



California Department of Public Health
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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Richmond, CA

January 28, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Morning Session
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

- o **Welcome/Director's Remarks - Mark Horton, MD, MSPH, Director**

Committee Chairman Dr. Mark Horton convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., with the following members present: Ms. Dolores Apodaca, Ms. Robin Cox, Susan Harrington, Ellen Wu, Dr. Stephen Shortell, and Dr. Cynthia Gomez. Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Christopher Kennedy Lawford, Dr. Frank Pratt, and Dr. Rodney Borger joined from Los Angeles. Stephanie Caldwell, Special Assistant to Dr. Fielding, also joined from Los Angeles.

Dr. Horton briefly discussed the agenda for the day; He spoke of the transition of the new Administration. There are approximately 12 exempt positions within CDPH, including the Chief Deputy Director positions. While some changes have been made, change is not a major focus in the Administration. In the next 90 days, the focus is primarily on the budget. So far, the transition is going smoothly. David Maxwell-Jolly, who was previously the Director of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), is now the new Undersecretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA). Toby Douglas is the new Director of DHCS. The majority of Agency staff including Assistant Secretaries Suanne Buggy and Peter Barth will remain at CHHSA.

Dr. Horton then provided a brief budget update. He mentioned that challenges facing the new Administration include a \$25 billion deficit the balance of this year and into FY 11/12 (\$8 billion of this deficit is during this budget year and the remaining \$17 billion is in FY 11/12). CDPH is not impacted by the budget cuts as much as other departments. The balance of the budget will be dependent on the passage of the ballot initiatives to sustain the previously approved tax increases. He also spoke of Governor Brown's realignment plans – The Governor has put in motion an initiative to look at state versus local responsibilities. This is a two phase process. Public Health is not directly involved, but may be impacted indirectly. He also touched on the Governor's operations reductions. The Administration will not be filling the position of Secretary of Education as well as the position of Inspector General for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Additionally, the Governor will be reducing 25% of his staff and will look for similar reductions across other state government. Dr. Horton added that he fully expects to see a budget drill in the not so distant future. Dr. Horton briefly discussed the impact to employee benefits. The hiring freeze will continue indefinitely and there may be a phased-in approach to deal with it in the long term. The five percent salary reduction for a personal leave day is still in place. He is unaware of any additional actions in terms of employee compensation.

Robin Cox inquired about the Public Health Advisory Committee's status. Since the Committee is set to sunset the end of June 2011, she asked whether there was any plan to extend the Committee formally or informally and whether the Committee members will have a chance to discuss this issue on the agenda at the next meeting. Dr. Horton mentioned that he is unaware of any legislation that has been introduced to extend the Committee. He indicated CDPH would schedule time at the April meeting to have a robust conversation about this issue and that he is willing to communicate the value of the Committee to the Administration and that one way or another he would like to continue this effort for broader public health community to provide input to the Department. Ellen Wu indicated a longer, broader discussion would be valuable and that the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN) has introduced a "spot bill" to extend the sunset date and CPHEH will also consider budget bill language to eliminate the sunset date.

Dee Apodaca inquired about AB 354's requirements for students entering 7th – 12th grades to have the whooping cough booster shot and inquired whether there were any grants or other sources of funding available to assist with the implementation of the bill provisions. Dr. Horton mentioned that there are no specific funds to assist with the



implementation of the new legislation. He also mentioned that CDPH public health general funds for the immunization program were eliminated and that the department is doing what we can to provide guidance and technical assistance to local health with regard to the new bill requirements.

Information item, no action required. Dr. Horton inquired if any member of the public wished to speak to this item. No member of the public came forth to speak.

- **Review and approval of October 29, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Horton offered the October 29, 2010 minutes for approval. Moved by Ellen Wu and seconded by Dr. Shortell. Approved. Dr. Gomez abstained from the vote.

Dr. Horton inquired if any member of the public wished to speak to this item. No member of the public came forth to speak.

- **Budget Update**

Jose Ortiz, Chief Deputy Director of Operations, provided a brief budget update by going over the Budget Highlight document. He spoke of budget augmentations to CDPH from the 2010-11 Enacted Budget of \$3.408 billion to the Governor's proposed 2011-12 budget of \$3.535 billion that include significant increases in federal funding largely due to a \$133 million increase in funding for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program as well as additional federal grant funding for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Health Care Reform. Other important changes to the budget include the expiration of a General Fund appropriation for surge capacity and funding changes attributable to diminishing Proposition 99 funds. He mentioned there is approximately a 15% increase to the CDPH General Fund budget for FY 2011/2012 as compared to current year. He spoke of a ballot initiative that will be launched in June to extend previously approved General Fund taxes. He mentioned that the hiring freeze continues and that CDPH is also looking at a five percent workforce capacity reduction. Mr. Ortiz briefly discussed program specifics for each of the CDPH programs (Please refer to the Budget Highlights document for more information <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/pubsforms/fiscalrep/Documents/2011-12-Governors-Budget-Highlights-1-10-11.pdf>).

Susan Harrington expressed concern over loss of emergency response funding for stockpiling of emergency supplies (N95 respirators, etc.) and potential loss of caches. Dr. Horton mentioned that he's hopeful to find a solution to maintain our partnerships with locals for stockpiling of supplies going forward.

Ellen Wu mentioned that the Department had put in their budget proposal for 15 additional positions for Health Care Reform (HCR) and inquired what exactly those positions were for. Dr. Horton mentioned that CDPH's received nine different HCR grants for over \$20 million federal dollars. Overall CDPH is asking for over 150 positions. Mr. Ortiz followed up with the 15 positions.

Information item, no action required. Dr. Horton inquired if any member of the public wished to speak to this item. No member of the public came forth to speak.

Dr. Horton announced that President Obama had recently appointed Dr. Fielding, Linda Rosenstock, Dean of the School of Public Health at UCLA, and Valerie Brown, Sonoma County Supervisor, to serve on the National Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health. Dr. Horton congratulated Dr. Fielding on his appointment and offered his assistance.

Dr. Shortell proposed the idea of a UC Berkeley and UCLA co-sponsoring and convening a mini conference to launch the Public Health Advisory Committee's "Healthy California Objectives" statewide. He stressed that leadership at state and local level including provider community, housing, education, transportation, etc., is needed to implement these objectives throughout the state. He offered to commit support if there is agreement to do this. Dr. Horton mentioned that we should set some time at the next meeting to discuss this issue.

Information item, no action required. Dr. Horton inquired if any member of the public wished to speak to this item. No member of the public came forth to speak.



10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- **Healthy Community Indicators**

Dr. Linda Rudolph, Deputy Director of the CDPH Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, presented an overview of Healthy Community Indicators project, including the definition of a healthy community, steps in developing indicators, what indicators might look like within a place or region, and benefits of a healthy community through all stages of life. *Please refer to the PowerPoint for further details*

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/boards/phac/Documents/Healthy%20Community%20Indicators%20012811.pdf>

Dr. Fielding felt that this was wonderful work that is very forward-looking. He also warned not to put too much emphasis on making “health” the top priority. He encouraged to be humble and collaborative when working with other agencies. Dr. Rudolph felt that other agencies are aware of the value of the HiAP Committee and they are excited about the policy and messages it conveys. Dr. Gomez added that if the health of a society is not maintained, it would then have a negative impact in almost everything else. Therefore, she felt it is important for us to communicate this message.

Information item, no action. Dr. Horton inquired if any member of the public wished to speak to this item. No member of the public came forth to speak.

- **Discussion and Vote to Provide PHAC Endorsement of the Health in All Policies Report Recommendations** (http://www.sgc.ca.gov/docs/workgroups/HiAP_Final_Report_12.3.10.pdf)

At the previous Public Health Advisory Committee meeting held in October 2010, Dr. Linda Rudolph, Deputy Director of the CDPH Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, had presented an overview of Health in All Policies Task Force (HiAP). The purpose of this discussion was to determine if the Committee wanted to accept or endorse the HiAP Committee recommendations.

Dr. Rudolph briefly discussed the HiAP Taskforce’s work with the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to identify priority recommendations. She mentioned that the plan is to talk to stakeholders to determine what is feasible. She also mentioned that 18 agencies were represented on the HiAP Taskforce and new members are expected to join due to transition of Administrations. Dr. Rudolph mentioned that the recommendations are divided into two categories: 1) healthy communities and 2) healthy public policy. Dr. Rudolph briefly went over all of the HiAP recommendations.

Dr. Horton offered the HiAP recommendations for approval. Moved by Ellen Wu and seconded by Robin Cox. The set of recommendations were approved and endorsed by the Committee as being important to California.

Dr. Fielding entertained a motion for the Committee to recommend to the Governor that the work of the Strategic Growth Council including the work of the HiAP Taskforce continue into the future. Seconded by Dr. Gomez. Approved.

Ellen Wu indicated that the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network is seeking to sponsor some legislation on the HiAP recommendations.

Dr. Horton inquired if any member of the public wished to speak to this item. No member of the public came forth to speak.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

- **Healthy California 2020 Initiative - Recap**

Scott Fujimoto, MD, MPH, provided a brief update on where the federal government is on Healthy People 2020. Healthy People 2020 was officially released on December 2010, although some Topic Areas (such as Social Determinants of Health) are still under development. Some of the Healthy People 2020 objectives selected by PHAC for Healthy California 2020 were dropped or changed in the final release. A national Healthy People Conference is planned by the federal government in spring 2012.



- **Healthy California 2020 Initiative – Injury and Violence Objectives**

Roger Trent, Ph.D., CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch, gave a presentation on “Injuries as a threat to public health.” He discussed injuries in California including the economic burden of injuries, top five causes of injuries, violence, child abuse, pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorcyclist injuries, and senior falls (age 65+ years). *Please refer to the PowerPoint for further details* <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/boards/phac/Documents/InjuriesasaThreattoPublicHealth.pdf>

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- **Healthy California 2020 Initiative – Review of DRAFT Public Health Advisory Committee Report**

Leah Northrop and Scott Fujimoto, MD, MPH, of the CDPH Health Information and Strategic Planning Division presented an overview of the DRAFT Public Health Advisory Committee Report for review and a discussion ensued on prioritizing remaining objectives. The following work plan was agreed upon to allow for revisions of the report by committee members prior to the April meeting, while still adhering to Bagley-Keene laws:

- 1) Ellen Wu and Cynthia Gómez agreed to review and suggest revisions of the introduction to the current draft report in the next two weeks.
- 2) The revised draft will be posted to the CDPH website. PHAC members will then be given two weeks to submit individual comments to CDPH (contact info will be posted on the website) on the revised draft. A further revised report will then be posted, along with an accompanying document addressing the comments submitted. This process can be repeated up to three times total (e.g. the report can be revised three times) before the next PHAC meeting.
- 3) At the same time as the posting/commenting period above, groups of two members (cannot be more than two due to Bagley-Keene) will select one of the HP 2020 Topic Areas (which will be called Priority Areas for Healthy California 2020) for refinement. These revised Topic Areas will need to be submitted by March 20 in order to have enough time to incorporate in the report and allow other committee members or the public to comment on the revisions.

The following PHAC members either volunteered for the listed Areas or were “volunteered” based on their interests/expertise.

Susan Harrington: Nutrition and Weight

Dolores Apodaca and Steve Shortell: Access to Health Care

Cynthia Gómez: Mental Health

Robin Cox: Oral Health and Tobacco/Substance Abuse

Ellen Wu and Toni Yancey: Physical Activity

Injury and Violence: Rodney Borger, Jeanette Dong, Christopher Kennedy Lawford

Environmental Health: Jonathan Fielding, Phoebe Seaton

Public Health Infrastructure: Tony Iton, Franklin Pratt

There are still no HP 2020 indicators for Social Determinants of Health, and it was agreed that this concept should be woven into all of the other Areas instead of being isolated by itself.

- 4) The report will then be presented for final approval at the PHAC meeting in April.



3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Open Discussion/Topics for Future Discussion

Dr. Horton thanked members for a productive day. He was appreciative of the hard work of the Committee. He encouraged members to provide feedback to him on best use of the Committee's time or any other thoughts they had and promised to communicate the value of the group to the new Administration.

Information item, no action. Dr. Horton inquired if any member of the public wished to speak to this item. No member of the public came forth to speak.

Adjourn

Dr. Horton thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.