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## **Board of Directors Sacramento, CA Meeting Minutes July 7, 2016**

### **ATTENDEES:**

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Nichole Quick, MD, Yuba  
Cameron Kaiser, MD, Riverside  
Karen Milman, MD, Sonoma  
Matthew Willis, MD, Marin  
Wilma Wooten, MD, San Diego  
Ron Chapman, MD, Yolo  
Olivia Kasirye, MD, Sacramento  
Robert Kim-Farley, MD, Los Angeles  
Jerry Jeffe, CA Chronic Care Coalition  
Paul Nolfo, Nolfo Consulting  
Karen Smith, MD, CDPH/Director  
Connie Mitchell, MD, CDPH/CFH  
Greg Oliva, CDPH/CCDPHP  
Kristen Rogers, CDPH/MIHB  
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Edward Moreno, MD, Monterey  
Nancy Williams, MD, El Dorado  
Bela Matyas, MD, Solano  
Eric Handler, MD, Orange  
Ken Cutler, MD, Nevada  
Rob Oldham, MD, Placer  
Alvaro Garza, MD, San Joaquin  
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Mark Starr, CDPH/CEH  
Tamu Nolfo, CDPH/OHE  
Asif Maan, CDPH/CEH  
Ashley Barbosa, CDPH/CCLHO

### **ON THE PHONE/ COMPUTER**

Charity Dean, MD, Santa Barbara  
Rita Huspen Kerr, MD, Amador  
Liza Ortiz, MD, Tuolumne  
John Walker, MD, Stanislaus  
Andrew Deckert, MD, Shasta  
Joe Iser, MD, Southern Nevada  
Megan Crumpler, Riverside/CAPHLD  
Judith Thigpen, CTCA  
Wendy Hetherington, Riverside/CCLHDME  
Julia Heinzerling, Los Angeles  
Lilian Chan, LAO  
Sarah Royce, CDPH/IZ

Scott Morrow, MD, San Mateo  
Claudia Jonah, MD, Kern  
Rick Johnson, MD, Alpine/Inyo/Mono  
Karen Haught, MD, Tulare  
Ying-Ying Goh, City of Pasadena  
Barbara Cole, Riverside  
Edith Cabusley, San Mateo, CCLDHE  
Winston Tilghman, San Diego, CSTDCA  
Linda Rudolph, PHI  
Valarie Clark, Humboldt  
Gordon Vrdoljak, CDPH/DFDRS  
Kat DeBurgh, HOAC

TIME	SUBJECT / AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
9:00 a.m.	<b>Introductions and Welcome/President's Report</b>	<p>Janet Berreman, MD, MPH, President, California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) and Health Officer, City of Berkeley, began the meeting by giving the President's report and then asking attendees to introduce themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There have been a number of new and Interim Health Officers over the last year which sparked conversation on how to welcome them. A new Health Officer Orientation has not occurred in quite some time. A new Health Officer Orientation will be planned for some time in the coming year. They also had a discussion about mentorships with Health Officers in neighboring counties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Mark Lundberg has resigned from the CCLHO Board and will remain as Butte County's Interim Health Officer until they find a replacement.</li> <li>○ Dr. Milton Teske is the new Health Officer in Kings County</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Dr. Berreman participated in a call with the California Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) and she is still hopeful to have a joint CCLHO and CHEAC monthly board meeting before the end of her term as CCLHO President.</li> <li>▪ The CCLHO Policy Platform is in the works and is being transitioned from a 60 page document to a 10 page document. The goal is to have a more concise document to work with by the Fall Semiannual meeting.</li> <li>▪ The CCLHO August Board meeting will be cancelled.</li> <li>▪ The September CCLHO Board meeting will be a full day meeting and using the bulk of the time to discuss the work being done at the local and State level on medical marijuana and the legalization of recreational marijuana use.</li> </ul>	<b>1. MOTION CARRIED:</b> Motion to approve the CCLHO June 2, 2016 Board meeting minutes carried.(see attachment for tallied votes)
9:15 a.m.	<b>California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Report</b>	<p>Karen Smith, MD, MPH, Director and State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CDPH's main push with marijuana is completing the regulatory packages on the Medical Cannabis Safety Act. The licensing of laboratories will be overseen by a bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). CDPH is in the process of writing the regulations on testing and making sure that standards are appropriate. The CCLHO September Board meeting will have representatives from CDPH's Environmental Health team there to help answer questions.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Smith shared some of the successes of the CDPH Tobacco Program.</li> <li>▪ Vacancies within CDPH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health Chief</li> <li>○ Center for Chronic Disease Deputy Director</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>CDPH Program Highlight</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Positions filled within CDPH:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fusion Center Deputy Director-Monica Morales</li> <li>○ Emergency Preparedness Office Deputy Director-Barbara Taylor</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ There was a question about health realignment payments. It appears that the State has made some errors in health realignment payments. Dr. Smith was unaware of this but it was noted that Michelle Gibbons of CHEAC has been following this closely and sending reports out to CHEAC members.</li> <li>▪ CDPH is regularly communicating with the California Department of Education on the implementations of SB 277. Dr. Smith will be look into a question on students enrolled in Independent Study programs.</li> </ul> <p>Kristen Rogers, PhD, Chief, Maternal and Infant Health Branch, CDPH, presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See presentation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9:45 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Reports and Action Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Environmental Health Committee &amp; Communicable Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) Committee</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Chronic Disease Control Committee</b></li> </ul>	<p>Ed Moreno, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Monterey County, Robert Kim-Farley, MD, Los Angeles County and Barbara Cole, RN, PHN, MSN, Riverside County, reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The CDCP Committee had a joint meeting with the CCLHO Environmental Health Committee on June 16 in Oakland. Topics discussed included sewage system safety, waste water and public health effects. There was a panel discussion on Coccidiomycosis (Valley Fever) and a separate panel discussion on Zika Virus as well.</li> <li>▪ A potential action item from the meeting is to explore how data on enteric disease outbreaks might be shared between LHDs and Environmental Health/Water Treatment Agency-potable reuse staff which would enable water treatment agency/potable reuse staff to test water during an outbreak and identify levels.</li> <li>▪ The next CDCP Committee meeting will be held in Sacramento on August 18, 2016. The next Environmental Health Committee meeting will be held in Sacramento on October 27, 2016.</li> </ul> <p>Wilma Wooten, MD, MPH, Health Officer, San Diego County, reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Committee last met in June but Dr. Wooten was unable to attend. The next meeting will be held on September 1, after the CCLHO Board Meeting, if the September Board does not become a full day meeting.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Health Information &amp; Data</b></li>   <li>▪ <b>Small Jurisdiction</b></li> </ul>	<p>Bela Matyas, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Solano County, reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The next Health Information and Data Committee will meet on September 8, 2016.</li> </ul> <p>Ken Cutler, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Nevada County, reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The SJC met on June 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) disproportionate fee increase. CHEAC has coordinated a phone call with Kaye Bender from PHAB and asked Dr. Cutler to join.</li> <li>▪ The committee discussed some legislative items but no actions were taken.</li> <li>▪ There was discussion on the “Health Happens Aqui” training and a request to Brow Miller Communications to come up with a webinar for communication strategies that targeted on health equity in smaller, more conservative counties.</li> <li>▪ Tracy Delaney and Linda Rudolph discussed the Health Disadvantaged Index that policy makers may use to fund allocations. There was a good discussion and they are open to looking at the indicators. They are also looking for rural representation on their workgroup.</li> <li>▪ SJC will meet again on August 9, 2016. (<i>Note: rescheduled to September 13, 2016</i>)</li> </ul>	
10:15 a.m.	<b>County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California Overview</b>	<p>Kirsten Barlow, Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See presentation.</li> </ul>	
11:10 a.m.	<b>Immunization Roundtable</b>	<p>Charity Dean, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Santa Barbara County, led the discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Santa Barbara County issued a letter to all schools and all childhood facilities which directed them to send all medical exemptions to the Public Health Department. The Santa Barbara Public Health Department (SBPHD) reissued a letter on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regarding the Medical Exemption Pilot Project that requires schools and childcare facilities to send copies of medical exemptions. SBPHD estimates they will receive about 70 medical exemptions and are asking that any personal identifiable information be blacked out due to the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) law.</li> <li>▪ Other local health jurisdictions are planning to implement different pilot programs. A phone call was held with about 12-15 participants this week. Counties deciding to do a Medical Exemption Pilot Project can reach out to HOAC to coordinate efforts. The Health and Safety Code, FERPA laws and</li> </ul>	<p><b>2. ACTION:</b> CCLHO will send a letter to CDPH to request guidance and a statewide consistent response to evaluating the impact of the implementation of SB 277, specifically around medical exemptions and their validity and how that pattern changes. (see attachment for tallied votes)</p>

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		<p>what would be looked in the medical exemption is all detailed in the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 letter from SBPHD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is planning on doing a large study of how Senate Bill (SB) 277 is being implemented by Local Health Departments (LHD) in California. They are still in the very early stages of organizing this study but are very interested in meeting with health officers who are doing Pilot Projects and offering them co-authorship in the NIH study. A few health officers have expressed interest in participating.</li> <li>▪ A lawsuit to overturn SB 277 was filed on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in San Diego in Federal Court. People who are interested in the federal lawsuit to overturn SB 277 can find information on line. Dr. Dean, Dr. Wada and Santa Barbara County were all named as the Defendants.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different counties have contacted CDPH regarding this topic and in whatever capacity CDPH can do to speak with counties about this would be helpful. The identification of physician/providers who are issuing inappropriate exemptions is leading to a group of kids who are under-immunized inappropriately, which is the public health concern that Dr. Dean and other health officers are having. The Health Officers discussed if the goal is to implement statewide the pilot project that Santa Barbara and some others are undertaking. Would that provide health officers with information that informs them as to whether or not things need to be reported? The NIH study of this new law and current knowledge about the pattern of medical exemptions might be a starting point; HOAC stands ready to help any health officers who want to implement their own pilot program. Question asked about how many LHD's are implementing a pilot. Dr. Dean knows of 3 and others are considering in consultation with county/city counsel.</li> <li>▪ Two health officers received a Freedom of Information Act request from Christina Hildebrand from a Voice for Choice. The request was to see all meeting notes in relation to SB 277. Question if all health officers have received this? CCLHO members commented that they had all received it.</li> <li>▪ Did CDPH receive a similar Public Records Act Request around SB 277 and medical exemptions? CDPH received the county letter but it was the same letter that was directed at the counties.</li> <li>▪ Opinion voiced that if health officers have an investigatory need to identify a pattern, that is an investigation and investigations are not subject to Public Information Act requests. If health officers were to carry their medical exemption rate into the school year and saw a bump from the previous year, that is a valid reason to institute a public health based investigation. When</li> </ul>	

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		<p>LHJs begin doing their immunization audits, LHJs receive their direction from CDPH to audit exactly what Dr. Dean is looking into now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment that it is important to remember that the health officer goal is to maintain responsibility as public health officers. SB 277 is a new public health law and health officers want to look at how it is affecting the community. What is the process for counties that are planning to move forward with this? For LHJ's interested in moving forward, they should read the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 letter that Dr. Dean issued along with the 2003 CDPH Immunization Branch letter on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) and immunization records. In addition, there is a 2007 CDPH letter on FERPA and immunization records. Interested LHJ's can have county/city counsel contact the Santa Barbara County Counsel who is happy to answer questions, as a formal legal opinion was written for the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. Health officers can also contact Ms. DeBurgh at HOAC if they are interested. HOAC will also be facilitating the connection back to NIH on this as well. The June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 letter was sent out this week to health officers.</li> <li>▪ What is CDPH's role, position or involvement with this is? If LHJs are going to do this, it should be done consistently across the entire state and that guidance should come from the state. One of the other states that does not allow PBE's requires that parents submit the medical exemptions to the health department and then to the school district, which eliminates the FERPA concerns. Comment that, in terms of consistency, it would be nice to have a standardized data collection tool that all LHJs use when collecting the data.</li> <li>▪ Question about how CDPH gives LHJs direction on the schools and immunization rates. If data from this year is compared to last year and there is no significant change, then there are no issues. However, if there is an increase in medical exemptions, it is possible that some of those are inappropriate PBE's. If there is no increase, then that community has implemented SB 277 correctly. Request to have a discussion with CDPH on what the next steps are and how LHJs can conduct themselves in moving forward strategically with this implementation. It would be ideal to have a sound approach that all LHJs can live with and to have the support and guidance from CDPH. A number of inquiries and requests for guidance have been received from schools. The health officer can offer to review the medical exemptions for the school and would have access to the information proactively. Health officers could even reach out to their schools and offer that service.</li> <li>▪ In one county there are some public schools with a 50% PBE rate. It is entirely likely that entire schools could have a shift to medical exemptions and that school would lack herd immunity due to a preponderance of medical</li> </ul>	

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11:40 a.m.	<b>Public Health Impacts of Commercializing Marijuana</b>	Rachel Barry, University of Edinburgh, Global Public Health Unit, presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See presentation.</li> </ul>	
12:20 p.m.	<b>Legislative Updates</b>	<b>HOAC:</b> Kat DeBurgh, MPH, Executive Director, HOAC reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See presentation.</li> </ul>	
12:40 p.m.	<b>Brief Reports</b>  <b>Volunteer &amp; Advisory Groups</b>          <b>Affiliates</b>          <b>Regional Health Officer Groups</b>	Edward Moreno, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Monterey County, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See Report-Direct Potable Reuse</li> </ul> Rick Johnson, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Alpine/Inyo/Mono Counties, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Patient Movement Workgroup met yesterday and they have been focusing efforts on preparing for catastrophic events. A number of local, State and Federal partners all participated in the meeting. The types of events be looked at are considered “no notice events” like an earthquake where facilities would also be compromised. The group is trying to put together something that is both practical and useful. Patient tracking was also discussed.</li> <li>▪ The next meeting will be held in September and is will be an all-day meeting doing a Tabletop Exercise to flesh out some of the issues that need to be addressed in this plan.</li> </ul> See reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CCLAD</li> <li>▪ CAPHLD</li> <li>▪ CCLHDN</li> <li>▪ CSTDCA</li> <li>▪ CTCA</li> </ul> Robert Kim-Farley, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Southern California Health Officers met on July 1, 2016 and they discussed the recent increase of Meningococcal Disease in men who have sex with men in the Southern California area. A California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) went out from CDPH on this. CDPH has used the word outbreak in the notification and the group had some reservations in using that word but CDPH stated they had used the more classic definition because there were more cases than</li> </ul>	

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	<b>Other Reports</b>	<p>expected at this time.</p> <p>Alvaro Garza , MD, MPH, Health Officer, San Joaquin County, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The San Joaquin Valley Public Health Consortium will be organizing a conference call for the end of July to discuss the increase in Syphilis, especially in Fresno and Stockton.</li> <li>▪ The next ABAHO meeting will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 4 pm.</li> </ul> <p>Tamu Nolfo, Office of Health Equity (OHE), CDPH, reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Nolfo thanked Dr. Handler for participation in the CDPH OHE Speaker Series.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Nolfo expressed OHE interest and support with the topics for the CCLHO Fall Semiannual meeting with health equity and mental health equity.</li> </ul>	
<b>12:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>Paul Nolfo, Nolfo Consulting, provided public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Nolfo expressed concerns with the legalization of marijuana, rates of addiction, and treatment.</li> </ul>	
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	<p>The next CCLHO Board Meeting will be held on September 1, 2016 in Sacramento.</p>	

**\*\* Presentations Can Be Found Here\*\***

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cclho/Pages/July7,2016-CCLHOBoardofDirectorsMeetingMaterials.aspx>

**Attachment 1  
CCLHO Board of Directors  
July 7, 2016  
Tallied Votes**

Health Officer	1. Action	2. Action
	Approval of Minutes (March Board)	CCLHO will send a letter to CDPH to request guidance and a statewide consistent response to evaluating the impact of the implementation of SB 277, specifically around medical exemptions, their validity and how that pattern changes.
C. Kaiser	Y	Y
B. Matyas	Y	Y
E. Handler	--	Y
M. Willis	--	Y
K. Cutler	Y	Y
W. Wooten	Y	Y
O. Kasirye	Y	Y
R. Chapman	Y	Y
R. Oldham	Y	Y
N. Quick	Y	Y
K. Milman	A	Y
A. Garza	Y	Y
E. Moreno	Y	Y
J. Berreman	Y	Y
M. Davis	A	Y
N. Williams	--	--
<b>Total-</b>	<b>Y-11 N-0 A-2</b>	<b>Y-15 N-0 A-0</b>

Y - Yay  
N - Nay  
A - Abstention  
-- Not present during vote

## Attachment 2

### Acronym List

<b>AB</b>	Assembly Bill
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>AMA</b>	American Medical Association
<b>ARB</b>	Air Resources Board
<b>CACDC</b>	California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers
<b>CAL/OSHA</b>	Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Dept. of Industrial Relations)
<b>CAPHLD</b>	California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors
<b>CCLAD</b>	California Conference of Local AIDS Directors
<b>CCLHO</b>	California Conference of Local Health Officers
<b>CCLHDME</b>	California Conference of Local Health Data Managers and Epidemiologists
<b>CCR</b>	California Code of Regulations
<b>CD</b>	Communicable Disease
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>CDCP</b>	Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
<b>CDPH</b>	California Department of Public Health
<b>CHEAC</b>	County Health Executives Association of California
<b>CHHS</b>	California Health and Human Services Agency
<b>CHSI</b>	Center for Health Statistics and Informatics
<b>CID</b>	Center for Infectious Diseases
<b>CMA</b>	California Medical Association
<b>CMMI</b>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
<b>CTCA</b>	California Tuberculosis Controllers Association
<b>DCA</b>	Department of Consumer Affairs
<b>DPHN</b>	Directors of Public Health Nursing
<b>EMS</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>EMSA</b>	Emergency Medical Services Authority
<b>EPO</b>	Emergency Preparedness Office
<b>PHAB</b>	Public Health Accreditation Board
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>LEMSA</b>	Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies
<b>LGHC</b>	Let's Get Healthy California
<b>LHD</b>	Local Health Department
<b>LHJ</b>	Local Health Jurisdiction
<b>OHE</b>	Office of Health Equity
<b>SB</b>	Senate Bill
<b>SJC</b>	Small Jurisdiction Committee
<b>STD</b>	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
<b>WIC</b>	Women, Infants, and Children