

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
MARCH 8, 2012
MINUTES

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

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*Present **Excused ***Absent

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
I. CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:02 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	<i>Minutes will be approved at the next meeting when Commissioner Shindy is present.</i>	

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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 January 12, 2012.</p> <p>Budget - Update</p> <p>Mr. Freedman provided the Commission with an update of DPH's budget. DPH has submitted their budget for fiscal year (FY) 2012-13. Also, DPH submitted a budget with cuts, and hopefully those cuts can be avoided. Mr. Freedman indicated he will provide more details regarding the budget at the next Commission meeting.</p> <p>Anti-Tobacco Campaign in L.A. County</p> <p>As part of the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) national media efforts to promote the harmful effects of tobacco in the local Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grantee communities, they are running a campaign entitled "Suffering Every Minute." Developed by New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this campaign includes hard-hitting English and Spanish broadcast ads and print ads and will run throughout the media market in L.A. County.</p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p>Obesity Prevention Campaign in L.A. County</p> <p><i>This is to notify you of an upcoming anti-obesity campaign in L.A. County entitled, "You Wouldn't Eat 22 Packs of Sugar, Why Are You Drinking It?" It is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is part of their national media efforts to make consumers aware of the harmful effects of sugar-sweetened beverages in the local Communities Putting Prevention to Work grantee communities.</i></p> <p>Notice of Proposed Change to Tuberculosis Screening Policy for the School-Aged Population</p> <p><i>This is to inform you that, after a careful review of both the trends in pediatric TB incidence in L.A. County (LAC) and the most current public health and medical guidelines, the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be changing its policy regarding the required TB screening of students entering LAC schools.</i></p> <p><i>Effective July 1, 2012, DPH is proposing to replace current universal testing policy with a universal screening, targeted tested policy to encourage the targeted testing of students at elevated risk of TB.</i></p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p>Reduced State Funding for the Health Care Program For Children in Foster Care</p> <p>On November 21, 2011, DPH received a notification from the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on the fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 allocations for the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPFC). The allocation letter represents the State's financial support for the HCPFC. Based on the letter, L.A. County's allocation of State General Funds for FY 2011-12 is \$312,352 less than received in 2011. The State funds are used to match federal Medicaid funds on a 25 percent to 75 percent basis which means that the total loss of the reduced allocation is \$1.22 million. The basis for the reduced allocation is lower child welfare caseload projections made by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).</p> <p>Advanced Copy: "Mortality in L.A. County 2008: Leading Causes of Death and Premature Death with Trends for 1999-2008"</p> <p>The above subject report provides the leading causes of death and premature death (defined as death before age 75) for the county overall and population groups. In addition, the supplementary material which shows the leading causes of death and premature death by Supervisorial District will be available online.</p>	

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<p>V. MATERNAL, CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH) PROGRAMS</p>	<p>Cindy Harding, Director, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs provided the Commission with an overview of the activities within MCAH; such as, budget, Childhood Obesity Prevention, and Home Visitation.</p> <p><u>Priority Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Outcomes • Asthma • Obesity • Adolescent Wellbeing <p><u>MCAH Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling Services • Home Visitation • Children's Health Insurance Outreach • Breastfeeding Support <p><u>Surveillance Systems</u></p> <p>Ms. Harding discussed the Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Births • Low Birthweight • Preterm live births • Fetal mortality • Infant mortality 	

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<p>V. MCAH PROGRAMS CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternal mortality • Prenatal care • Hospital births • Breastfeeding • Teen fertility rate • Domestic violence • Special reports <p>Ms. Harding discussed the Los Angeles Mommy & Baby (LAMB) Project. The LAMB Project is a public health surveillance project developed by MCAH Programs of L.A. County in 2005. The LAMB Project collects countywide population-based data on the attitudes and experiences of women before, during, and shortly after their most recent pregnancy.</p> <p>Ms. Harding discussed the Los Angeles Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event (LA HOPE) Project. The LA HOPE Project collects countywide population-based data on the attitudes and experiences of women before, during, and shortly after they have suffered a fetal or infant loss. The overall purpose of the LA HOPE Project is to reduce infant morbidity and mortality and to promote maternal health by improving maternal and child health programs, policies, and maternal behaviors during pregnancy and early infancy.</p>	

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<p>V. MCAH PROGRAMS CONTINUED</p>	<p>Todd McNairy, discussed fiscal year 2011-12 funding for MCAH Programs, and they will receive \$5 million this year from the Department of Mental Health for mental health services.</p> <p>Dr. Robert Gilchick, Director, Child & Adolescent Health Programs and Policy, MCAH Programs discussed the First 5 L.A. Obesity Prevention Grant (0-5). MCAH Programs will receive \$3 million next year. Dr. Gilchick discussed a graph, Obesity Prevalence Among 3 and 4 Year Olds in the WIC Program, L.A. County, 2003-2010.</p> <p>Dr. Gilchick discussed the following:</p> <p><u>Reducing Obesity in Child Care Settings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract with Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles – network of Resource and Referral Agencies • Training on N&PA policies and practices • Ongoing TA/coaching • Promote CACFP • Parent engagement • Outcome measurement (BMI) 	

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<p>V.MCAH PROGRAMS CONTINUED</p>	<p><u>Community Transformation Grant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH received \$9.8 million from CDC • Tobacco – free living • Active living/healthy eating • Access to preventive services • Social/emotional wellness • Healthy/safe physical environments • MCAH to receive \$200,000 to focus on Baby Friendly Hospital Practices <p>Dr. Glichick indicated that MCAH is doing a pilot program in SPA 6 for a child care center for full intervention, and will conduct a train the trainer model for employees.</p> <p><u>CTG Breastfeeding Efforts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with Breastfeeding Task Force of Greater Los Angeles • Improve maternity care practices in hospitals serving low-income communities • Assist hospitals in achieving Baby Friendly Certification • Coordinate 4 Regional Hospital Breastfeeding consortiums to provide consistency, cohesion, and collaboration 	

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<p style="text-align: center;">VMCAH PROGRAMS CONTINUED</p>	<p>Jeanne Smart, Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), MCAH Programs, discussed the activities with NFP. Ms. Smart indicated that the NFP started in L.A. County in 1996, as part of a pilot project funded by Juvenile Justice. NFP is in the process of hiring and training 25 nurses in collaboration with the city of Long Beach who lost their NFP funding.</p> <p>Ms. Smart indicated that NFP receives the following funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH Funding • Federal Home Visitation Funding • Healthy Homes – Antelope Valley (Healthy Families America) <p>NFP is an evidenced-based nurse home visiting program for pregnant women who are: low income (usually teens, usually unmarried); and first time parents living in poverty.</p> <p><u>NFP GOALS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve pregnancy outcome • Improve child health and development • Improve parents' economic self-sufficiency <p><u>CONSISTENCE OUTCOMES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements in women's prenatal health • Reductions in children's injuries • Fewer subsequent pregnancies 	

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<p>V.MCAH PROGRAMS CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater intervals between births • Increases in fathers' involvement • Increases in employment • Reductions in welfare and food stamps • Improvements in school readiness <p><u>HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA – ANTELOPE VALLEY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote positive parenting skills and parent-child interaction • Prevent child abuse and neglect • Support optimal prenatal care, and child health and development • Improve parent's self-sufficiency <p>Commissioner Dowling asked how NFP thought of a way to expand the program (using promotoras) without using RNs. Ms. Smart indicated yes, NFP has considered using others, i.e., social workers.</p> <p>Commissioner Bholat asked how NFP think they're going to do better this time when they tried in 2000. Ms. Smart indicated that NFP has more collaboration in the First 5 Program, cooperation, and more funding. Also, the 211 entity helps NFP to be better organized.</p> <p>The Commission applauded Ms. Harding and staff for all of their hard work and a comprehensive presentation.</p> <p>The Commission meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.</p>	