

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2023 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Moderator: Libby Abbott, Sonal Patel, Co-Chair

Scribe: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 4:01 PM

Category	Name	Attendance
Community Member	Vacant	
Community Member	Deanna Drake	Yes
Community Member	Mark Borges	Excused
Co-Chair	Elisabeth Abbott	Yes
Community Member	Phillip Summers	
Public Health Professional	Vacant	
Public Health/Health	Kathryn Stadel	Yes
Co-Chair	Sonal Patel	Yes
Community Member	Chase Smith	Yes
Community Member	Bekalu Amare	Yes
Public Health/Health	Sara Bowsky	
Public Health Professional	Alex Schmalz	Yes
Public Health/Health	Rachel Weinreb	Yes
Community	Vacant	
Community	George Meyer	Yes
County Staff	Nick Mori	
County Staff	Tianna Hammock	Yes
County Staff	Nicole Harper	Yes
County Staff	Lori Miller	
County Staff	Andrew Mendonsa	
County Staff	Tim Lutz	
County Staff	Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio)	

County Staff	Noel Vargas (Ex-officio)	
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Guests: Farla Kaufman, Jessica Lara

Review of Minutes: The November minutes were approved unanimously (Motion: Libby Abbott. Second: Alex Schmalz)

PHAB Elections: Libby Abbott and Sonal were re-appointed as co-chairs. Deanna Drake was appointed to the Executive Committee. The members were appointed unanimously.

Alex Schmalz indicated that he would consider joining the Exec Committee.

Updates on the Blue Zone Project

- Blue Zones take a systemized approach to improve the community's overall health and wellbeing.
 - Sacramento County Public Health aims to reduce the burden of disease through the Blue Zones in collaboration with civic and community leaders, *with an emphasis on* reducing and improving outcomes for individuals with Alzheimer's.
 - Blue Zones collaborate with community health leaders to provide a framework, instruction and technical support and guides the community through the development of a plan for community transformation.
 - The County's feasibility study is funded by the Governor's office.
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- **Opioid Remediation Fund Update**
 - A panel reviewed thirteen proposals for Opioid remediation funding. The panel scored proposals based on a pre-established criterion.
 - A question was asked about the criterion used to score proposals. The response was that the proposals that scored highly focused on expanding services and broadening outreach to patients. Additionally, organizations that demonstrated effective service delivery in hard-to-reach populations like the unhoused would benefit from funding.
 - The other question was about the likelihood that the chosen organizations would succeed and how the County would evaluate their program outcomes. The response was that the organizations that applied for funding are well known in the county and the state and both the state and local governments are also aware of their success rates.
 - The Board of Supervisors will make the final decision on organizations that will receive funding.
 - Awards will be announced in 2024.

- **PHAB Reflection Survey**

- PHAB members completed a survey to provide feedback on topics covered throughout 2023. Liz Gomez facilitated a discussion on the responses to the survey at the PHAB meeting.
- The overall feedback was that identifying PHAB's purpose will help inform what will be prioritized. The consensus was to focus on three to four topics in the coming year.
- One attendee acknowledged that Public Health issues span various advisory boards. As such, PHAB can meet with other advisory boards to learn about their areas of focus to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Action steps towards meeting these goals are having the co-chairs meet with County Supervisors. Engaging with the Board of Supervisors can provide information on the scope of the advisory board.
- The discussion highlighted the value in focusing on topics under Dr. Kasirye's purview so that PHAB does not duplicate efforts.
- Other suggestions include focusing on Public Health initiatives where PHAB's engagement can have the most impact.
- A committee member stated that dedicating meetings for debriefs on topics covered in previous meetings would be helpful because there is not enough time at the end of presentations and discussions in one meeting.
- A member suggested that an onboarding process should be in place to help orient new members so that they can get the most out of attending the meetings.

- Adjourned 6:00 PM