

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
APRIL 12, 2012
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APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS

Michelle Anne Bholat, M.D., M.P.H., Chairperson*
Patrick Dowling M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chair*
Waleed W. Shindy M.D., M.P.H.*

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan E. Fielding, Director of Public Health and Health Officer***
Angela Haley, Secretary*
Public Health Commission

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ADVISOR

Jonathan E. Freedman, Chief Deputy*
Public Health

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION YOUTH ADVISOR

Vacant

*Present **Excused ***Absent

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
I. CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Bholat at Central Health Center.	Information only.

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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS	<i>Introductions of Commissioners and guests were conducted.</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>MOTION: APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2012 MINUTES</p> <p>MOTION: APPROVAL OF MARCH 22, 2012 MINUTES</p>	<p><i>Chairperson Bholat entertained a motion from Vice-Chairperson Dowling, seconded by Chairperson Bholat and carried unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>Chairperson Bholat entertained a motion from Vice-Commissioner Shindy, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Dowling and carried unanimously.</i></p>

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</p>	<p>Jonathan Freedman provided the Commission with a Public Health Report and discussed public health activities since the last report on March 22, 2012.</p> <p>2011 ANNUAL HIV SURVEILLANCE REPORT</p> <p>Mr. Freedman discussed some of the following highlights from the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2010, L.A. County reported 2,062 new HIV diagnoses, accounting for 42% of California's 4,939 HIV diagnoses reported in that year. • Females accounted for 11% of all reported HIV cases diagnosed in 2010, three-quarters of whom reported their risk of transmission was "sex with a man," while 21% said it was injection drug use. • Among males living with HIV in L.A. County, 93% reported their exposure risk as "men who have sex with men" (MSM). 	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearly three-quarters of persons living with HIV in L.A. County are 40 years of age or older – including 85% of Whites living with HIV, 71% of Blacks living with HIV and 65% of Latinos living with HIV. <p>Women's Health Policy Summit Recommendations</p> <p>Mr. Freedman discussed the Women's Health Policy Summit. The Summit successfully brought together over 400 women's health leaders for a dialogue around some of today's most pressing women's health issues. By examining the intersection of key women's health issues and the social and environmental determinants of health that contribute to health disparities, priority recommendations were developed and a four year process of implementation began. The recommendations define the most essential areas to address: the promotion of health equity and improved health outcomes for women.</p> <p>DPH Budget – Update</p> <p>Mr. Freedman informed the Commission that L.A. County's budget will be published and announced on Monday, April 16, 2012. DPH's budget is status quo, with no cuts recommended, but we're not without risks. DPH has roughly 200 positions</p>	

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IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED	<p> <i>vacant, and probably will remain at that level until the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2013, and possibly beyond. Property taxes have improved, but vehicle licensing still remains a troublesome area.</i> </p> <p> <i>Mr. Freedman indicated that salary increases are not in the cards for L.A. County workforce this coming fiscal year, 2012-14, and there will be no cost of living adjustments.</i> </p> <p> <i>DPH appreciates all of the hard work employees have been doing in these difficult times.</i> </p>	

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<p>V. AREA HEALTH OFFICER (AHO) REPORT SPAs 3&4</p>	<p>Cristin Mondy, Acting Area Health Officer (AHO), SPAs 3&4 provided the Commission with an update of activities within SPAs 3&4.</p> <p>SPA 3 – San Gabriel Valley</p> <p><u>Demographics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,868,116 population • 46% Latino • 25% White • 24% Asian/Pacific Islander • 5% African American • 46% Foreign Born <p><u>Health Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 per 100,000 residents die from pneumonia/influenza, annually • 274 per 100,000 residents have Chlamydia • 50% adults obtain recommended amount of exercise per week 	

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<p>V. AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p>SPA 4 – Metropolitan LA</p> <p><u>Demographics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,260,196 population • 57% Latino • 21% White • 27% Asian/Pacific Islander • 6% African American • 53% Foreign Born <p><u>Health Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 per 100,000 residents die from pneumonia/influenza, annually • 10 per 100,000 residents die from HIV/AIDS, annually (highest SPA rate) • 54% adults obtain recommended amount of exercise per week <p>Ms. Mondy informed the Commission that in their packets were a list of health data listed by SPA, and Key Indicators.</p>	

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<p>V. AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p><i>Tdap Vaccination School Outreach</i></p> <p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32% of pertussis cases and 75% of fatalities • State Assembly Bill 354 required students to receive Tdap booster vaccine • School districts lack the capacity to vaccinate students <p><u>Assessment and Implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 high priority school districts in SPA 3 – based on low social economical status and morbidity • Six outreaches during 2010-2011 school year in SPA 3 • LAUSD requested assistance in late summer • 22 outreaches during the summer in SPAs 3&4 • 28 school districts in SPA 3 <p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened alliance between DPH and school districts • Collaboration and communication with school districts 	

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<p>V.AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p>Jose Escobar, RN, MSN, Community Liaising Program Supervisor, discussed the Responsible Sexual Behavior Health Initiative.</p> <p>Responsible Sexual Behavior Health Initiative</p> <p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPA 4 – Chlamydia rate is higher than SPA 3 • SPA 4 – Gonorrhea rate is higher than SPA 3 <p><u>Sexual Health Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational games, materials, and incentives • Free STD/HIV testing • Education on free home test kits for Chlamydia and gonorrhea <p><u>Results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,522 students visited the information booths • 2,000 condoms distributed • 34 screened for STDs • 18 HIV tests provided by JWCH • It took 20 minutes for interview and testing <p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue collaboration with CSULA's Student Health Services • Expand outreach services to other college campuses • Target outreaches LGBT college students and communities 	

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<p>V.AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p>Addressing Air Pollution in Boyle Heights</p> <p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure to high levels of air pollutants • Risk of air pollution-related problems • High hospitalization rates for asthma and heart disease <p><u>Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Data into Action • Community-academic partnership • SPA 4 Community Liaison • UCLA Center for Health Policy Research • East L.A. Community Corporation (ELACC) • Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles <p><u>Planning/Implementation</u></p> <p>7-year project consists of 3 phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition building • Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) • Implementation of the Community Action Plan (CAP) 	

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<p>V.AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action Plan Implementation • Establish CAP partnerships • Increase awareness of MAPP and CAP • Mobilize stakeholders • Communication plan • Evaluation <p>West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition</p> <p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based advocacy group • Members include DPH, residents, and LAC Bicycle Coalition, also includes residents from West Hollywood • Main connector route from Hollywood to Beverly Hills and the Westside <p><u>Implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Task Force recommendations • Infrastructure improvements • Develop partnerships • Create Bicycle Coordinator position • City Council accepted recommendation 	

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V.AHO REPORT SPAS 3&4 CONTINUED	<p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of bike lanes • New bike racks • Fountain Avenue road diet • Bike parking infrastructure • Bike safety enhancements <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>Our productive collaborations have helped to increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tdap coverage among school-age students • Dissemination of information promoting responsible sexual health behavior • Efforts to reduce air pollution • Accessibility of safe bike lanes to encourage bike ridership <p><u>Acknowledgements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Smith, PhD • Hector Ornelas, PHN • Way Wen, PHN • Reeza Epino, PHN • SPA 3&4 CLP-EP Team 	

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<p>V.AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p>Ms. Mondy discussed SPAs 3&4 plans for the upcoming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority setting project – health data • Community – what's the role of Public Health <p>Ms. Mondy indicated SPAs 3&4 will focus their direct efforts in four major areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nutrition and physical activity 2. Emergency preparedness 3. Homelessness (SPA 3 has increased and there's not a lot of resources) 4. SPA 4 – STDs (Men having sex with men (MSM) population) <p>Commissioner Shindy indicated he would like to have heard more about outreach to the young adults in regards to the Responsible Sexual Behavior Health Initiative, and asked what educational materials were distributed.</p>	

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<p>V.AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p>Hector Ornelas indicated that two basic educational games were conducted, such as, a wheel of sexual the safest and correct way. Targeted the college population due to its easier without having to deal with liability issues, also would like to target and educate the younger population.</p> <p>Commissioner Shindy asked has staff thought about using social media for outreach to the younger adults. Mr. Ornelas indicated yes, they have thought about using facebook and texting for outreach.</p> <p>Vice-Chairperson Dowling asked in respect to the air pollution in Boyle Heights, does DPH have a partner they are working with. Mr. Ornelas indicated we have several partners, and as we continue to move forward we continue to invite other entities; and are in the processing of getting Air Quality Management District involved. There are legislation bills pending focusing on air pollution issues. The focus in Long Beach is the ports, and in Boyle Heights it's the freeway.</p>	

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<p>V.AHO REPORT SPAs 3&4 CONTINUED</p>	<p>Vice-Chairperson Dowling expressed his concerns of the homeless veterans, and asked are SPAs 3&4 involved in any activities to address this group. Ms. Mondy indicated that SPA 3 has done a lot of work to address the homeless veterans, and there's an upcoming conference soon in SPA 3 to focus on homeless veterans. Also, a workshop is scheduled in SPA 3 to address the homeless issue, such as, services and resources.</p> <p>Chairperson Bholat stated she would like to hear a report on the SPAs Social Return on Investments (SRIs). For example, immunizations, how much did it cost us?</p> <p>Chairperson Bholat asked in terms of the student health services, do SPAs 3&4 interact much with the Title 10 Family Pact Program. Mr. Freedman indicated minimally, because DPH don't have an itemized account.</p> <p>The Commission thanked Ms. Mondy and staff for a comprehensive presentation.</p>	<p>Ms. Mondy will forward to the Commission SPA 3 San Gabriel Valley Homeless activities summary.</p>

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<p>VI. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Vice-Chairperson Dowling announced the recent passing of Dr. Lester Breslow at the age of 97, a stellar public health leader in the nation, if not the world. Dr. Breslow had a remarkable life and career and we were fortunate to have him in our midst. His loss will be missed by all. As a result, the Commission should request the Board of Supervisors to appoint him as 'Chairman Emeritus' to the Public Health Commission.</p> <p>MOTION: SEND MEMO TO SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTING FOLLOW UP ON THE STATUS OF APPOINTING DR. LESTER BRESLOW 'CHAIRMAN EMERITUS' TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Chairperson Bholat entertained a motion from Vice-Chairperson Dowling, seconded by Commissioner Shindy and carried unanimously.</p>