

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
 OCTOBER 11, 2012
 MINUTES

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.**
 Jean G. Champommier, Ph.D.*

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

Cynthia Harding, Acting 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 10:02 a.m. by Commissioner Champommier 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>The minutes will be approved at the next Commission meeting due to a lack of a quorum.</i>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</p>	<p>Carrie Brumfield provided the Commission with a Public Health Report and discussed public health activities since the last report on September 13, 2012.</p> <p>Meningitis Outbreak</p> <p>Ms. Brumfield informed the Commission that in California there were four clinics that received the steroid injection, and two clinics were in L.A. County, Encino and Palmdale. Anybody who received any injection since June 2012 has been notified. L.A. County hasn't seen any problems to date.</p> <p>Update on Funding for Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care</p> <p>On February 2, 2012, Dr. Fielding informed the Board that the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) reduced its allocation of State funds for the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) from \$2.23 million for fiscal year (FY) 2010-11 to \$1.92 million for FY 2011-12, a reduction of \$310,000.</p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p>The basis for the reduced allocation was lower child welfare caseload projections made by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The County questioned CDSS' caseload projections as it had not experienced as great of a decline in cases as forecasted by CDSS. Working with DHCS, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the County Health Executives Association of Counties (CHEAC), we asked CDSS to review its allocation methodology before allocating FY 2012-13 funds. Following the CDSS review of its allocation methodology before allocating FY 2012-13 funds. Following the CDSS review of its allocation methodology, caseload projections for FY 2012-13 were revised upward. As a result, DPH's allocation of State funds for FY 2012-13 is \$990,000 higher than those allocated for FY 2011-12. Taking into account the 25 percent to 75 percent match in federal Medicaid funds, the \$990,000 reflects an additional \$3.79 million in funding for the HCPCFC in FY 2012-13.</p> <p>New Guidelines for Use of Section 317 Federally Funded Vaccines</p> <p>Effective October 1, 2012, DPH is no longer able to vaccinate fully insured individuals using Section 317 funded vaccines. Therefore, if an insured individual presents at a DPH clinic for immunization services, they will be referred to their medical home for those services.</p>	

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<p>IV. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT CONTINUED</p>	<p>In an effort to inform stakeholders of this policy change, the CDPH Immunizations Branch has sent notification to the appropriate parties, including primary care providers/medical homes within L.A. County.</p> <p>Los Angeles County Obesity Prevention Public Education Campaign</p> <p>On October 4, 2012, the Department of Public Health (DPH) will launch Choose Less, Weigh Less, a countywide obesity prevention public education campaign focusing on meal portion size reduction. The campaign, funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Community Transformation Grant, will include ads on transit, radio, television, and billboards throughout L.A. County.</p> <p>Coinciding with the launch, DPH will release a new report, Trends in Obesity: Adult Obesity Continues to Rise. The report highlights adult obesity data from the 2011 L.A. County Health Survey.</p> <p>Linda Aragon informed the Commission that the Obesity Prevention Public Education Campaign has been positively received.</p>	

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<p>V. TOBACCO CONTROL & PREVENTION PROGRAM (TCPP)</p>	<p>Linda Aragon, Director, Tobacco Control & Prevention Program (TCPP) provided the Commission with an update of the activities within TCPP. Ms. Aragon indicated that TCPP wanted to present new L.A. County Health Survey data to the Commission, but unfortunately, that new data was not available. TCPP was established in 1989 through Prop 99 funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2012-13 TCPP Budget: • Proposition 99 - \$2.2 million • CDC - \$1 million • 38 Staff • 15 Community contracts • County-wide tobacco control coalition <p>Ms. Aragon discussed the following TCPP data:</p> <p>Prevalence of Cigarette Smoking Among Adults (18 years and older), L.A. County, 1997-2011. The unofficial data shows the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevalence of cigarette smoking is 13.1% for 2011, and is higher than expected. • There are fewer than one million smokers in L.A. County 	

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<p>V. TCPP CONTINUED</p>	<p>Recent Trends in Smoking Prevalence Among High School Students, LAUSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevalence trends have stalled among high school students (LAUSD) <p>Impact of Tobacco Use in L.A. County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year, 1 out of every 7 deaths is caused by cigarette smoking • Smoking costs more than \$4.3 billion dollars per year: \$2.3 billion direct medical costs and \$2.0 billion indirect costs (lost productivity) • Top five causes of death are associated with tobacco use <p>Current Tobacco Control Priorities in L.A. County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce youth access to all tobacco products • Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke in public areas • Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing • Increase access and utilization of cessation services 	

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<p>V. TCPP CONTINUED</p>	<p>Reduce Youth Access to ALL Tobacco Products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 CPPW YRBS data collected in public high schools in the L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD) • Of the 15.7% of current tobacco users, 41.6% were concurrent tobacco users (cigarettes plus smokeless tobacco of cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars). • Also, among current tobacco users, 81.3% used cigarettes; 61.6% used cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars; and 21.0% used smokeless tobacco. • Among current cigarette users, concurrent use of cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars (45.6% was higher than for smokeless tobacco (8.2%). • Working with cities to adopt and/or strengthen existing tobacco retail policies to include minimum packaging requirements – single sales of cigarillos and little cigars. • TCPP is working with the L.A. Office of Education (LAUSD) in screening students for all tobacco use, and providing referrals, and offering smoking cessation classes. • Partnering with RENEW and community partners to incorporate tobacco guidelines in corner store conversion projects. 	

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<p>V.TCPP CONTINUED</p>	<p>Reduce Exposure to Second Hand Smoke (SHS) in Public Areas and Multi-unit Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing secondhand smoke exposure: • Outdoor areas (dining areas, plazas, malls, events, service lines, transit stops, doorways, parks, etc. • Working with Department of Health Services (DHS) to have smoke free hospital campuses, and also tobacco free public health centers. • Working with L.A. City Councilman Bernard Parks for smoke free multi-unit housing. Also, TCPP has been approached by the L.A. County Housing Authority to create smoke free public housing. <p>Ms. Aragon distributed and discussed a chart that showed all of the policies that have been adopted in the different cities in L.A. County since 1998, and there's a total of 130,000.</p> <p>Increase Access and Utilization of Cessation Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pioneers and Champions for Change Initiatives • Purchase and distribution of one month supply of nicotine patches through the CA Smokers Helpline, public health centers, and community clinics. 	

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<p>V.TCPP CONTINUED</p>	<p>any suggestions that the Commission may have.</p> <p>Chairperson Bholat indicated she worked on the medical side of the recent Care Harbor Event at the Sports Arena, and had concerns about what criteria is used to determine eligibility for the free nicotine patches. Ms. Aragon indicated she will follow up with staff to see what the criteria is in regards to the conflict of the number of cigarettes a person smoke in a day, in order to be eligible for the free nicotine patches.</p> <p>The Commission thanked Ms. Aragon for an excellent presentation.</p>	
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.</p>	