

# Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2018 (12:07 PM - 1:25 PM)

## Meeting Location

Primary Care Center  
4600 Broadway  
Sacramento, CA 95820  
Conference Room 2020

## Moderator:

Dr. Steven Orkand

## Scribe:

Theresa Vinson

## Board Attendees:

Felicia Bhe, Jofil Borja, Paula Green, Steve Heath, Olivia Kasirye, Farla Kaufman, Barbara Law, Steve Orkand, Emmanuel Petrisor, Cristina Slee, Kimberly Sloan, Phillip Summers, Kathleen Wright, Jack Zwald

## Board Members Excused:

Martha Moon

## Board Members Absent:

Jeff Rabinovitz

## Guest Speakers:

Olivia Kasirye, MD, Health Officer  
Department of Health Services  
Division of Public Health, Sacramento County

## Guests:

Pamela Gandy-Rosemond  
Chris Husing

**Meeting Opened** at 12:05 PM

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Orkand welcomed PHAB members and guests.

## **Minutes Review**

Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

## **PHAB Vacancies and Appointments**

PHAB is completely staffed at this time.

The Board unanimously approved the nomination of Alexander Garlinger to the HIV Services Planning Council.

## **Public Health Division, Olivia Kasirye**

E. coli levels in the lower American River – the State Regional Water Board is retesting for E. coli levels which is an indicator of fecal contamination. The public has been confused and are asking questions about whether or not it is safe to swim in rivers, lakes and beaches, etc. The role of Public Health has been to provide education, and to remind people that e-coli is found everywhere; soil, human bodies, pets, and water fowl. E. coli in rivers and lakes are usually due to water fowl. Additionally, there are many different species of e-coli, only a handful of them cause disease. Having them as an indicator does show there is contamination, and serves as a reminder this is contaminated water, not potable for cooking. Showering directly after swimming is strongly encouraged. If sick or have been sick, it is best to avoid swimming in these bodies of water. The County Parks Department and the Environmental Management Department are working together to develop signage that will be posted at common use beaches to remind the public about things that can be done to make sure people do not get sick. Public Health has been talking to other Counties about when to close access to beaches, rivers and lakes. Apart from using good signage, knowing when to make the decision for closure is very important. That time would be when illness is occurring or a sewage spill.

E. coli Lettuce – this is a nationwide outbreak – in California there have been twenty cases reported by genotype. In Sacramento County, there are a total of four cases; Placer County has a total of four cases. One of the sources the California Disease Control (CDC) has identified is linked to a farm in Arizona. Currently, the season for growing lettuce is over so there should be a natural end to this outbreak, but people should always be on alert.

Flu – Public Health we sent out a letter to County healthcare facilities to advise them flu season has ended, therefore the mandate for masking has also ended.

### **Primary Health Services Division, Sandy Damiano**

Restructure - The Department restructure was effective March 18, reorganizing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) into the Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Child, Family & Adult Services. DHS Primary Health Services (PHS) assumed oversight of Correctional Health Services (formerly part of the Sacramento Sheriff Department), and is learning about their services and needs.

Pam Gandy-Rosemond has been assisting at the County Health Center due to the Program Manager vacancy and is now the Acting Deputy Director for Primary Health Services (PHS). Scarlett Ong is the Acting Manager for Juvenile Medical Services (JMS). Chris Husing is a new Senior Health Program Coordinator for the County Health Center. He has the following programs - Healthy Partners administration, care coordination, member services, and field based nurses.

County Budget hearings are scheduled for June 5 – 7. Unsure if much growth will be approved due to multiple pressing demands. The recommended Budget letter from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is expected a week or two prior to hearings.

Healthy Partners - as of Monday there were 3,387 members enrolled; the waiting list has been abolished. We are tracking to make sure we have a new vendor that helps with specialty services get onboard early June. There will be a data report shared next month.

Geographic Managed Care (GMC) Issues and Possible Solutions (see Handout #4 attached). There are about 429,000 Medi-Cal Managed Care (MMC) enrollees in Sacramento County. At recent meetings local stakeholders (physicians, hospital systems, advocates, IPA's, county staff, etc.) discussed what is working and what is not working in managed care. The handout is a summary. It is posted on the webpage (link below) along with other materials from the

discussions. Webpage: <http://www.dhs.saccounty.net/PRI/Pages/Sacramento-Medi-Cal-Managed-Care-Stakeholder-Advisory-Committee/BC-MCMC.aspx>

Anthem Blue Cross is the largest health plan. Beau Hennemann, Director, BD Special Programs, will speak about their health services as it relates to the homeless population at the PHAB meeting in June.

## **Presentation**

Dr. Kasirye, Health Officer  
**Drug Take-Back Initiative**

The opioid crisis in the nation is a reminder of what took place in Sacramento County in 2016; counterfeit fentanyl pills were being sold as Norco, lots of overdoses were the result. A coalition was started in 2016 and a letter (Sacramento County Stakeholders-Handout #1 attached) was issued to stakeholders so they understood why the coalition was developed and outlined some planned strategies.

There were four subcommittees formed. Each subcommittee formed developed a logic model to define objectives and strategies to address and developing a timeline. Safe Medication and syringe Disposal is the focus today. The Logic Model (Handout #2 attached) summarizes major points pertaining to efforts to develop an ordinance. The handout lists cities and counties that already have an ordinance. For example, Alameda, San Francisco; Santa Cruz - these are some of the models reviewed in developing an ordinance for Sacramento.

Within the ordinance there is a Stewardship Organization. Pharmaceutical companies that do business in the county would be required to become part of the product stewardship organization (see Handout #3, Safe Drug and Sharps Disposal). It must be a 501c3, not 501c6 because they are not as obligated to be sure the general population is taken care of. The stewardship organization provides money so pharmacies can place bins for disposal – also they will arrange for bins to be picked up when full, for disposal of contents. Emergency Management Department (EMD) and Waste Management Department (WMD) will work together, and are preparing an MOU. EMD has staff that currently visit pharmacies, and inspect for medical waste. However, since dispensed pills are not considered medical waste, WMD is involved because they have the actual authority.

Santa Cruz model; when the ordinance began it was focused on medications. However, Sharps is an issue in the County of Santa Cruz so their ordinance includes Sharps as well as medication. They have an “all in,” meaning no convenient zones so the entire county is involved and participation is mandatory for all pharmacies. Santa Cruz no longer hold collection events because collection is now an on-going process.

Currently, funding is needed in order to ensure EMD can work on the ordinance. EMD is fee based and do not receive general funding. Once the ordinance is set up, public hearings must be held to allow others to weigh-in, from there it would go to Board of Supervisors (BOS).

## **Research and Action Items**

### **Letter regarding the Public Health Implications of Marijuana Legalization**

Dr. Orkand met with the Chiefs-of-Staff regarding the letter that was sent in April. The Board of Supervisors voted in 2017 to prohibit commercial marijuana cultivation and sale in Sacramento. The Chiefs felt that these decisions solved many of the potential public health issues that might arise. Dr. Orkand pointed out that not all issues were addressed by their decision, that there still might be public health implications, and that vigilance is importance. The purpose of the letter from PHAB was to urged continued focus on this issue.

The Chiefs were also concerned about the process PHAB followed, feeling that we did not follow all the requirements of the Brown Act, which regulates how State Boards conduct business. Dr. Orkand accepted that there were deficiencies, and suggested that PHAB vote again on the issue following proper notification in the agenda. Therefore:

**It was proposed that PHAB send a letter to the Board of Supervisors urging continued attention to the public health implications of the recent legalization in California of the adult recreational use of cannabis products.**

It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

### **Letter Supporting Sacramento County’s Application for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver**

Repeating an earlier action,

**It was proposed that PHAB send a letter to the Board of Supervisors urging that Sacramento County participate in the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver.**

It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

As follow-up to our previous discussion of teen deaths due to distracted driving, PHAB representatives have been invited to attend the next meeting of the California Teen Safe Driving commission, a coalition of 35 organizations, including the California Highway Patrol, and many others. The meeting will be held on June 12, 2018, at the California Teachers Association.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Submitted by Theresa Vinson, Scribe and Dr. Steven Orkand, Chair

**Next Meeting of PHAB**

**June 6, 2018, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

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