

Public Health Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2021 12-1:30PM

Meeting Location

Zoom Meeting (Open to the Public)

Moderator:	Farla Kaufman
Scribes:	Liz Gomez
Meeting Opened:	12:03 PM
Those attending:	Farla Kaufman, Steven Heath, Christina Slee, Chase Smith, Sonel Patel, Elisabeth Abbott, Phil Summers, Ashley Sterlin, Larissa May
Those not in attendance:	Emanuel Petrisor
Board Members excused:	Barbie Law, Jofil Borja
Other County Leadership:	Andrew Mendosa, Lynnann Svensson, Dr. Kasirye
Review of Minutes:	No review of meeting minutes.
YouTube link for the minutes:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZO51j47OIU

Farla Update

We are here to review and vote on Public Health Priorities. The green areas are related to correctional health the blue are related to more vulnerable populations.

Public Health Priorities

Farla requested discussion around the document we are reviewing together. As we know there are a lot of efforts going towards homelessness if we feel that there is not enough funding or support from the Board there are a lot of topics here for that. STDs we will have a presentation later in the year from that Department and there are pretty high rates of STDs in this county and there have been for a pretty long time.

Christina Slee: How important is the parenthetical information on some of these options? Are we focused more specifically on youth or more broadly on the issue area in general?

Farla: More on the issue area in general, but we wanted to lift up that youth and marginalized communities should receive more resources and outreach.

Larissa May: The intent of number 3 was intersectional and it seems like some things overlap. So I don't know if we need to reorganize them or what.

Farla: A lot of these areas on the list overlap. Do you want to propose reorganizing it?

Larissa May: I would propose rolling in the STDs into number three and we can consider youth a vulnerable population. #8 for COVID-19 we do mention that in the outbreaks in vulnerable settings piece.

This is the Board's effort to provide for public input and increase transparency. They asked all the Boards for input.

Sonal Patel: A couple of the ones you pointed to Larissa are my own and what I perceived as one of the priorities as broadly supporting resources to vulnerable populations. I was even thinking of cooling centers during the summer for those that may not have access to air conditioning. So if we are open to expanding what #3 would include. Then the question is are we going too broad at that point?

Larissa: One is addressing social determinants of health and one is healthcare access and those feel like two topics.

Farla: We are struggling with, what is the BOS looking for? How is the BOS going to use this? Would it be better to leave it broader, or to be more specific?

Dr. K: My thought is broader is better. This is the first time they have done this and it's an effort to be more inclusive and transparent. There are no wrong answers but the more detail and broader you can make it, the better.

Larissa: Three already has the most wording and just add healthcare access and community resources to vulnerable populations.

Larissa: Maybe make COVID broader to say emergency response including COVID

Steve: We were given in advance the list of 15, most of them are nuanced except for #11, what kind of processing were we envisioning in terms of the vote?

Farla: I do think it would be good to condense them a little bit because I don't want to be put in a position where I am making decisions about this after you vote. I want to make it clear that what you voted is what we will pass on.

Andrew: Can we add substance use next to mental health to make sure it's comprehensive?

Farla: Yes.

Larissa May: For vulnerable populations you can say including but not limited to a number of different groups such as homeless, youth at risk, etc

Sonal Patel: Can we revise mental to behavioral health so we can capture substance use?

Farla: Yes.

Larissa: I propose we move to vote.

Farla: I am going to leave them like this, I will give you a minute to look them over and decide what your 5 are. Enter 1-5 in the chat.

Sonal: 3, 6, 2, 4, 5 (beginning with my top priority)

Steve Heath: 3,4,8,7 (no #5)

Dr. Ashley: 2,1,3,8,5

Larissa May: 2,1,4,6,7

Libby: 1,2,7,4,8

Chase: 2, 1, 6, 7, 5

Farla: 2, 1, 6, 3, 8

Phil: 2, 1, 3, 6, 4

Christina: 2,1,7,8,3

Information around priorities:

The Board of Supervisors requested a list of PHAB's top 5 priorities for the fiscal year 2022-2023 (see the request at the bottom of the nominated topics list below from Dr. Damiano). There will be a very short meeting on September 9th at 12:00 where each PHAB member will vote on their top 5 topics.

List of PHAB's Nominated Priority Topics

To note below is the list of priorities compiled and sent out in advance of the meeting on 9/9/2021, on the next page you will find the updated list that was voted on.

1. Expanding Mental Health Services within Correctional Health.
2. Additional Resources for Alternatives to Incarceration.
3. Need to Expand Health Care Access to Vulnerable Populations-
 - i. (thinking not just mental health, but screening for HIV/HCV, syphilis, medication assisted treatment and sexual health as well as case management services and resources/housing for the homeless, and management of outbreaks in vulnerable settings like correctional health on the planning side).
4. Behavioral Health Continuum of Care.
5. Sacramento County Public Health Infrastructure/Staffing.
6. Climate Change and Impact upon vulnerable populations, in particular wildfires and health equality.
7. Homelessness supports and services.
8. COVID-19 (and general emergency respond preparedness).
9. Adult Correctional Health.
10. Underfunded Programs – Emergency Medical Services and WIC (Women and Infant Care).
11. COVID.
12. Health Equity Issues (vulnerable communities, communities of color, homeless).
13. Community Nursing (field nursing).
14. STDs - especially for youth and marginalized communities.
15. CalAim implementation for the underserved.

Message from Dr. Damiano:

In June, the Board of Supervisors approved a Community Engagement Plan for the FY 2022-23 budget. The FY 2022-23 budget process is designed to increase transparency and to provide an opportunity for public input, as well as have a more robust public engagement process. Sacramento County is seeking input from the County's advisory boards and commissions in order to identify community needs and help determine budget priorities. This feedback will inform the recommendations that will be made to the Board of Supervisors, in order to formulate a scientific public opinion poll to help set priorities for the County's budget. Your input now will ensure the best polling tool is created so that the community at large can express their opinions early next year.

We have been asked to reach out to our boards and advisory groups to ensure our group's priorities are included. Please take a moment to review the attached Budget Brief for information on the County's current investments. After your review, please send us an email

with your top 5 (ranked) priorities. You can simply fill in the ranking below and I will synthesize all responses into a top 5 priorities list and send to the County Executive's team.

UPDATED during course of meeting List of PHAB's Nominated Priority Topics:

1. Correctional Health Including Expanding Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Services, and additional Resources for Alternatives to Incarceration.
2. Expand Health Care Access and Other Services to Vulnerable Populations (vulnerable populations including but not limited to: homeless; youth at risk; communities of color; those with behavioral health needs; and the disabled), (services including: behavioral health; medication assisted treatment and sexual health; screening for STD's (especially for youth and marginalized communities); case management services and resources/housing for the homeless; and management of outbreaks in vulnerable settings).
3. Behavioral Health Continuum of Care.
4. Sacramento County Public Health Infrastructure/Staffing.
5. Climate Change and Impact upon vulnerable populations, in particular wildfires and health equality.
6. COVID-19 (and general emergency respond preparedness).
7. Underfunded Programs – Emergency Medical Services and WIC (Women and Infant Care).
8. Community Nursing (field nursing).

Public Comment

Farla: Do we have any public comments?

Public: No

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35PM

Submitted by Liz Gomez, scribe