

Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2018 (12:00 PM - 1:30 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, Sandy Damiano, Paula Green, Steve Heath, Olivia Kasirye, Farla Kaufman, Steve Orkand, Emmanuel Petrisor, Cristina Slee, Kimberly Sloan, Kathleen Wright, Jeff Rabinovitz

Board Members Excused:

Barbara Law

Board Members Absent:

Jack Zwald

Guest Speakers:

John Lundgren, Sr. Planner
Office of Planning and Environmental Review
Environmental Justice Element

Guests:

Deborah Forrester, Megan Sheffield

Meeting Opened at 12:05 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Orkand welcomed PHAB members and guests.

Minutes Review

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

PHAB Vacancies and Appointments

PHAB currently has one opening, two applications pending.

Public Health Division, Olivia Kasirye

No update was provided.

Opportunity for questions regarding public health in general was offered.

Spike in homeless death rate was noted. It was mentioned PHAB received the Homeless Death Report about a year ago, this recent news seem to imply that the standard death rate expected was much larger this year.

Primary Health Services Division, Sandy Damiano

Dr. Peter Beilenson – began his appointment mid-August and may attend a future PHAB meeting.

Healthy Partners (HP) – Annual report was just completed for Fiscal Year 17-18. Will bring copies of the report to the next meeting.

Geographic Managed Care (GMC) Issues and Possible Solutions – a BOS item was distributed. It provides a status update, summarizes current issues with this program and how issues are being addressed. Website: www.SacGMC.net)

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) developed STEMI and Stroke committees in anticipation of staged EMSA regulations which should be finalized shortly. If interested, EMS staff could present at a future meeting.

Correctional Health Services (CHS) moved from SSD to Department of Health Services, Primary Health, in March. The County BOS declined to settle the lawsuit with the Prison Law Office (PLO) and Disability Rights California (DRC) regarding conditions and inmate services in the County's main jail and Rio Consumes Correctional Center. SSD and CHS had been working on a settlement.

<http://www.saccounty.net/news/latest-news/Pages/County-Declines-Settlement-Regarding-Jail-Conditions.aspx>

Presentation

John Lundgren, Senior Planner
Office of Planning and Environmental Review
Environmental Justice Element

SB 1000 overview was facilitated and presented to PHAB.

State law now requires that cities and counties incorporate environmental justice principles into their Master Plans.

County is making an effort trying to address geographic and procedural inequities (lack of services for hearing impaired, interpreters, sign language professionals, etc.) Environmental Justice (EJ) is about leveling the playing field to ensure identified disadvantaged communities are level with other communities.

Amendments to Master Plan - we do this often through our master planning process and we have two updates to the Master Plan coming soon. This year, we have committed to putting all 648 measures of the General Plan in front of the Board reporting what has and has not been done. The Board needs that as a framework before more strategic directives come forward. This framework will balance all the 'asks' that are being made of the General Plan.

The General Plan is a physical blueprint for development; in California, it is becoming acknowledged that it also helps set some social priorities for planning, and land use. Social strategies being incorporated in the General Plan.

EJ Element – Purpose

- To Address:
 - Geographic Inequalities
 - Procedural Inequalities
- Lead to unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged areas
- Main Feature – Comparison of Disadvantaged Areas with Non-Disadvantaged Areas

Environmental Justice Element (EJE) is past equality; it's about leveling the playing field for disadvantaged communities and presenting all aspects of government to all people. Public Health comes into play because the laws say we are looking for communities where these inequities lead to unique or compounded health risks. For example, there are communities in our County built without pedestrian friendly or bicycle safety lanes. These things have come to planning.

Part of EJE is to take a close look at disadvantaged communities vs. non-disadvantaged communities. Liquor licenses in disadvantaged communities are issued at a much higher rate than those issued in the rest of the County; the numbers are alarming so the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (OPER) is taking a serious look at that. The licenses are issued by the State, but the County has a role because when there are too many liquor licenses issued in a particular area, OPER will issue a Notice of Public Convenience and Necessity, which helps the State inform their decision. OPER will consider not issuing those notices upon determining there is an over concentration of existing liquor licenses. The data is clear, and the number of liquor licenses in these disadvantaged communities is significant.

Environmental Justice Communities

- Environmental Justice Communities
- North Highlands, North Vineyard, South Sacramento, West Arden Arcade



In Sacramento County when public policies are advanced, elected officials here are informed. Sacramento County is the first Jurisdiction in California to have EJE. Two other jurisdictions have them, but they were sued before SB 1000.

When outreach events are held, crime prevention is always the number one concern. Crime prevention informs all concerns as they relate to EJE. It can be difficult to sell Healthy Food Access or police on the street. OPER does not want to control the dialog; it needs to go where the public takes it - that is an important part of EJ.

Public Comment

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

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

Next Meeting of PHAB

October 3, 2018, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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