integration. AHI staff functions as in-house collaboration and project management specialists who coordinate all the moving pieces of integration projects and serve as the centralized planning and strategy hub to help drive highly complex, high priority projects to completion.

AHI leads coordination efforts among departments and stakeholders by conducting in-depth analyses to support collaborative decision making process, designing strategies for service integration and facilitating collaborative discussions.

The AHI team consists of 7 positions that include the Director, secretary and 5 project managers. The AHI Director reports to all three departments heads and 3 of the five project managers have been hired. The project managers lead the integration teams across the three departments and push initiatives to get accomplished.

AHI has three priorities:

Priority 1: Integrate and develop prevention treatment and healing services. This is to provide the right care to those most in need of the County and to ensure that vulnerable populations have timely access to mental health, substance use, and physical health services

Priority 2: Reducing Health inequities. All departments are committed and share this same goal. AHI will work closely with labor management, directors and union partners to realize this priority. It includes reducing racial/ethnic gaps in birth outcomes, Increase

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	<p>coordination and integration of STE/HIV services to decrease rates in LAC, Identify and reduce impact from environmental exposures that contribute to poor health outcomes.</p> <p>Priority 3: Improving organizational effectiveness, which is building up systems between the departments. This includes partnering with labor to improve employee engagement at all levels of each department’s organization to ensure high quality services, employee retention and job satisfaction; implementing Just Culture in partnership with labor to identify and address challenges and identifying solutions that strengthen our collective capacity, redesigning and streamlining contracting, contract monitoring, billing, data integration, etc. This is important because there are projects that require data sharing but have some limitations because of HIPAA.</p> <p>Some of the current/upcoming projects include the following:</p> <p>County Liaison for 2022 Care Harbor Mega Clinic. Care Harbor is a nonprofit that does mega health care clinic. They focus on vision and dental as well as other screening. This will assist other social services they need. The County will assist with this event, which will be held from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and then again in the fall.</p> <p>Central Support for CalAIM Integration: AHI’s goal is to improve the health and well-being of LA County residents by integrating care/services, reducing barriers to care and ensuring a seamless member experience across County departments.</p> <p>Program Design Support for the Chronic Conditions Work Group: AHI and the three Health Departments are designing a community-based initiative that will integrate the respective interventions of each department. AHI conducts research and presents case studies on other community-based efforts.</p> <p>Internal Coordination for Cultural and Linguistic Competency: AHI coordinates all three departments to put in place quality language interpretation and translation services so that LAC residents can take care of their health needs in the language of their choice.</p> <p>AHI contact: <a href="mailto:HealthAlliance@ahi.lacounty.gov">HealthAlliance@ahi.lacounty.gov</a></p>	<p><i>Send AHI annual report to Commissioners when available</i></p>
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<b><u>V.</u></b> <b><u>New Business</u></b>		
<b><u>VI.</u></b> <b><u>Unfinished Business</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 Annual Report</li> </ul>	<i>Due March 31, 2022</i>
<b><u>VII.</u></b> <b><u>Public Comment</u></b>		
<b><u>VIII.</u></b> <b><u>Adjournment</u></b>	<p><b><i>MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING</i></b></p> <p><i>The PHC meeting adjourned at approximately 11:57 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Commission Dorian called a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and was seconded by Commissioner Crawford. All in favor.</i></p>