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APPEARANCES
                                                                           1 who's professor and director of the UC Davis MPH program
                                                                           2 is unable to attend the meeting today, and so
 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
                                                                           3 representing him and speaking on behalf of his program
                                                                           4 is Diana Cassidy. And so welcome both Diana and
 4 Christy Adams, RN, BSN, MPH (telephonically)
                                                                           5 Rebekah.
 5 Wes Alles, PhD, Director, Co-chair (telephonically)
 6 Paul Glassman, DDS, MA, MBA (telephonically)
                                                                                     And now I'll ask that roll call of the committee
 7 Rebekah Kharrazi, MPH, CPH
                                                                            members be taken.
 8 Diana Cassady, PhD
                                                                                     GRANT BLOCK COORDINATOR BUTLER: Thank you, Dr.
 9 Caroline Peck, MD, Co-chair
                                                                           9 Alles.
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                                                                                     Christy Adams?
10 Dan Spiess, EMS Administrator (telephonically)
                                                                                     ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ADAMS: Here.
11 Samuel Stratton, MD, MPH (telephonically)
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12 Wilma Wooten, MD, MPH (telephonically)
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13 Nathan Wong, PhD (telephonically)
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15 STAFF MEMBERS/PRESENTERS:
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16 Anita Butler, Block Grant Coordinator
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17 Karen L. Smith, CDPH Director
18 Susan Fanelli, CDPH Assistant Director
                                                                          18 Stratton?
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                                                                                     ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER STRATTON. Here
19 Brandon Nunes, Chief Deputy Director of Operations
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20 Claudia Crist, Chief Deputy of Policy Programs
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                                                                                    ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: (No
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                                                                          22 response.)
22 ALSO PRESENT:
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23 Dan Smiley, EMSA
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24 Monica Morales, Fusion Center Deputy
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                                                                           1 other advisory committee members on the line?
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                                                                                     Oh, Diana Cassady?
           GRANT BLOCK COORDINATOR BUTLER: Welcome to the
                                                                                     ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CASSADY: Here
 4 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
                                                                           4 Sorry.
 5 Advisory Committee Meeting.
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           Is Dr. Wes Alles on the line?
                                                                           6 joining us in person. I will turn it back over to you,
           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: I am.
                                                                           7 Dr. Alles.
           GRANT BLOCK COORDINATOR BUTLER: Hi, Dr. Alles.
                                                                                     CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. Thank you. I want
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                                                                           9 to issue everybody a warm welcome and thank you for
 9 How are you today.
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           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: I'm fine. Thank you.
                                                                          10 spending your afternoon with us today. The primary
11 And I hope everyone on the call is as well.
                                                                          11 purpose of today's meeting is for us to have an
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           GRANT BLOCK COORDINATOR BUTLER: Thank you. I
                                                                          12 opportunity to hear from Karen Smith, the director for
13 will go ahead and turn it over to you.
                                                                          13 the public health department, to provide the committee
           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. Thank you. I want
                                                                          14 and members of the public who are joining us today, to
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15 to begin even before roll call to just mention two
                                                                          15 share her vision with us. And this will give us an
16 things. You'll hear two names on the call as they go
                                                                          16 opportunity to listen and to -- we'll have an
17 through the roll call -- I mean, that I want to alert
                                                                          17 opportunity to ask questions and perhaps to provide some
18 you to. First thing is that Manal Aboelata has stepped
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19 down from her position on the advisory committee. But
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20 before doing that, she spoke with one of her colleagues,
                                                                          20 the way we look at issues, to be constructive and
21 Rebekah Kharrazi at the Prevention Institute and talked
                                                                          21 informative to the Department of Public Health, and
22 with her about the committee. And Rebekah has agreed to
                                                                          22 specifically, to Director Smith. And in order to be
23 replace Manal on the committee, and so you will hear her
                                                                          23 helpful, I think we need to listen, we need to question,
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24 name during roll call.
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                                                                          25 to do as committee members and certainly on the
           And the second thing is that Dr. Steven McCurdy,
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1 individual presentations that will be made, not only by So I had a lot of ideas of the way that the 2 Karen, but by Susan Fanelli, who is the assistant 2 department could better work with local health 3 director; Brandon Nunes, who is the chief deputy 3 departments, you know, change some of its business 4 director of operations; and by Claudia Crist, chief 4 practices. I have to say that, quite obviously, there's 5 deputy of policy and programs. 5 a lot more to the department than the work that we do So with that -- oh, I need to say that our 6 with health departments, but I remain firm in my belief 7 committee is very transparent. We have a court reporter 7 that the -- perhaps the most important interactions that 8 at all of our committee meetings. The minutes are 8 we have, most important stakeholders are the local 9 derived from the notes that are taken by the court 9 health departments, because they are boots on the ground 10 reporter. We do invite the public to join in our 10 for public health. But I also believe really strongly 11 meetings. And I would guess that we have some members 11 that the department and field of public health in 12 of the public on the call today and perhaps in the room, 12 general is changing rapidly, particularly over the last 13 and there will be two opportunities for input from 13 ten years, and the department needs to begin to change 14 members of the public. 14 to keep up. We will become rapidly anachronistic if we 15 Also, information is available on the 15 don't. 16 department's website. I want to remind the committee 16 So I just want to kind of touch on some of the 17 members that before speaking, I know it's hard, but 17 reasons -- the reasons that I think that we need to 18 before speaking, so that the court reporter can get the 18 change, what some of the drivers of change are that are 19 name accurate, if you would say your name. So just a 19 happening in the world of public health these days. 20 reminder, "I'm Nathan Wong and I have this to say," as 20 First and most obviously I'm sure to everyone on 21 the phone is the fact that we are no longer expected 21 an example. 22 So I want to just give Caroline a couple of 22 just to provide, you know, safety net services and 23 moments to also welcome you. And, Caroline, there may 23 immunizations, but rather, as we've learned more about 24 be people in the room there that you would like to 24 the ultimate determinants of health, we are expected now 25 introduce, and I'll leave that to you to recognize 25 to take into consideration, and where we can, intervene

1 everybody who needs to be recognized. CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: Thank you so much, 3 Dr Alles Well, I think I will just recognize our 5 directors office, our director, Dr. Karen Smith, we are 6 so glad to have her here as well her team, who will be 7 able to share a little bit about all the wonderful 8 initiatives and work they've been doing since -- since 9 starting with us a couple years ago. 10 So with that, I'll just turn it over to 11 Dr. Smith. 12 DIRECTOR SMITH: Well, thank you. Hello 13 everyone. Nice to meet you all, virtually and in 14 person. 15 Yeah. So my name is Karen Smith. And what I 16 thought I would do is, there's a lot going on in the 17 department, so I thought would just kind of reflect on 18 we have kind of -- we have a -- we named an initiative 19 just to keep track of all the things we are doing, 20 basically. But when I first came to the department, one 21 of things that I was really -- I was a -- I've been a 22 client of the department -- or customer, I guess --23 before I came, for about 18 years, first as the deputy 24 health officer in Santa Clara County and then as a 25 health officer in Napa County for almost ten years.

1 in things like poverty, homelessness, poor educational 2 attainment. All the social determinants of health that 3 we know are arguably the strongest determinants of your 4 ultimate health outcome, and that especially true in the 5 world of chronic diseases. The other than thing, though, is our population 7 is changing. We are growing. More people, more diverse 8 population, and actually -- and a population that's 9 become older and older. And all of those things lead to 10 the need to change, but they also reflect the fact that 11 change isn't going to stop happening. And similarly 12 with the department, I think that one of the most 13 important things that we need to do is to actually 14 become able to change, to evolve over time, and so 15 that's part of what we are doing. The other thing that has -- is really for me 17 personally really important is the increasing focus on 18 the community as the level at which intervention to 19 approve health, and in particular, upstream 20 determinants, is the place where that can be most 21 effectively done, and the need to engage those 22 communities and empower those communities. I'm going to 23 talk a little bit more about that later, but that's a 24 really important change as well. 25 And I think it's obvious to everyone that

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1 healthcare reform hasn't just impacted the health care

2 system, it's impacted public health pretty

3 substantially. As physicians and clinics and hospitals

4 are being told that they have to work more with the

5 community in which they are -- they exist, but also --

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{6}}$ and take more responsibility for the health of the

7 population, we find ourselves in a world where things

8 that were traditionally public health are now at, least

9 to some extent, being of interest as well to the health

10 care system. So taking advantage of that to allow us to

11 redirect some of our energy on things that are maybe

12 upstream in an opportunity, I think, not to be missed.

13 And then, finally, we have up -- we have a lot

14 more data sources. We have a lot more information

15 available to us. We have big data is a -- is -- may

16 well be a game-changer, although, at this point, it's

17 not really accessible. It's kind of like seeing your

18 doctor. It's not just, is there a doctor? Is it -- are

19 there hours? Do they operate when you can get there?

20 Do they speak your language?

21 Well, access to data is similar too. It's not

22 just, is it out there; do we have the skill sets and the

23 technology that we need, both the people and the tech,

24 to actually take advantage of that? There's tremendous

25 promise, but there's also some significant challenges.

1 Public Health 2035 -- that's what we are calling it.

2 And I intentionally asked the department to look out

3 that far, because I wanted to be clear that we are

4 talking about creating a strategic plan, that we have a

5 really good strategic map, we have strategic plans for

6 many of the different areas that we work in. What I

7 wanted was to say, put all these amazing people's minds

8 who we have in the department looking at what is public

9 health, and in -- for us in particular, what is the

10 department -- what is the department going to have to

11 look like? What -- who's going to -- what kind of

12 people are we going to have to have working for us?

13 What tools are we going to have available? What kind of

14 work are we actually going to be doing that far into the

15 future? Because the trends I think are there. It's

16 really, can we envision what that looks like?

17 And I will tell you, some of the key principles

18 that came out of that conversation have been being a

19 collaborative, transformative -- which speaks to the

20 need for us to change, but also be able to continuously

21 evolve -- and more transparent in the way that we work

22 and the work that we do and the outcomes that we have.

23 And the focus also changes a little bit. For

24 one thing, I think that one of our -- one of our most

25 important missions is to really work to increase health

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1 And, certainly, the-- where the department is right now,

2 I think we are not taking maximal use of the data that's

3 there. Maybe -- but also speaking at the local level, I

4 think that some of the most exciting stuff is the

5 ability to map much more closely and in detail where

6 health problems are so that resources can be targeted,

7 rather than having to sort of put -- if you are going to

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$ do an education campaign, trying to create something

9 that you can roll out to an entire diverse community is

10 very different and probably less effective than being

11 able to really target a communications campaign to a

12 neighborhood or two with in which you are already

13 working. And so there's a lot of opportunity, I think,

14 to be had with our limited categorical funding to

15 actually be able to be more effective. And I think we

16 have to.

17 The other final thing I'll say about the drivers

18 of change isn't really a driver of change. It's one of

19 the biggest barriers. And that is that our funding

20 really is limited and it's very, very categorical. It's

21 very disease-specific, and -- which gets in the way of

22 finding new ways to do kind of broader, less specific23 things like working on social determinants. But I think

24 it -- that challenge also has its opportunities.

25 So that said, what we are trying to do with

1 equity. And increasing health equity by its very nature

2 means working on those upstream determinants. So the

3 challenge for us is to figure out how do we do that?

4 Who do we partner with? What resources do we use? What

5 interventions work? It's kind of a brave new world, but

 $\ensuremath{\text{6}}$ it's the single most important thing, I think, that we

7 have to do. The best way that we can do that is to work

8 on building healthy communities, and that's really at

9 the heart of what public health has always tried to do.

10 I think it's really incumbent upon us to figure out how

11 we start moving in that direction.

12 For one thing, I think our services -- and I'm

13 not sure exactly what those will be in 2035, though I

14 have some ideas -- what I do know is that they need to

15 be data driven, they have to be focused on outcomes, and

16 we have to be able to articulate the values of those

17 services. They have to be collaborative.

18 By its very nature, public health cannot -- and

19 governmental public health in particular -- simply can't

20 do this work by ourselves. We need to be able to bring

21 that leading edge science-based practice to bear in the

22 settings of communities that are empowered to really

23 decide what their priorities and then move toward 24 becoming healthier.

25 And, ultimately, what we really want to do is

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19 that.

 $1\,$ decrease the dependence on the health care system. The

2 health care system is extremely expensive thing to do,

3 and it's expensive not just in cost but in human

4 suffering. The more we do our job well, the less people

5 need the health care system, and that's frankly good for

6 all of us.

7 So I still -- our tools at the state level

8 certainly are going to continue to be public health

9 policy. I don't think that's going to change.

10 Similarly, issuing guidelines and providing technical

11 assistance and also helping communities to find funding

12 opportunities to pay for some of the cutting-edge work

13 that we hope we'll be doing. So those are some of our

14 challenges.

15 What we are doing is, we have several things

16 going on that are -- we think are really going to help.

17 One is really pertinent to this committee, which is,

18 we've landed on a particular approach to becoming a

19 change oriented organization. That essentially means

20 that what we are trying to do is not sort of up end

21 everything and do things differently from day one. What

22 we are trying to do is find those areas, those business

23 practices that we currently have that are amenable to

24 change, and changing them.

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So, for example, it may sound a little esoteric

1 getting -- really getting our money's worth out of the

2 work that the Block Grant is turned to is really

3 important. And so we wanted to use those same kind of

4 approaches looking at collaborative work, focusing on

5 foundational public health issues. That's one thing I

6 didn't mention.

We are really trying to be clear that we need

8 to -- we need to retain those basic public health

9 functions that no one else does. We still need to have

10 communicable disease control. We still need to have

11 chronic disease prevention and control. We have to do

12 environmental health. There are things this public

13 health does, there are capabilities that are

14 foundational, so we want to try to build those back

15 where we've lost ground, but also make sure that the

16 foundation is really strong before we start building

17 lots of new seemingly exciting opportunities on top of

18 that. So being strategic about how we use funding is

19 really at the heart of all of it.

20 And then finally, I'll stop by saying, the other

21 thing that we are doing is trying to across -- not just

22 the department -- but across our agency and then with

23 other partners out in the community, create alignment

24 and shared goals. And we are using the Let's Get

25 Healthy California plan as an a set of shared priorities

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1 to those of you who don't work with the State, but the

2 process by which a department asks for money in the

3 system is called a budget change proposal. So we had a

4 process for developing budget change proposals that was

5 very programs-specific, so individual programs looked at 6 their program and said, we need X, Y, or Z, and those

7 things were written up in a particular form and thrown

8 on the table, and the executive team figured out, you

9 know, what to do.

10 Instead of that, instead of doing that, what we

11 are currently doing, trying in particular to look at

12 collaboration and working differently, was to ask the

13 department to look across programs and more across

14 centers, to really look for opportunities to make --

15 take advantage of the collaborative nature of the work

 $16\,$ that we need to do, and really, rather than trying to

17 fix programs in small increments, look at doing things

18 differently, and really trying to push the envelope \boldsymbol{a}

19 little bit. So that's an example.

20 The other place that we've identified early on

21 was taking a look at how we are using what flexible

22 funding we do have. And I don't think it's comes as a

23 surprise to anybody on the advisory committee, but the

24 Block Grant is one of the few sources of flexible25 funding that we have. And so knowing that we are

1 that we can align around. It helps us to make sure that

2 we collectively, as I said, within our -- within our

3 agencies, but then also with our partners in the health

4 care system and throughout the local health departments,

5 say, we've all -- we have a set of priorities that have

6 been identified by people who work very hard to get

7 them. There are goals and there are indicators of

8 progress and so we are -- every single program of the

9 200-plus programs in the department is looking at Let's

10 Get Healthy California and figuring where in there what

11 they do works, what are they speaking to, where are they

12 moving the dialogue. And so that kind of alignment also

13 helps us when we are trying to articulate what public 14 health does. I don't think it will come as a surprise

15 to anybody who has worked with public health or in

16 public health. We have challenges getting people to

17 understand what we do and why it's important, and so

18 using a common language, I think, can really help with

20 This does not detract from the other plans that

21 we have. For example, the Portrait of Promise,

22 California's strategic plan for achieving health and

23 mental health equity, and the Wellness Plan are two

24 complement plans of this work over all. So we still

25 have our disease-specific strategic plans that we create

 $\boldsymbol{1}$ with other partners, and we have, as we say, sort of

- 2 chronic disease overarching plans, health equity
- 3 overarching plans. But really they all roll up into --
- 4 within the sort of umbrella of Let's Get Healthy.
- 5 So let me see if there's anything I've left out
- $\boldsymbol{6}$ in that much longer than \boldsymbol{I} intended conversation about
- 7 public health 2035. Oh, yeah, there is.
- 8 So when we talked about where -- what we are
- 9 trying to create in this sort of brave new world of
- 10 public health, really starting to talk systems of
- 11 prevention, as opposed to just prevention, but really a
- 12 set of over -- of overlapping and mutually reinforcing
- 13 levels of prevention that will ultimately, we hope,
- 14 really drive down rates of in particular chronic
- 15 disease, but also many of the other challenges that we
- 16 have.
- 17 If you think about tobacco control, for example,
- 18 you can get a feel for the way that individual
- 19 interventions, community interventions, and high-level
- 20 policy interventions can really reinforce each other.
- 21 And so that -- working towards systems of prevention,
- 22 that's a language that we are taking on really
- 23 intentionally within the department to talk about, but
- 24 also using it in our communications externally.
- 25 And then with respect to empowering communities

- 1 world, but savings, say, in the correctional facilities,
- 2 improved educational attainment, et cetera. So across
- 3 the entire society, what are the benefits that we gain
- 4 from this kind of collective focus on shared priorities
- 5 and improving health.
- 6 So those are some of the things that are
- 7 happening. It's very busy time, as you can imagine, but
- 8 we are really looking for this conversation with the
- 9 advisory committee about the Block Grant. We've had a
- 10 conversation now for a year with the department saying
- 11 that we are going to take a different approach to
- 12 looking at where the funding goes. That doesn't mean
- 13 that we are necessarily even going to change where the
- 14 funding goes. We are just going to start from the
- 15 beginning, look back at the intent of the funding, both
- $16\,$ our -- the funder's intent, the CDC's intent, but also
- 17 what's best for the department and for the people of
- 18 California in our work there.
- 19 So with that, I'm going to turn it over to my
- 20 colleagues. Who's going first? Susan?
- 21 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FAMELLI: Yes.
- DIRECTOR SMITH: Oh, so I didn't say, one of the
- 23 most important structural changes that we've made in the
- 24 department largely because of Public Health 2035 to have

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25 created the Fusion Center, which is within Susan's

1 to take ownership of their health and to really advocate

- 2 for their health, we are deeply involved in the
- 3 Accountable Communities for health work that's going on
- 4 in California. The California Accountable Communities
- 5 for Health Initiative, which is being funded by six of
- $\,$ 6 our foundation partners, is about to launch and that --
- 7 this model of bringing together communities, letting the
- 8 community -- giving the community the information it
- 9 needs to understand where health is coming from and what
- 10 their challenges are to helping letting them set the
- 11 priorities, sharing those priorities in a cross-sectoral
- 12 land and creating plans that address it from this
- 13 systematic point of view is, I think, a very promising
- $14\,$ new practice, and we are really looking forward to
- 15 seeing how that rolls out over the next three years.
- 16 And it's a model that is getting a lot of attention
- 17 across the country, but in California, our model is a
- 18 little bit different than what, say, the CMS is taking
- 19 on with their Accountable Health Communities.
- 20 There, the goal really is the look for rapid
- 21 return on investment into the health care system in
- 22 California. The goal is more to see how -- what the
- 23 return is for a community as a whole to this kind of
- 24 collaborative collective impact work across sectors, so
- $25\,$ taking account of not just savings in the health care

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1 scope, and so she's going to talk to you specifically

2 about that.

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3 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FANELLI: So a lot of what

- 4 I'll talk about will reference what Karen's been talking
- 5 about in Public Health 2035. Really, to make change,
- 6 takes the whole department, and I see the Fusion Center
- 7 as sort of a -- maybe a kick start to some of the
- 8 changes we want to make in terms of bringing people
- 9 together across our 200-plus programs with distinct and
- 10 categorical funding to look at the way that we do
- 11 business a little bit differently, where are the
- 12 opportunities to better collaborate, how do we sort
- 13 of -- people come to public health with all kinds of
- 14 backgrounds; some with a lot of knowledge about public
- 15 health, some with less knowledge.
- So how do we teach those models and approaches
- 17 to public health; how do we look at things like systems
- 18 of prevention, social determinants of health, defining
- 19 return on investment a little differently than just
- 20 savings in the health care delivery system; how do we
- 21 build that culture of health and how we move the whole
- 22 department that direction; and then how do we understand
- 23 the State's role in public health and our partner's
- 24 role, either in local public health or in the
- 25 communities.

1 And so how do we align public health with health

- 2 care with community-based organizations; and how does
- 3 the work that we do across our 200 programs align the
- 4 that effort.
- 5 How do we strengthen those internal
- 6 collaborations? A lot of work we've been doing in the
- 7 Fusion Center first has to be internal before we look
- 8 externally, although I'll give you some of the examples
- 9 of the work that we are doing both internally and
- 10 externally.
- 11 How do we then look at -- I really think our
- 12 biggest asset is our people and how do we make sure that
- 13 they have the training and the background and the skills
- 14 that we need to really move to that public health
- 15 department of the future; and how do we maybe use the
- 16 resources that we have and the talent that we have in
- 17 one program across the department; and how do we find
- 18 funding mechanisms to do that or use the funding sources
- 19 that we have and understand that there's more
- 20 flexibility in some of the funding than we might
- 21 originally.
- 22 And then how do we coordinate our efforts to
- 23 include health equity in all of our programs.
- 24 So the key functions. We tend to be the
- 25 conveners and the bringing together of people from

- 1 been doing?
- 2 How do we start to really look at health
- 3 economics and not health care economics but health
- 4 economics? And there's not a lot of work done in that
- 5 area, I have to say. We've checked with CDC. We
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{6}}$ thought they would have like this model or some way of
- 7 looking at health -- public health economics or
- 8 generally health economics. There's not a lot of work
- 9 done there, so most of the models we have are actuarials
- 10 or health care delivery system, but how do we start to
- 11 really start to understand and evaluate programs in a
- 12 different way, and what are all of those other maybe
- 13 softer or more difficult to quantify benefits to some of
- 14 the things that we are most interested in doing?
- 15 And then how do we build that our internal
- 16 knowledge or knowledge transfer? Because we know, as a
- 17 state or as government, we are not going to be able to
- 18 keep everybody forever. And so how do we, you know,
- 19 understand that we may have people come and go but we
- 20 have a process in place that knowledge transfer happens?
- 21 Some examples of the work being doing by the
- 22 Fusion Center, we are working to help implement the
- 23 Public Health 2035 framework that Karen talked about,
- 24 and really to start to get the ball rolling a little bit
- 25 on those first steps, how do we start in the direction

1 diverse sectors or diverse parts of our department when

- 2 we have a new issue or issues that needs a little bit of
- 3 a highlight or may need external partners to work with
- 4 across either departments within our agency or
- 5 foundations or others where the ability to research out
- 6 independently program by program is difficult, versus
- 7 bringing people together for more of a collective
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$ gathering of people and resources.
- 9 How do we really build a -- one of things I'll
- 10 say is, there more collaboration happening than I
- 11 thought, and I think we tend to think we work in these
- 12 silos and we don't collaborate, but what I will say, in
- 13 the last year that I've been doing this job -- I've been
- 14 with the department for 14 years, but in doing this job
- 15 for the last just over a year, how -- what we do across
- 16 the department is, by natural, collaborative largely.
- 17 But how do we increase that? How do we make sure that
- 18 we know everybody who's touching a certain population or
- 19 a -- you know, in all of work we are doing and all of
- 20 data that we may have on that particular subject, how do
- 21 we start to bring that together across our programs?
- 22 And then how do we promote that innovation and
- 23 that not doing the same thing we've always done but
- 24 looking for new and different ways and perhaps more
- 25 collaborative ways for some of the work we've already

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1 towards that vision.

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We manage the Let's Get Healthy California goal

- 3 teams, although they are led and made up of people
- 4 across the department. And I think the only way to
- 5 actually make that work is to be representative of the
- 6 whole department. And we are trying our best to not
- 7 only represent the program side, but the administrative
- 8 side of the house as well, and recognizing the need
- 9 that -- Let's Get Healthy, I think, is a good platform
- 10 in the sense of the fixed-goal area, not necessarily
- 11 just the metrics -- because the metrics are very much
- 12 focused on chronic disease, which is great, but there's
- $13\,$ another part of the department and how do we see
- 14 ourselves under the development umbrella as far as we
- 15 improve the goal area.
- 16 The Innovation Challenge. I don't know if any
- 17 of you are familiar with it, but the Innovation
- 18 Challenge is a way to collect from the community from
- 19 local health departments. What are the things they are
- 20 most proud of that they are moving the dial on public --
- 21 the public's health, and many of those Innovation
- 22 Challenges -- we got about 100 of them last year. We
- 23 just reached out in our first effort, we were worried
- 24 what we might get, but the innovations challenges -- or
- 25 the innovations that came in were very cross-sector

 $1\,$ based. They were doing some amazing work at the local

- 2 level, and it gave them an opportunity to just share
- 3 that work. We are going to be releasing Innovation
- $4\,$ Challenge 2.0 this week, and that will be much more
- 5 focused on social determinants on health, not just the
- 6 Let's Get Healthy goal areas. But now how do you tie it
- 7 to work being done to move -- to move the work upstream?
- 8 We designed the website, the
- 9 letsgethealthy.ca.gov website. If you haven't had a
- 10 chance to take a look at that, I think it's really
- 11 innovative in the way we are trying to have two-way
- 12 communications, not only with local health departments,
- 13 but boarder than that, and really look at, you know, to
- 14 make the changes we are trying to make, we really need
- 15 to reach out beyond public health into the health care
- 16 community and essential services; and how do we have a
- 17 platform to have that information come together.
- 18 Some of the emerging issues we worked on, opioid
- 19 overdose prevention, violence prevention, really taking
- 20 some issues that are of key focus right now, bringing
- 21 the necessary subject matter experts from across the
- 22 department together. Sometimes not only across the
- 23 department, but across government and the private
- 24 sector -- public and private sector to make a difference
- 25 Health care reform. Dana Moore, I know, is

- 1 chart of our small but mighty team in the Fusion Center,
- 2 and some of the doted lines, you'll see that there are
- 3 six staff people. And I will say that some of is it
- 4 funded through the Block Grant. And so six staff people
- 5 who work on a variety of the projects that I've talked
- 6 about. And then you'll see some doted liens where we
- 7 are taking a more creative look at how do we buy portion
- 8 of people's time because they have really good skills
- 9 that we need, and rather than hiring people full-time,
- 10 how do we use the resources already in the department
- 11 and purchase some of their time or have them work in
- 12 time for long time and then purchase some of their time
- 13 if you can do it.
- 14 And then just a quick look at the Block Grant
- 15 funding that we have used in the past year of -- we are
- 16 just bringing on our econometric person, our health and
- 17 economics. You start down that path, and then we have
- 18 our Let's Get Healthy dashboard and website that I
- 19 talked about, and then staff that are supporting the
- 20 Accountable Communities for Health.
- 21 And there if there's any questions, I'll be
- 22 happy to take them.
- 23 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Susan, are you going to
- 24 remain available?

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25 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FAMELLI: Sure.

1 here. She's been working a lot on building that public

- 2 health and health care integration, more collaboration
- 3 with our sister department and the medical program,
- 4 really trying to understand their world, because I think
- 5 we come at it a thinking, oh, we should just make all
- 6 these teams. But the only way we are going to make real
- 7 teams is to understand the world in which our partners
- 8 live and how we come to the table with them to make
- 9 change.
- 10 Accountable Communities for Health, which I
- 11 won't talk a lot about because we mentioned that in
- 12 terms of what the future may look like for that model.
- 13 But that's only to say, what does that evaluation
- 14 component look like, and how do we use that evaluation
- 15 methodology to not only look at the Accountable
- 16 Communities for Health, the six pilot projects that are
- 17 happening, but as a model for future projects and future
- 18 work.
- 19 And then the California Reducing Disparities
- 20 Project has an equal evaluation component. And so how
- 21 do we bring those together to really understand what are
- $22\,$ those things we need to be looking at to evaluate our
- 23 programs?
- 24 Looking at econometrics, we are building that
- 25 better model, and looking at staff. I gave you an org

1 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: I think it would be

- 2 better if we had the other two presentations and then
- 3 what I'll do is ask for questions specifically to Karen

- 4 and then to you and, you know, on down the line so that
- 5 we don't get into a conversation as questions about all
- 6 four areas at the same time.
- 7 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FANELLI: Sounds great.
- 8 CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: This is Caroline. If I
- 9 would just interject. For those who are listening by
- 10 webinar, can you please put yourselves on mute, because
- 11 sometimes the typing gets in the way.
- 12 Now we'll turn it over to Brandon
- 13 CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR NUNES: My name is Brandon
- 14 Nunes. I'm the chief deputy director for operations
- 15 here at the department.
- 16 I've been asked to provide a little bit of a
- 17 funding history and kind of project history of the Block
- 18 Grant itself. So we'll get into that right now.
- 19 A little bit of a road map as far as where we'll
- 20 go in this presentation. Talk a little bit about the $\,$
- 21 recent history of the Block Grant, some of the federal
 22 changes that happen organizationally within the CDC and
- 23 where the grant now sits basically, and then a little
- 24 bit on the funding history.
- 25 It's been an -- it was the declining funding

30 1 source for a lot of years until, I think, FFY '14, so 1 federal fiscal year 2016. And while we don't have a 2 we'll kind of show how that's changed over time and 2 budget in place yet, we are still anticipating we'll be 3 specifically what California's allocation has been. 3 right around that 10.5 million mark for FFY '17. We'll get a little bit into the federal award So the Block Grant is provided to us on an 5 process and timeline because, of course, we are, you 5 annual basis. Thankfully, because of the way the 6 know, restricted to when the federal budget passes as 6 federal budget rolls out, we do have two years to spend 7 far as when the note is provided to us and when we can 7 that funding, and we'll go into a little bit about how 8 actually start spending the money that the feds provide, 8 that process works. As I mentioned there in the slide, 9 and so we'll get a little bit into that time frame and 9 only -- we only actually have one year to spend that 10 what we are expecting to occur in FFY '17. And then 10 funds, and it's mainly because of the way that the 11 federal budget comes in. It's typically the budget is 11 we'll give you a little bit about where we sit with the 12 2016 award, as well as a very high level overview of 12 past late, which delays our allocation being received. 13 which areas of the department have been funded by the The Block Grant, once CDC actually gets the 14 Block Grant. My colleague called Claudia Crist will get 14 Block Grant appropriation, the preliminary award that as 15 into a little more of the details. I'll just provide a 15 they go through their allocation and determine what each 16 high level overview of where it's gone. 16 state will get, the timing on that typical varies and So a little bit on the history. In federal 17 can be part of the process of delaying when we get our 18 fiscal year 2014, there were some changes to Block 19 Grant, both from a funding perspective and 19 And but typically for us, the notice of grant 20 organizationally. The Block Grant doubled in size that 20 award isn't provided until about nine months after the 21 particular year. It had been declining pretty steadily 21 federal budget is actually passed, so hence why we

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25 actually in sometime in the spring of 2017. Shortly

24 for 2017 is to get the preliminary award from the CDC

Based on that timeline, what we are anticipating

22 really only have one year to spend the funds.

1 the 2002 levels. Organizationally, the Block Grant used to be a 3 separate line item within the federal budget, and now 4 since '14, it's now a part of the prevention and public 5 health fund, which is now a portfolio of about 16 6 different federal grants and programs totally about 7 950 million, of which the 160 million that we get out of 8 the Block Grant is one of those allegation out of that 9 portfolio of projects in the fund From the organizational perspective, the 10 11 responsibility for the grant also changed. It was 12 within the center for chronic disease within the CDC, 13 and now it's within the Office for State, Tribal, Local, 14 and Territorial Support, which is now an office that 15 reports directly to the CDC's director, so a little bit 16 more visibility there at the federal level. 17 So I mentioned this a little bit. I talked 18 about the federal allocations that have occurred. This 19 is how the recent funding history, this represents 20 California's allocation from the Block Grant. So you'll

21 see that low point there and FFY '13 where we had our

22 lowest point in a decade of 5 million dollars that went

23 to California. And, again, in 2014, it doubled in size,

24 and we've been remaining around that 10.5 million

25 allocation since '14, and that's also what we got in

22 since 2002. And 2013 was its lowest point at about

24 to about 140 million in 2014. And this really just

23 75 million at the federal level. That doubled in size

25 brings us back to about where the funding was maybe at

1 after that or while in August roughly of 2017, we are 2 anticipating actually getting the actually grant award 3 notice after we submit our state plan. And the thing 4 that makes obviously 2017 a little bit unique is that it 5 is an election year, and that could cause further delays 6 to when the federal budget passes. But based on where 7 we've seen, you know, the budget go historically, these 8 are the time frames that we're work under right now, and 9 we will adjust those exceptions accordingly as things Regarding the California award, as Dr. Smith 12 mentioned in her remarks, it is truly one of the few 13 flexible funding sources that we have. Even -- we are a 14 department that has about 4 percent general funds 15 associated with all the rest come from very specific 16 federal -- restrictive federal funds or state funding 17 sources, and even our general fund has certain 18 restrictions on it, that it has to go to certainly 19 things. So the Block Grant is very unique to us in the 20 sense that it does represent a flexible funding source. Historically, the Block Grant funding did go to 22 fund chronic disease prevention. That did change as we 23 kind of laid out how the funding occurred or came in for 24 us. '14 being that year that it doubled. That was also 25 the first year that we actually started to fund program

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34 areas outside the Center For Chronic Disease within our 1 my colleagues.
2 department, and we I'll get to it on the last slide, 2 So if you were to go to the CDC website right 3 kind of where the funding goes to now. But it was in 3 now, you would see, under the title where they highlight

4 that year that the Block Grant doubled for us that we
5 started to expand beyond the Center for Chronic Disease.
5 in the area of chronic disease and chronic disease.
5 in the area of chronic disease and chronic disease.

So, again, in 2016 we received an award of 10.5 6 prevention. And so I would be amiss if I didn't just

7 million after the 800,000 set aside for rape prevention 7 underscore that chronic disease, as we all know, is

8 activities and the 9 percent that's allocated for 8 still very much an issue nationwide and worldwide and in

9 administration. The feds allow us 10 percent but I 9 the state of California. Leading cause of preventable

10 think we usually spend around the nine percent mark. 10 deaths, and according to the CDC, 7 out of 10 deaths are

The remaining funding is split between the

12 Department of Public Health and the Emergency Medical 12 level, it is 86 percent of the nation's health care cost

13 Services Authority, roughly 70-30. And back in -- I

13 every year.

14 think way back in the days when these were separate 14 And, obviously, health inequities in chronic

15 categorical funding sources, this is kind of how -- 15 disease are dependent on place as well as social

16 before it was all rolled up into Block Grant, I think it 16 determinants of health. And we know that successful

17 was in '81, but this is how those separate funding 17 public health interventions can reduce the burden on

18 sources actually played out. So about 70 percent came 18 individuals in the health care systems as it relates to

19 to Public Health and about 30 went to Emergency Medical 19 chronic disease.

20 Services Authority. So we've maintain that funding 20 All states, territories, and tribes are funded

And finally based on that 70-30 split, this is

23 how the 2016 grant currently split out. There are 19 23 well; decrease premature death and disabilities focusing

24 different programs within Public Health that receive 24 on leading preventable risk factors, focusing on health

25 funding from the Block Grant. About half of our 25 equity; and eliminating health disparities by addressing

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1 6 million, about 3 million of it or so, 3.1 million,

2 goes to Center for Chronic Disease and the rest split

3 between these four areas -- environmental health,

4 infectious disease, emergency preparedness -- and these

5 are the things that Susan mentioned in the directors

 $\,$ 6 office and Fusion Center. And then the remaining 30 $\,$

7 percent goes to fund nine different programs within

8 EMSA.

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9 So that's a very kind of high-level overview of

10 the funding history and where we sit current with the

11 Block Grant, and I'm happy to pass it over to my

12 colleague Claudia Crist to continue on.

13 CHIEF DEPUTY CRIST: Well, I get to cover with

14 you, and I know that most of if not all of the Advisory

15 Committee members are familiar with the actual projects

16 that we set out to do fiscal year '15-'16, including all

17 the objectives and many of the projects underneath. I

18 know that you have access to the detail of that, but I

19 wanted to highlight a few areas for a couple of reasons.

20 One of them is, I wanted to share with you CDC's

21 feedback from a site visit they did of us earlier this

22 year to look at how we administer the Block Grant, as

23 well as just some examples of all the breadth of

 $24\,$ programs and areas that the funding has been used to

25 kind of underscore the messages that have been shared by

1 social determinants of health; support local programs,

2 achieve healthy communities; and establish data and

3 surveillance systems.

4 And that said, in -- California does have, as

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5 you know, the autonomy to decide on the funding

6 priorities, take into consideration our particular

7 needs, address core public health issues, as mentioned

8 by Dr. Smith and my colleagues here as well, and we --

9 just to underscore, the funding priorities do have to

10 align with 1 of the 1200 or so Healthy People 2020

11 Objectives.

12 So going to the CDC -- so the Office of State,

13 Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, OSTLTS, as they

14 lovely call themselves, not just us, but they actually

15 came for a site visit in May of this year, took a look

16 at everything that we do as it relates to Block Grant.

17 Anything from how we handle the money, accounting,

18 controls, programs, and making sure that the money is

19 actually being used as allowed and by the Block Grant

20 and further criteria.

21 So on a high level, the feedback back from the

22 CDC was that California exceeds the goals and objectives

23 for the Block Grant, that we deliver high-level work,

24 including the state projects and evaluations. They felt

25 we had very robust stakeholder engagement as well. They

38 40 1 said that, per the review, we've used the funds in a 1 how -- the funding has supported public health. We've

- 2 flexible and creative -- in creative ways and in ways 2 been able to enhance laboratory capacity to identify
- 3 that allow pivoting and budgets and priorities changed
- 4 and that are critical to the existence of programs.
- And lastly, they shared that we have very solid 5
- 6 internal fiscal controls, and that's very good to know.
- 7 They did make a recommendation that we did need to
- 8 perform an annual audit, and we have been monitoring the
- 9 program but we haven't done an annual audit in the way
- 10 that they are asking us to do now. And so moving
- 11 forward, we already have plans to implement that, and so
- 12 we should be fine there.
- 13 So those findings really great. Kudos by the
- 14 CDC, and it was a pleasure meeting with the folks there.
- 15 And I hope that you are happy with that feedback as
- 16 well
- 17 So currently, we are using the Block Grant funds
- 18 in alignment with the Advisory Committee principles for
- 19 the allocation. We support state-level public health
- 20 infrastructure that include essential services and core
- 21 functions. We have filled and we do fill gaps in public
- 22 health foundational areas and capabilities, and we
- 23 address the emerging issues.
- 24 So this now goes to again -- these are not my
- 25 favorite projects. These are just projects -- well,

- 3 human fungal pathogens, and specifically to valley
- 4 fever, we've been able to provide a lot of assistance
- 5 because of the Block Grant funding developed real-time
- 6 PCR assay reference laboratory services that are able to
- 7 determine the exact etiologic agent of valley fever for
- 8 our local public health agencies, and have looked at
- 9 over 100 isolates so far.
- 10 Also, sequencing types of etiologic agents have
- 11 been performed, and that leads to the development of
- 12 genotyping tools for valley fever outbreak
- 13 investigations, and so far -- and over 30 cell samples
- 14 have isolated five strains. So overall, that is
- 15 certainly an issue that is very near and dear to
- 16 California as well some of our surrounding states. As far as public health accreditation, we've
- 18 provided technical assistance to 55 local public health
- 19 agencies, arranged Accreditation Readiness Conference,
- 20 and convened two trainings specific to tribal public
- 21 health accreditation as well.
- Workforce development. As you know, this is
- 23 key. This is a very, very big topic guess for us at the

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- 24 State department and for public health in general, so
- 25 wanted to highlight that one. And that would be,

- 1 they are all my favorite, but these are areas that I
- 2 wanted to highlight that tie into several of the areas
- 3 that have just been mentioned, and really underscore the
- 4 breadth of how the funding is being used.
- So starting with Accountable Communities for
- 6 Health that you've heard about now, we've prepared
- 7 comparative analysis and a crosswalk for the initiative,
- 8 and also a crosswalk and analysis of the federal
- 9 Accountable Health Communities grant, and three of the
- 10 Medi-Cal 1115 waiver projects, which include the Whole
- 11 Person Care Pilot, the Dental Transformation Initiative, 12 and then PRIME, which is the Public Hospital Redesign
- 13 and Incentives in Medi-Cal.
- 14 Also, you heard already about the -- how your
- 15 funding has supported Let's Get Healthy and a lot of
- 16 work through the Fusion Center. And then as it relates
- 17 to the California Wellness Plan and chronic disease,
- 18 specifically, there are several objectives that were
- 19 outlined in the plan and that we've been able to really
- 20 provide work for. Publishing various fact sheets and
- 21 tools and information, held two trainings on economic
- 22 evaluation using decision-making tools and methods, and
- 23 facilitated a CalPERS insurance coverage of the
- 24 Nationality Diabetics Prevention Program. 25 Again, kind of scanning across the breadth of

- 1 through the preventive medicine residency program have
 - 2 been able, with the Block Grant funding, train
 - 3 residents. And also to let you know that of the 111
 - 4 graduates overall, 66 percent are actually working in
 - 5 public -- California Public Health agencies, institutes,
 - 6 community clinics, or university, which is tremendous.
 - 7 And also, we currently have three health offices that
 - 8 are actually graduates from that program.
 - And the California Epidemiologic Investigation
 - 10 Service or Cal EIS program, with the funding, we've
 - 11 trained 13 fellows. And those who are not particular
 - 12 with it, this is the program that takes fellows for one
 - 13 or two years and take what I understand to be graduated
 - 14 but green epidemiologist, and really partners them with
 - 15 an -- and provides them with hands-on experience working
 - 16 with a presector at local or state health departments.
 - So those were just some of the highlights. You
 - 18 can see the full extent of everything, but I thought it
 - 19 did a great job of just outlining some of the breadth
 - 20 that it provides and want to leave you with something
 - 21 that the CDC shared with us as they exited their -- on
 - 22 their site visit, and that is really that they have been
 - 23 really tasked with focusing on the evaluation of -- and
 - 24 so they are working on the evaluation framework. And as
 - 25 the CDC mentioned, the value of the public -- of the

42 44 1 Block Grant is the opportunity to innovate, address 1 balanced with the need to maybe continue some

2 emerging issues, plug gaps in some issues, build

- 3 partnerships, integrate across systems, implement
- 4 evidence-based practice, increase reach, build public
- 5 health infrastructure, and be what they -- what we call
- 6 a "force multiplier."
- So that said, there will be more details, but
- 8 they are definitely working on a very solid evaluation,
- 9 framework, and more information on that to come.
- 10 Thank vou.
- CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Well, that was a lot of 11
- 12 dense information in a short period of time. Thank you
- 13 for the preparation that you put into the presentations.
- 14 And it's clear to me that there's a lot of alignment
- 15 within each of the four presentations. It seems that
- 16 there has been a lot of conversation and planning to
- 17 bring focus to this idea of Public Health 2035,
- 18 recognizing some of the social determinants and looking
- 19 at the importance of collaboration, flexible of funding,
- 20 and so forth that the -- were the kinds of things that
- 21 were repeated.
- 22 And I think this brings us then to the time
- 23 where I would like to open it up to the advisory
- 24 committee to ask questions, and I would like the begin,
- 25 first of all, with individuals who have questions that

- 2 foundational activities that are at the core of public
- 3 health. So just your thoughts about that balancing act
- 4 would be helpful.
- DIRECTOR SMITH: Sure. So one of the -- again,
- 6 this is Karen Smith. So one strategy it a fairly broad
- 7 strategy is looking at where we can build capacity to
- 8 serve multiple purposes. So a really good example of
- 9 that is epidemiology. So right now, the way we are
- 10 structured, and the way we function, we have
- 11 epidemiologists in the Center for Infectious Diseases.
- 12 We have epidemiologists in almost every single one of
- 13 the branches within Infection Diseases, and they focus
- 14 on their particular programs or branches. So if you
- 15 were a tuberculosis epidemiologist, you do tuberculosis.
- 16 And we have, as it turns out, epidemiologists in almost
- 17 every single one of our centers, if not every single one
- 18 of our centers, but they tend to say pretty focus in the
- 19 area they are working.
- 20 So one of the things -- and this is true
- 21 actually across, I would say, pretty much all the
- 22 technical skills sets. And so we have begun to bring
- 23 them together, which as I realize is a shocking concept,
- 24 and have it at what is called an epiform. So everyone
- 25 still has their primary affiliation that is the work

1 you would like to ask Karen Smith. And let's focus on

2 the presentation that she made, which was the vision of

- 3 Public Health 2035, and then we'll move to Susan and
- 4 then to Brandon and then to Claudia.
- So I would entertain, again -- I would entertain
- 6 anybody kind of jumping in, but remember to say your
- 7 name first so that the court reporter can get this
- 8 accurate.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: This is 9

- 10 Paul Glassman. I'll jump in if that's okay.
- 11 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Absolutely.
- ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: So 12
- 13 Dr. Smith, first of all, thank you for that. I loved
- 14 your presentation. I thought that many of the things
- 15 you said in terms of the vision of the department and
- 16 the focus on much bigger picture and introducing focus.
- 17 I think that -- that one of things I mentioned that
- 18 other people might be thinking and I am as well is,
- 19 maybe could be characterized as a balancing act, which
- 20 would be necessary going forward. You mentioned making
- 21 sure that the foundational public health functions still
- 22 remain and use the vaccinations as an example. And I'm 23 just wondering your thoughts about how that balancing
- 24 act between looking at crosscutting measures, more
- 25 focusing on communities and sort of determinants will be

1 that they do, but they have the opportunity to talk to

2 each other. And that has already elicited some really

- 3 sort of novel approaches to doing things. And their
- 4 skill sets are, while they are all epidemiologist, they
- 5 are different and one -- you mentioned working with
- 6 community, so building community epidemiology expertise
- 7 is actually really important, because we need to know
- 8 how to really maximize the use, both the pros and cons
- 9 of things like geocoding, using geocoded data to map
- 10 where resources are going or where problems are -- has
- 11 potential, great potential in my opinion, but it also
- 12 has some challenges, and it can be misinterpreted. And
- 13 I've personally seen some stunning examples of that.
- 14 Completely unintended consequences.
- So instead of us having to now create a program
- 16 of a decision around community-based epidemiology, what
- 17 we can do is the next time we are hiring an
- 18 epidemiologist in any program, we can actively look for
- 19 skill sets that enhance our capacity to where we don't
- 20 currently have it.
- The other approach is that we are looking really
- 22 hard at how to grade funding. It's a challenge for us
- 23 because most of the department doesn't currently have
- 24 systems to track -- to do essentially -- those of you
- 25 who've ever worked in IT, know what project costing is,

48 46 1 so you divide your day up by how much of it you spent on 1 the case in California in whatever forms I can for the 2 a given project and it's actually coded to those 2 need to support basic communicable disease control. And 3 sources. At my previous employer, we did that in 3 part of it -- part of where you get an extra bang for 4 15-minute segments, and it sounds onerous. The truth is 4 that is that if you fund an epidemiologist, you can --5 it's not. And it's tremendously powerful in 5 ves, they do your -- your STD control or your TB 6 demonstrating -- you can take multiple funding streams 6 control, but if you are smart, you are going to get one 7 and bring them together to support an individual or a 7 who either is really to train or already has skills. 8 project and yet be 100 percent able to document the 8 Those same mapping skills that you use to map an 9 accountability to each funding stream. And that's very 9 outbreak can be used to map a lot of other community 10 important to me. 10 health issues. And so I love epidemiologist in case you 11 can't tell, partly because they -- it is such an 11 One of the pieces I didn't talk about but is 12 right up front in our work right now is, we are working 12 incredibly valuable yet flexible skill set. And so 13 really hard at improving our business processes, because 13 it -- that's a kind of an oblique answer to your 14 I'm of the opinion that, unless we are a really high 14 question, but we are not -- I don't think that there's 15 performing business entity, we can't do any of our real 15 ever going to be a magical new source of funding and --16 work. So our back office functions have to be really --16 for public health. We are just not that sexy and we are 17 they have to be impeccable. 17 just not that good at articulating what we do. So we are trying really hard. We are spending a Also, I have to say, for all I've spent -- too 19 lot of resources addressing all audit findings in those 19 many years to actually mention on a public call -- you 20 areas, that kind of stuff, so that when we do something 20 know, whining about how health care gets all the money 21 new, those organizations that are funding us will know 21 and we don't, if I was sitting in the seat of somebody 22 that they can trust the information they are getting 22 who has to vote, am I going to provide care to all those

1 The other thing is that of all the -- I'm an infectious 2 disease physician by background, and I actually started 3 my career doing communicable disease control before I 4 went to medical school. So, you know, I love a good 5 outbreak as much as anybody else. It is probably the 6 one area where we are likely to get funding; however, 7 even that is at risk. 8 So throughout the recession, one of the areas 9 that we lost a lot of capacity across California was in 10 communicable disease control, and in particular, those 11 diseases that don't have a specific funding source. So 12 tuberculosis has a specific funding source. 13 Immunization, preventable diseases, vaccine preventable 14 disease have has funding source, but things like STD 15 control -- sexually transmitted diseases, no funding 16 source. Guess what happened to the capacity. It 17 vanished. And what is happening now is we are seeing, 18 with about the delay you would predict, around five 19 years, a dramatic increase in rates. 20 So what we have to be able to do is be really 21 good at articulating what it takes and what it takes in 22 the absence of something like Zika or Ebola to keep the 23 communicable diseases from reoccurring -- and I'm 24 actually on sort of a two-mirror -- one of my personal 25 missions is I'm on a two-year time course to really make

23 back and that their funding is in fact being used in the

So it's finding those kinds of opportunities.

24 way they intended it to be used.

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1 to do is make the case that you can take a tiny sliver 2 off of that and get a whole lot of prevention out of it. $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ And none of that is new, but we are trying to do it in 4 way that says, look, we are open to, you know, sort of 5 having conversations about ways of doing business 6 differently in public health as well. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Dr. Glassman, did you 8 want to have a follow-up question to that? ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: No. Thank 10 you. That was a great answer. And as she said, it was 11 extensive compared to the question, but I didn't expect 12 an exact detailed answer but I just really wanted to put 13 on the table the point of the balancing act. And I 14 think that you've given some great examples of way that 15 things can be levered, so no, I appreciate the answer. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: Rebekah 17 Kharrazi. Thank you so much for the presentation. It's 18 really great to see -- to see the department moving this 19 direction, and obviously a lot of it is aligned with 20 what Prevention Institute works on every day. DIRECTOR SMITH: Thank you for the systems of 22 prevention, by the say. I should have given them 23 credit. It's on my slide. I promise. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: It's 24 25 wonderful to hear you say it is.

23 people who have diabetes or am I going to instead direct

24 it toward, you know, active living and healthy foods,

25 you can get that it's a challenge. And so what we have

50 52 (Conference call momentarily disconnected.) 1 believer in the power of policy to affect change. So I 2 GRANT BLOCK COORDINATOR BUTLER: This is Anita 2 that role is always going to be there. 3 again. We lost contact, but we are back now. Similarly, I think -- so we will be better able CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. Very good. 4 4 to do what we do when we have better data systems. So 5 that's another area that we are really moving to 5 So Rebekah, you were asking a question. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: Yeah. This 6 improvement. If we have to spend less human hours 7 is Rebekah Kharrazi again. I was just thanking Dr. 7 generating the kind of analyses that we currently have 8 Smith for a great presentation and to see the department 8 to grab from multiple databases and it take months of 9 moving in this direction towards upstream social 9 many people's work, that is another way of getting cost 10 determinants of health initiatives, and so thank you for 10 savings. 11 that. So I don't think the way that we currently do 12 My question actually builds nicely off of 12 public health is necessarily sustainable. If we don't 13 Paul's. And I'm interested in your thoughts on, you 13 get better at prevention, nothing in health or health 14 know, we are envisioning 2035. This Block Grant may not 14 care is sustainable. So -- but I actually am very 15 be here in 2035. What does it look like to try to move 15 optimistic about the power of the models that are 16 all that we are doing within the Block Grant into the 16 currently coming out to do that. I don't think like --17 functioning that, you know -- that the department gets 17 the Block Grant is -- the Block Grant is an incredibly 18 already from the State, from the federal government, 18 important source of funneling because it's one of the 19 if -- should it go away? 19 few that allows for innovation. I think there are ways 20 At the same time, should it continue, how are we 20 to gain from innovation in any of the areas in the 21 starting, you know, what efforts are being made to move 21 department. 22 those infrastructure needs more and more away from the I actually had a conversation with Judy Monroe, 23 Block Grant. 23 who is the director of OSTLTS, which is where the Block 2.4 And then also a third piece would be taking the 24 Grant is currently located, about the move that 25 sort of innovative efforts under the Block Grant and 25 occurred. That was done explicitly to recognize that 51 53

1 starting to make them into more infrastructure. DIRECTOR SMITH: Well, thank you. I'll see if I 3 can --ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: Sorrv. 5 That was a lot. DIRECTOR SMITH: No, no. It's okay. It's 7 actually a really interesting question. So I'll go 8 really broad. Ultimate first. Ultimately, I don't 9 think governmental public health is going to be doing 10 most of this work. I mean, if we do our job right, the 11 only way that we can make sustainable changes in 12 health is this culture of health is when we empower 13 communities to really take it on, like own it, and then 14 we provide the technical assistance and that sort of 15 thing. So I would hope that we won't be the only 17 entities doing it. In fact, and this is heresy, I 18 realize, to a lot of people, but I see a smaller more 19 focused governmental public health role, where one of 20 the things that we can do that almost no one else can 21 do -- well, one in California, obviously, is bring in 22 money from the federal government, but state level 23 policy will also have two piece, the advocates external

24 to the government, but then it needs to have the

25 internal to the government as well. And I'm a big

1 while chronic disease has always been in the forefront 2 with this particular, but also with innovating, because 3 guite frankly, there was never an infrastructure. There 4 didn't need to be one until we started living the way we 5 currently do. There was a recognition that all of the areas of 7 public health really do have a need to innovate. And so 8 it wasn't because someone else got tired of, you know, 9 kind of handling the Block Grant. It moved because 10 that, and in particular, because that -- the whole 11 function of that program as its name, indicates is to 12 support state and local governments. And that's a 13 recognition on CDC's part that they're are less able to 14 do innovation and cutting-edge work. And the closer you 15 get to community, The more able you are -- you are to do 16 that. And for me, it's been about one of our key 17 principles is facilitating the work of local health 18 departments, getting out of their way, making the 19 funding as flexible as possible. So I have dreams of more of the Block Grant 21 being used wherever it is going to get the biggest bang 22 for the buck. I'm also cautiously optimistic about 23 being able to make our case for core -- well, I should 24 use -- the better terminology is foundational public 25 health capabilities and activities. Because now that we

54 56 1 are not in the throes of a recession, I think people 1 looking forward to the recommendations of the advisory 2 have begun to come back around to the fact that we 2 committee, and then that will all -- those will go along 3 actually really do need things like environmental 3 with kind of our overarch in guiding principles, not 4 health. They -- the issues of climate change and 4 just for Block Grant, to the rest of the department as 5 sustainability, the people outside the field of public 5 well, so that we can feel like we are actually 6 health are now drawing the connections. 6 reflecting the will of the people, if you will. The So I think that twenty years is going to show a 7 will of those people who you all, who are -- have 8 pretty big change, unless of course there's a big 8 charged to think seriously about where the Block Grant 9 economic meltdown, in which case, we'll go back to the 9 can do California the most good, and us internally in 10 way we were. Unfortunately, that's -- so I don't really 10 the department in where both our program people who are 11 have an answer except to say that I hope to see the 11 much closer to the strengths and challenges of the 12 Block Grant doing what it's intended to do, which is 12 individual programs than certainly I am. 13 stimulating innovation and different ways of doing 13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Great. Thank 14 things, not just filling holes. And you can ask around, 14 vou. 15 I've said that inside the department as well. 15 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Do we have another 16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Karen, great 16 committee member that would like to ask Karen a 17 presentation by everyone. This is Wilma in San Diego. 17 guestion? 18 DIRECTOR SMITH: Hi, Wilma. Karen, I'd like to ask you one. Do you have a 19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Hi. I wanted 19 timeline for when you -- when you will begin the 20 to ask and get your thoughts on how you feel the 20 processes that are necessary, and then what would be 21 prevention block grants can support public health 21 your expectation for a timeline in terms of when you 22 accreditation, particularly for those very small and 22 would begin to see some of the results of the different 23 smaller jurisdictions. 23 orientation and process that support that? 24 DIRECTOR SMITH: So I'm -- I think accreditation 24 DIRECTOR SMITH: I'm assuming you are talking of 25 can be incredibly valuable to a health department. We 25 -- the phone disconnected again. 55 57 1 were, as you know when I was in Napa, going through (Conference call momentarily disconnected.) 2 accreditation. And I can tell you from walking into DIRECTOR SMITH: It's Karen Smith. My big feet 3 this department, it did -- it had some tremendous 3 apparently touched the wrong wire. 4 benefits. I don't want to -- I think that if CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Are vou okav? 5 accreditation at the local level can really make a huge DIRECTOR SMITH: No. I'm fine. It was just a 6 difference in some of the -- in particular for me, it 6 telephone wire, but what were we talking about? Oh, 7 was that the areas that are benefited most were those 7 yeah, processes, etc. 8 business practices areas again. You know, what is it? So we've actually already started. We have 9 11 and 12, or 10, 11, and 12? 9 changed, as I said, the way we make decisions about 10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: 11 and 12, 10 funding. We've -- we are in -- you are living and 11 yes. Administrative and governmental -- the governance. 11 breathing the change to how we allocated the funding for 12 DIRECTOR SMITH: Right. As tedious as they are, 12 -- the process by which the funding for the Block Grant 13 and they are -- not the areas, but the actually doing 13 will be allocated. We have already -- we've increased 14 those things -- they are critical to your ability to do 14 resources in several kev administrative divisions to 15 anything else. And so I think -- and it also makes 15 help with our focus on really becoming much more 16 you -- we are governmental public health. We have 16 administratively adept. The Fusion Center now exists, 17 responsibility to be good fiscal stewards. It's the 17 and it is incredibly active in working on some really 18 public's money we are spending after all. 18 significant work. There are several multi departmental 19 So I'm supportive of accreditation. I don't 19 and cross-sectoral initiatives that are being

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Totally, 23 a -- an issue comes to the floor as violence did during 24 yeah. 24 the spring and summer, we actually have a process -- a

25 DIRECTOR SMITH: That's why we are really

22 being a collaborative process.

20 want to go too far out in saving what I think should

21 happen in the Block Grant, because I'm committed to that

20 undertaken. So there are a lot of changes. They are

22 but the fact that we now have a process whereby when

25 standard process by which we were -- we will evaluate

21 not necessarily visible from the outside at this point,

58 1 that issue both from the perspective of what are we So for me, that's a really important piece. 2 already doing, but also, are there gaps in what we are 2 It's especially important because you don't come from 3 doing, should we be putting more energy or resources 3 the world of chronic disease, so we don't take anything 4 about the way that the -- this department is approaching 4 toward this issue? If so, what does that look like? 5 And which was not something that was in place before, 5 chronic disease for granted, because I don't have a 6 and it worked extremely well when -- in addressing the 6 perfect vision in mind. So that conversation first and 7 foremost will be with the Center for Chronic Disease, 7 questions and the challenges that people put forth to us 8 in terms of violence prevention as a public health 8 the people who live and breathe in that center, to talk 9 issue. 9 about it. 10 And so you probably get a better answer from 10 We don't have a director vet, and that's a big 11 people who are actually in the department of about 11 challenge, but we are waiting for the right person. And 12 whether or not it feels different in the department. 12 I think that our chances are better when we have a 13 I -- I can tell you because I'm -- I pay very close 13 better sense and can articulate where we want the center 14 attention, a lot of moving pieces are happening. One 14 to go. Because I want to bring in somebody who's 15 thing we are going to be doing and Claudia is taking the 15 looking to the future, who really wants to join with all 16 lead on this, and this is indicative of -- and I'll 16 the incredibly smart and capable people that we have in 17 mention just briefly another -- one thing -- so we have 17 this center and really move it forward. But I don't 18 many, many registries. We have cancer registries. We 18 know what forward looks like yet. So that's -- so 19 that's the kind of -- we are also looking at 19 have immunization registries, and they are scattered all 20 about the department and they function in different 20 laboratories. 21 ways. None of them are -- with the exception of vital 21 I threw a challenge down to the California 22 records, actually reside in our Center for Statistics 22 Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors to 23 and Informatics. 23 come back and tell me what the public health laboratory 24 So -- so we are going to bring all the 24 system in California should look like 20 years from now.

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1 September, and just talk about what do you do, what 2 things do you have in common, are -- is the structure as 3 it currently -- I'm a big believer that structure and 4 function are interdependent. So when you look at 5 functions, if there are challenges with the function, 6 one of the things that you have to look at besides 7 resources is structure, and really just take a deep look 8 at that. 9 On the radar is taking on for me chronic 10 disease. We have a center for chronic disease, but I'm 11 still challenged when people say to me, what's 12 California's approach to chronic disease, or what are 13 you doing about chronic disease. I don't have a, you 14 know, I could sit down and have a 30-minute conversation 15 with somebody over coffee, but the 3-minute elevator 16 speech kind of eludes me. And I don't mean that 17 flippantly. I think that what it feels to me as an 18 outsider is missing a coherent, explainable, and 19 therefore supportable approach to chronic disease as 20 opposed to the, we have to give more money to diabetes, 21 we have to give more money to Alzheimer's. All of these 22 things I agree with, but we don't have that more money. 23 So the question becomes, are we doing it right? Are we 24 doing the right things? Are we doing enough of each 25 thing? Is the structure the way it ought to be?

25 registries together this week -- next week. Sometime in

And so we are going to do the same thing with 2 all of our various and assorted laboratories. So it's a 3 systematic but not necessarily kind of entirely 4 longitudinal approach. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: And I'd like to do a 6 follow-up on that. And the issues that I'd like to 7 raise are metrics that demonstrate income as rates or 8 percents or whole numbers. And for so many years, those 9 metrics being the determination of success and 10 recognizing that a change, as you've described, it in 11 the beginning will take a lot more conversation to get 12 to the collaboration, a lot more adjusting of what a 13 lab -- what the lab system should look like, and that 14 while the transformation is happening, it could happen 15 that the traditional metrics will suffer from that. And 16 I think you've already given an example of that, was the 17 issue of the violence and then I think you also 18 referenced rape as another issue. 19 So public health people are really good people, 20 and my guess is they will sign on on this, with this, 21 and they will think of it as an exciting journey of 22 something that is an improvement to what we've had since

25 They are going to answer me back next month, actually.

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25 case -- not you personally -- but do you think the case

Do you think that you'll be able to make the

23 we've begun public health.

62 64 1 will be made about the change in the paradigm before 1 don't look at necessary -- we don't tend to quantify the 2 people -- it's going to take time to be able to get new 2 very real differences that we can make when we do 3 metrics and in sync that those new metrics are even more 3 collaboration well. And there actually are ways to 4 measure that. We just haven't taken advantage of 4 important. 5 5 though -- that. I guess the guestion I'm asking is how 6 optimistic are you that the public, whoever -- whatever And I am no expert. Let me just put that out 7 that contingency -- is will give you the time to get 7 there, but I have colleagues who are, and who are like, 8 well, of course you can measure the value -- and for me, 8 there? 9 DIRECTOR SMITH: Well, so the issue of -- let me 9 what I'm trying to communicate is the value of what we 10 break that apart a little bit. The issue of performance 10 do, which is different than impact. Impact implies 11 numbers, and this is especially true when talking to the 11 appearing to deteriorate as you makes change, that's one 12 general public or to legislatures. They want to know 12 of the reasons we are making evolutionary change and not 13 revolutionary change. I want to keep my job. So I -- I 13 why they should be paying for your service, and they 14 want to -- so we are -- that's -- and that's the other 14 don't want to know why in terms of there will be 15 fourteen, you know, less syphilis case this is year. 15 reason why we are focusing on business practices, 16 because frankly, if you live in this particular world 16 They want to know what's the value to them. And it's a 17 where we are, everybody is really happy if you just get 17 different way of talking about what we do from the very 18 your audits fixed. And so if we can do that while at 18 strict science base, so we do have a challenge with 19 the same time actually providing better service to our 19 people pulling in different directions. 20 20 customers, and realize that the -- at the State level, I'm a scientist I go way back. In case you 21 the customer isn't really the general public. It is in 21 haven't noticed, I do have a little bit of an 22 terms of, you know, the ultimate effective policy and a 22 epidemiology, but I started in microbiology, so that's a 23 lot of our communications because do a huge amount of 23 very -- we do numbers, by God, and, you know, life 24 public communication, and that's one of the areas where 24 cycles and hard science. 25 25 we've increased resources. But it's local health But on the other hand, the work that -- of

1 departments and communities that with work with in our 2 stakeholder groups. I think it's possible that if we don't message 4 things well, some advocacy groups will feel like they 5 are somehow being left out if they hear of other 6 advocacy groups that -- where the issue comes -- sounds 7 like it's coming to the floor. You know, I'm pretty optimistic, though, because 9 the other thing is the Accountable Communities for 10 Health is a really interesting intervention, not just 11 because I think it will make real sustainable change, 12 but because you have to measure it differently. The 13 whole field of public health that this focused on did 14 your disease rates go down, if you are in governmental 15 public health, that's a lose-lose situation, because 16 nothing that you do is ever going to make that rate of 17 tuberculosis go down. You always are extrapolating to 18 affect. 19 However, what we failed to do in public health 20 and I think we really need to do is learn from the arena 21 of social services not government -- but social science. 22 We look at numbers of disease, you know, numbers of 23 individuals, case rates, morbidity rates, et cetera, 24 things that, as governmental public health, you have 25 very little ability to actually affect. But what we

1 addressing issues like poverty and some of the more 2 subtle mental health issues, addiction, you can't 3 measure those in the same way and you can't measure a 4 community's satisfaction with your services in the same So some of the challenge, I think, is to change 7 the way we talk about -- not to stop, you know, giving 8 the funders the data that they need, not to stop, God 9 forbid, tracking disease rates and that sort of thing. 10 That's always going to be core to what we do. But to 11 add to the conversation information, as opposed to data, 12 that's actually persuasive to the people that I 13 personally think need to understand what we do and why 14 they should care, and that's the general public as well 15 as the people that have the power to fund what do. CHIEF DEPUTY CRIST: Could I add to that? 17 DIRECTOR SMITH: Please someone else talk. 18 CHIEF DEPUTY CRIST: I think it was Dr. Alles 19 that asked the question. This is Claudia. One thing I 20 wanted to add to that is, I'm looking at -- not the 21 microphone, so I hope you can hear me -- is I come from 22 health care and I have a 26-plus-year health care 23 background, anything from bedside care to enroll in 24 urban settings and international settings, but mainly in 65

25 California and as well as administration, and just

66 68 1 trying to -- on a business end as well. And one of 1 it. 2 my -- so I'm going to tie this into why that is 2 CHIEF DEPUTY CRIST: This is Claudia. Maybe 3 important because you asked a very good question about 3 having it be kind of one after the other, Susan and 4 Brandon and me, maybe if you wanted to open a question 4 measurements. And one of the other things we need to do 5 as part of this is to really connect with the world of 5 for either of us and then we can answer and I can defer 6 health care and health care needs to connect with public 6 to my colleagues to answer my questions too. Just 7 health. And I can tell you by now having spent about 7 kidding. 8 five minutes on the public health side, and I'm learning CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. So somebody on the 9 every day from an amazing array of colleagues and 9 committee jump on in. 10 experts here, but also having spent a lot time on the 10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: So this is 11 health care side, that neither side understands each 11 Paul Glassman again. So when I introduced myself 12 other still. We talk about having the come close to 12 before, I didn't point out on the member list that I'm a 13 each other, but I speak a little bit of both now and my 13 dentist and the oral health representative on the 14 committee. I work at the University of Pacific School 14 personal mission is to try to help facilitate bringing 15 those two worlds together. 15 of Dentistry. 16 And I tell you that on the health care side, the So first of all, Dr. Smith Smith, when you were 17 measurements are very, very, very, very, very different 17 saying earlier that want to start moving away from 18 of what we measure in public health. And what we need 18 filing holes, I assumed you were talk about dentist. DIRECTOR SMITH: You should see, I have so many 19 to measure in the future, so that -- I wanted to just 20 cavities I practically have more metal in my mouth than 20 underscore what you said, and I wanted to add to that by 21 saying and it's even more complex because now we have 21 anything else. I love a good dentist. 22 the figure out how to connect a couple of worlds that ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: The 23 really have very different ways of measuring success and 23 question I wanted to ask is a little bit broader than --24 at different focus for very good reasons. 24 related to, I think, Claudia said a few minutes ago 25 So thank you for that great guestion and 25 about the differing roles between Department of Health

1 challenge. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Thank you. And I think

3 one of the other paradigms shifts that's is occurring at 4 the same time was -- I think you mentioned that --5 Karen -- was the issue of changing from a mindset 6 related to disease to a mindset related to health. And 7 doing the measurement that would demonstrate that we 8 were becoming a healthier nation. And through that, you 9 talked about structure and function, that by thinking in 10 those ways about becoming healthier instead of becoming 11 sicker, that will resonate with a lot of constituencies, 12 and that will be exciting to communities as stakeholders

13 and even for individuals as for medicine scientist to 14 become engage in the work of public health. 15 So I want to just do a time check here. We 16 have -- you had indicated on hour and a half and 17 possibly you may -- one or all four of you may have made 18 some other plans or have other appointments. Can you 19 let me know if you want like to continue with guestions 20 and whether you would entertain questions for other 21 speakers.

22 DIRECTOR SMITH: Please. Everybody is nodding 23 that they can stay for a little while, so I don't want 24 to hog the airwaves, so -- besides, I have to write down 25 what you just said a minute ago because I really liked

1 Care Services and Department of Public Health and around

2 the topic that you were bringing up around metrics. And

3 so even the opposite end on the spectrum, you are

4 talking about trying to enhance or thinking about

5 metrics to look more at bigger social determinant type

6 of issues. But even if you are looking at very specific

7 sort of data driven metrics, from my perspective, and I

8 talked to number of other people who have similar kinds

9 of experiences, it is extraordinarily difficult to get

10 data from the Department of Health Care Services that

11 would help to measure the outcomes of public health

12 programs even though that data does reside in databases

13 in the Department of Health Care Services.

I know the oral health program in the Department 14

15 of Public Health has just done some extraordinary work

16 and negotiations in trying to set up some way to query

17 the Department of Health Care Services database to give

18 up some of that information, but to me it's a ripe

19 opportunity to departmental cooperation that would help

20 to enhance stability of public health programs to have

21 some data that's already there and be able to get at it

22 to be able to demonstrate value and some of the

23 interventions that are taking place.

CHIEF DEPUTY CRIST: Thank you, Dr. Glassman. 24

25 This is Claudia. I'd like to take the first crack at

1 this since -- that's also the teeth, isn't it? Sorry --

- 2 since Dr. Jay Kumar, our state dental officer, is --
- 3 resides within the department here, and specifically
- 4 within this Center for Chronic Disease prevention and
- 5 health promotion. And I'm very pleased to share that
- 6 not only have we been able to negotiate, but he is, in
- 7 part, funded by DHCS.
- 8 We together own and take both ownership, even
- 9 though we own him much more so, and we -- in Dr. Jay's
- 10 work and -- Dr. Kumar's work, and he provides
- 11 consultation to DHCS, but also we have an interagency
- 12 agreement that we can take advantage of in helping to
- 13 share data so it should be -- and there's a fairly new
- 14 elements to it agency wide. We've come to the
- 15 conclusion that we need to be able to do a better job
- 16 and easier share data with each. So that is fairly new
- 17 and so it's made easier from that perspective, but also
- 18 Dr. Kumar has great connections with DHCS, specifying
- 19 Renee Mollow, who is over the dental side over on the
- 20 DHCS side, but also with the team as a whole. And with
- 21 them being part of and participating very actively in
- 22 the advisory committee that he had convened to look at
- 23 creating the oral health plan as well that is in the
- 24 process of being finalized.
- 25 So I acknowledge what you are saying. You are

- 1 information between the two departments. That way you
- 2 don't have to start from the beginning with the
- 3 data-sharing agreement. You can start, at least, you
- 4 know, three, four steps down the path, and kind of, you
- 5 know, make that process a little faster and a little
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{6}}$ more efficient, standardize among all our departments of
- 7 the agency.
- 8 CHIEF DEPUTY CRIST: And I do realize coming
- 9 from a private sector, to me, when I first came, was
- 10 like what, you can't just send an e-mail, but it is a
- 11 little bit more complicated than that. And also to
- 12 protect the information of the individuals which makes
- 13 sense. I think it's a lot easier now.
- 14 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Another question? Well,
- 15 let me ask -- try it a different way.
- 16 Susan, you've heard a couple of the questions
- 17 and you probably were thinking about how you might
- 18 answer some of the questions that were asked of Karen.
- 19 Was there anything that came up that you said -- you
- 20 said to yourself, I wish I had a chance to just comment
- 21 on that question related to the Fusion program?
- 22 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FAMELLI: I think it, for me,
- 23 stems down to how we use the resources that we have and
- 24 how we look at the vast resources that we do have in the
- 25 department and become more creative about how we use

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- 1 absolutely correct. Sometimes is a lot harder than it
- 2 seems to be, not just specific to DHCS, but in general
- 3 to get data out of our systems, and we feel we have a
- $4\,$ good partnership there now. So I'm hoping this will be
- 5 a much better path forward.
- 6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: Great.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FANELLI: I was going to add
- 9 that our information person here Jim Green from our
- 10 health and statistics group is meeting with a health --
- 11 with the data person from Medi-Cal and really looking at
- 12 requests for data and how do we streamline them, how do
- 13 we put them together better so that we understand and
- 14 make the request for data easier. Because if you don't
- 15 know the Medi-Cal system and what you can and can't get
- 16 from the system, we spend a lot of time trying to fix
- 17 those data requests. And I think more we can bring the
- 18 two sides together and, you know, streamline that
- 19 process, we're working on that.
- 20 CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR NUNES: This is Brandon.
- 21 That's one of the things that our agency has identified
- 22 as an issue in trying to make it a little bit easier.
- 23 They've recently finalized a data-sharing agreement
- 24 among all the 13 or 14 departments that are under our

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25 agency that where it will ease with the sharing of

- 1 those resources. And so the way that we are going to
 - 2 make changes is not by great new dollars, but taking

- 3 advantage of opportunities like the Block Grant to use
- 4 them for the innovation pieces, to use them to really
- 5 look at how do we do business a little differently, how
- 6 do we -- and the braided funding. I think that's the
- 7 other opportunity.
- 8 We are doing a project on how do we get dollars
- 9 out the door, and so how do we look at our local
- 10 partners and say, we spent a lot of time and effort just
- 11 getting dollars out the door, and trying to get the --
- 12 all the information back that we need for that. If we
- 13 could find a better and easier way to get dollars out
- 14 the door with less restriction, understanding dollars
- 15 have to be used according to what's allowable and what's
- 16 not allowable, but if we could come up with easier ways
- 17 like allocations or grants versus cooperative agreements
- 18 versus different types of contract vehicles.
- 19 The more we can do to free up our time to do the
- 20 program work, the better off we are all going to be, and
- 21 so how do we look at that a little differently? And I
- 22 that's really in terms of how do with get there with23 what we have. It's really being more creative with the
- 24 resources we have.
- 25 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Thank you. And Karen, a

74 76 1 little further down on the agenda, there's a little 1 it, and I think, you know, we try to quantify what we do 2 bullet point called "future use of funding." Do you 2 in terms of coordination of the infrastructure because 3 have additional things that you would like to say 3 we know that we, with a small State staff, are not going 4 relative to that? 4 to be able to directly impact the health care, but what 5 DIRECTOR SMITH: No. I'm really interested in 5 we can do is make sure that all of the work that's being 6 hearing what the advisory committee comes up with and --6 done collaboratively across the State is well 7 no, I think it's going to be really interesting. I 7 coordinated to have an overall viewpoint. 8 mean -- yeah. Can't wait. As we move forward with metrics, one of our CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. All right. One 9 major priorities on EMS side is really to take a look at 10 more time for advisory committee members. Particularly, 10 the data and the metrics, but to also recognize that 11 I was thinking about EMSA. We haven't talked too 11 health information technology and health information 12 much -- we haven't talked at all really about EMSA, so 12 exchange can serve as a sustainable direction for us to 13 would somebody like to ask a question in that regard to 13 bring in multiple sources of information, whether it's 14 CDPH, the health side and the accident prevention and 14 from health care financing or public health or EMS, and 15 the --15 understand that all of this information, when we have ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FANELLI: We do have Dan 16 16 good individual patient identifiers and demographic 17 Smiley here from the Emergency Medical services 17 information, if we are able to do matching, that we'll 18 be able to, in a sustainable way, be able to pull those 18 Authority. 19 informations up from various registries. All with the 19 CHIEF DEPUTY CRIST: EMSA is here. 20 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Say that again. 20 ultimate goal aligned with the presidential Precision 21 DIRECTOR SMITH: Dan Smiley from EMSA is here. 21 Medicine Initiative. 22 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FANELLI: Do you want to say I think we can then begin to get those metrics 23 a few words, Dan? 23 in a way that we ultimately again 15 or 20 years down 24 MR. SMILEY: I wasn't planning on saying a few 24 the road when health information technology is fully --25 words, but if you have question, happy to do that. Can 25 well, I shouldn't say fully mature -- but more mature 75 1 that we can then begin to harvest that important health 1 I steal your chair? 2 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FANELLI: Yes, you absolutely 2 information. And I think those are some of the things 3 we are looking at from EMS perspective in terms of 3 can

MR. SMILEY: Okav, thanks. You know, EMSA is, 5 you know, for many years been pleased to be part of the 6 Block Grant program, and I think from the emergency 7 perspective, we had a element to this that is certainly 8 unlike much of the traditional public health programs. 9 And I think one of the benefits and one of the things 10 that we've seen from EMS and having our nine different 11 programs available is that we see our role as kind of a 12 systems integrator. As Dr. Smith said earlier, there's 13 certainly an element of the public health Block Grant 14 that serves as a force multiplier to create unit of 15 effort. And much of what we do in Emergency Medical 16 Services, like so many -- like so much of public health, 17 is we try to coordinate multiple autonomous 18 organizations that are functionally independent. And I 19 think our role and where we come across best is when we 20 are able to empower and enable our local EMS agencies, 21 our private and public EMS providers, hospitals, all to 22 work in a collaborative way to achieve some of those

And as it relates to metrics, we also struggle

25 with what's a metric, are we able to do anything with

23 metrics.

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4 integrating with other public health activities to 5 reduce morbidity and mortality in the pre health care 6 setting. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: You know, for somebody 8 who wasn't planning to talk, you did pretty good. Thank 9 you very much. Does any of the committee members want to ask a 11 question about EMS? ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CASSADY: This is 13 Diana Cassidy. I don't have a question, but I want to 14 make a comment about workforce development whenever that 15 is appropriate. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: I think it's now Diana. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CASSADY: Terrific. 18 So like Steve McCurdy, I teach in the MPH program at UCD 19 and can speak directly to the value that the funding for 20 the Cal EIS program had made to not just UCD graduates 21 but graduates all across the state, as well as the 22 Preventive Medicine Residency program. So I want to 23 applaud the spirit of innovation that I think you

24 addressed, Dr. Smith Smith, in your -- in your opening

25 remarks, and to say that I think these students, these

78 80 1 young graduates, really can make a tremendous 1 academic institutions that we are working with that have 2 contribution to the direction in which you are turning 2 given us at least starting place. But I will say that 3 the department. And so, you know, even as funds are 3 health economists are hard to come by. Health care 4 economist are hard to come by. They sort of describe to 4 short or limited, I encourage you to continue to invest

5 in these programs. 5 when I was look for a health economist this meeting once DIRECTOR SMITH: In fact, we are actually 6 a year in San Francisco where all the students coming 7 centralizing our internship program, which is called out with a master's degree in economics get together and 8 internship, but it's really all of that -- students, 8 they write them checks on the spot to go work for health 9 interns, residents, et cetera, because we value it so 9 care. You know, very hard to complete in government 10 much. And, honestly, when you don't have a lot of 10 with that. And so we have worked with a few folks who 11 funding and you want energetic people, that's a great --11 we've brought on to do some training, but we'll be 12 that's a great source. And they bring so much 12 looking at developing modes with our epidemiologist with 13 enthusiasm into the workplace. And in fact my -- one of 13 some of our folks and looking at social services as 14 mv dearest friends is Cal EIS who is now a health 14 well. So a lot of work to be done. 15 officer and the first epidemiologist I ever hired as a 15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: Thank you. 16 local health office was also Cal EIS fellow, so I also ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FAMELLI: I wanted to take a 17 value the program tremendously. 17 minute to introduce Monica Morales who is the deputy for 18 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. Another committee 18 the Fusion Center and brought on board -- you've been 19 member questions? 19 here about. 20 20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: Rebekah 21 Kharrazi again. Maybe Susan would be the right person 21

MS. MORALES: Two months. I've made it. DIRECTOR SMITH: She's on old hand now. 22 for this. I'm really interested in the work that's 22 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Thank you. 23 going on with health economics and bridging in 23 DIRECTOR SMITH: I'm going to have to excuse 24 economists into this world, because as you pointed out 24 myself. I have another meeting, but it's really been a

25 in your presentation, very much underdeveloped and new 25 pleasure to talk with you all. Thank you for the -- for

1 for public health really. So I'm curious -- I haven't 1 listening, and look forward to hearing what you all come 2 heard too much about what that person's meant to be 2 up with.

3 working on, but I'm curious how it's going to touch some 4 of these concepts of highlighting values of moving

5 upstream, and so make you can speak that a little bit.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FANELLI: Sure. So we

7 brought on someone who I would say is not necessarily an

8 economist as much as has an epidemiology background and

9 data background and is first looking at what are we

10 doing in evaluation of our programs today. So looking

11 at starting with some of the chronic disease programs,

12 what are they looking at and are there some parameters

13 that we could build upon that sort of lead to that

14 evaluation structure. And we are trying very hard to

15 take it to the next level, which is, how do you get to

16 that return on investment in a formula that really, you

17 know, has some science to it to say, how do we value all

18 relationship building, how do we value these softer

19 kinds of things. And so first we are starting with a

20 scan of what we are doing already in the department. We

21 are looking at models that are out there. ASTHO has a

22 model, and there's a few models that are trying to take

23 the return on investment into public health, not so much

24 into health care delivery.

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We are working with CDC. We have a couple of

CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: We're going to move into

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4 the area of discussion now on the funding criteria that

5 we came up with and advisory group and so somebody will

6 pass along that information to you, the conversation

7 that we have.

So, one of the agenda items, and it was

9 Document 7, that you received, presents the advisory

10 committee's recommendations for funding, the way in

11 which funding is determined by us as we make our

12 recommendation. And I want to go through just some of

13 them to give both the people who are in the department

14 but who probably know what these are, but also the

15 public and a better understanding of the way we've --

16 the issues that we looked at to concrete our priority.

So one was the size of the problem, how many

18 people are involved. Second was the severity of the

19 condition. Third was equity and health status. Fourth

20 was community concern. Fifth was programs that engage

21 community at the local level. Sixth was cost of the

22 condition. Seven was cost effectiveness of

23 interventions that were being implemented. Concordance

24 with the healthy people objectives. Other resources

25 that are available, that is if there are other resources

82 84 1 such as Prop 99 for smoking, and perhaps our money 1 us determine the priority for the funding source. So 2 wouldn't be able to add very much to the work that was 2 the information provided is really good at thinking for 3 already being done on that initiate because of the money 3 the future, but I don't think it changes our criteria, 4 they had. The ability to leverage funds, that is to be 4 unless we add a criteria -- actually, do we have a 5 for programs to find other groups, organizations, to 5 criteria focused on evidence-based? That might be a way 6 collaborate with in terms of bringing more funds in. 6 to link to some of the factors that Karen spoke about. 7 And performance programs metrics. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: That's a good Now, those have served us pretty well for, I 8 observation, Wilma. Thank you. 9 don't know, I guess the last 15 years. We've brought ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Do we -- I 10 this up every several years. We brought it up again 10 didn't recall. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: We do not. 11 this year. And in that conversation, many of these seem 11 12 to be useful. I would say that there were several of ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: So that might 13 them, perhaps only several of them, that in a new 13 be another criteria to add in. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: We do have something 14 paradigm would already be accounted for. 14 15 So, for instance, equity would be a good example 15 that's close to that. It's called proven interventions. 16 of that, and community concern would be another example 16 But in a way, proven interventions, as you start to 17 of that. It's clear that -- it's clear to me anyway, 17 shift to a paradigm of measuring health and improving 18 health -- interviewing health and measuring it -- it 18 that the committee ought to take a look at the ASTHO 19 recommendations. I think that there are probably $\operatorname{--}$ 19 would rely more on evidence-based at this point in time 20 there's probably more consistency with what Karen and 20 as opposed to proven intervention. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Exactly. 21 the other speakers presented with their funding 21 22 priorities. And of course the California Department of CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: This is Caroline. Can I 23 Public Health has even had to make some changes in the 23 interject? I think it says, innovation in area for 24 way that they are thinking about how priorities should 24 which there are few proven interventions. 25 25 be adjusted in order to accommodate a plan that was CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Oh, it does. Yeah.

1 presented.

I would also like to say that I think in order

for the committee to be able to do a good job on the

assignment of reconsidering a list of criteria, that if

we were able to have some inservice presentation that

would extend the concepts in a little bit more detail,

we'd be able to do a better job. Understand that might

not be possible to do. In the absence of that, we will

do the best that we can. But I'd think the more we

understand the directions of the plan, the better we

will be able to help identify our principles for

allocation.

So now I'd like to invite the committee members

to comment on what you are thinking about whether it

speaks to the priorities we already have or something to

16 be thought about as the speakers were presenting.

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: This is in

18 San Diego. The information provided by the speakers was

19 really great in thinking about the future, and one of

20 the things that really rang well was highlighted in the

21 presentations from Karen's perspective was talking about

22 having a business case or having -- basically, spoke to

24 of our criteria, and I think criteria that we -- you've 25 just read off really still stands true in trying to help

23 having operational excellence. That's obvious not one

1 CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: So I think the whole

2 concept of evidence-based is actually missing.

3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Yes, it is.

4 Yes.

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5 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Yeah. And I think that 6 the concept of innovations is something that by itself

 $7\,$ could stand in in addition to the evidence-based.

8 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: I agree,

9 yeah.

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11 talk about at Prevention Institute, we preferred it

12 described as evidence informed. Recognizing I think

13 that, you know, there are certain populations that tend

 $14\,$ to be the ones that the evidence builds for and, you

15 know, when you take something out of the neat box of a

16 study, there are implications. So evidence informs

17 gives a little bit more flexible on being able to pull

18 from community experience, for instance. So that could

19 be another way we might want to approach that.

20 While I'm talking, I might as well just -- I'm

21 obviously looking at this for the first time, and $\ensuremath{\mathrm{I}}$

22 think you all have done a really great job over the

23 years of capturing really important criteria for

24 determining how these funds are to be spent. So I just

25 wanted to highlight a few that really stood out for me.

86 88 You know, one is sort of -- and my question The question you just asked I think gets to the earlier alluded to this. How are we balancing the 2 issue of are there some definite changes relative to 3 infrastructure needs versus the opportunity for new 3 what would be the high-ranking priorities and what would 4 be the lower-ranking priorities. 4 innovative pilots, for instance. I really like the criteria about the ability to 5 So do you want the follow-up on that Nathan? 6 cross over multiple sectors and disciplines. I think ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WONG: Yeah. Yeah, I 7 really was emphasized what's -- again and again today 7 guess -- I mean -- yeah, I mean, I agree where you. I 8 that this is one of the very few flexible funding 8 think the process has worked pretty well. You know, 9 options, so I don't think there's a lot of opportunity 9 obviously, there's pros and cons to having an objective 10 for this type of work to be done otherwise. 10 scoring system, but of course, many times, grants these Clearly innovation falls under that, and from 11 days like NIH grants, for example, get evaluated on a, 11 12 the perspective of Prevention Institute, for us, equity 12 you know, fairly objective rating system on different 13 is always a top priority, and so it's really great to 13 criteria. So, you know, I'm in the sure -- you know, I 14 see that here. Dr. Smith emphasized the needs of the 14 don't know the answer as to whether we should go in that 15 community, so falling right under that is really 15 direction or not, but it's just a question -- question I 16 raise, you know, that would, you know, influence how 16 fantastic to see. 17 And one thing I don't know if it's, you know --17 objectively these type of proposals get reviewed. 18 it's here, but not necessarily explicit is spending CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: And one thing is for 19 funds in a way that go to where the highest need is or 19 sure, it would get a little bit more difficult when you 20 are talking about collaboration as opposed to silos. 20 highest community need is. So that would be one 21 suggestion that I would have for consideration to add to 21 Typically, we looked project by project, and a number of 22 the list. 22 times it came up today that there would be cross funding 23 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okav. We've made note of 23 or that programs would be braided together, funding 24 those. Other committee members? 24 sources even could be braided together, and it feels to 25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WONG: Hi, Wes. This 25 me like the paradigm is a big enough shift that we need

1 is Nathan. I was just curious, is there a way that the 2 different criteria are -- are weighted or, you know, you 3 create a score and kind of prioritize in funding? CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: No. We haven't done in 5 it that way. We have asked the committee members to 6 keep these priorities at the forefront of their 7 thinking, and that often -- that required that as they 8 were thinking this through, they needed to weigh and 9 balance a variety of factors. And obviously somebody 10 would look at one thing with more weight than somebody 11 else would. But in terms of the work that was required 12 of us, it seemed to work pretty well in recommending 13 which programs were at the top of the priority list for 14 funding and whether those programs should receive more 15 or less or the same amount of funding. My sense of it is that if we were all in the --17 if the committee was all in the room together and we 18 were looking at the list, we'd all create a different 19 numeric value for each one. 20 And I guess my thinking is that we should maybe 21 have a meeting, a phone conference call just of the 22 advisory committee, early on coming up that would enable 23 us to kind of put everything out on the table -- it 24 would all be scrambled at that point -- and then try to 25 reassemble it again.

1 to re-examine almost from scratch -- I mean we don't --2 we have good criteria, so we don't have to go back 3 further than that, but how do we put these together in a 4 way that are -- that would demonstrate that our 5 recommendation is supportive of the concept of Public 6 Health's 2035 and all of the specific points that were 7 made as differentiators from what was and what will be. CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: Wes, this is Caroline, and 10 I have a suggestion that the advisory committee might 11 want to consider. And that I think -- yeah, there is a 12 big shift, like you said, and I don't think we've had an 13 in-person advisory committee meeting for a while. And I 14 think with the -- you know, we have salary savings and 15 things, and if we were to be able to pay for travel, do 16 you think the advisory committee would want to come 17 together to have an in-person meeting to discuss and 18 really come up maybe with a new numerical objective 19 rating or whatever they want to do -- a higher ranking 20 versus lower ranking way to help the department? 21 Because, you know, I think this is a time of change in 22 this whole Block Grant, and it may be worthwhile for 23 that -- for us to, you know, collectively to invest with 24 the time and the funds that we do still have that are 25 available to allow the advisory committee to do that.

90 92 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Would anybody be opposed 1 And the advisory committee had actually requested they 2 to doing that? 2 have an opportunity to give recommendations to the 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: No. No. 3 director as to how the funding should be spent. And so 4 opposition. 4 we have heard some comments for advisory committee 5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: No. 5 members. As -- but we are also open to any ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WOOTEN: Seeing it's 6 recommendations that members of the public have on how 7 just the primary issue. 7 the Block Grant should be used. So if you have any CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. Well, Caroline, 8 particular recommendations, we'd be open to hearing 8 9 let's put that together then, and maybe we can figure 9 those now. 10 out a good time to make that happen and we can check 10 As Ms. Anita Butler said before, we have a court 11 reporter, we will have minutes, and although the 11 with the advisory committee to help us come up with a 12 specific date. I think that's a great suggestion that 12 director and her staff had to leave, we will be able to 13 you made. 13 communicate to her what your recommendations would be. The -- there will be a process after the all the 14 Just one more time, I want to ask if anybody on 15 advisory committee members have had a chance to give 15 the committee would like to make a point about this 16 their input, public has had a enhance to give their 16 issue of the criteria? Okav. So Caroline, I'm not quite sure how we 17 input, then the director is going to go through a 18 would do this, mechanically, but I know that the 18 process internally about how she thinks the money should 19 committee is always interested in public comment, and 19 best be used in the department. And she will be taking 20 generally we don't get a lot of people coming to our 20 input from the staff of the department as well. 21 meetings. And I expected there probably are people who And at the next advisory committee meeting, the 22 are on the line now who are from the public. And do the 22 draft funding allocations and the department's 23 capable also of being able to ask questions? 23 recommendations will be presented and there -- advisory 24 CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: Yes. We do have some 24 committee and the public will have an opportunity to 25 members of the public, and why don't we just open it up 25 weigh in at that point as well. But I think if there's 93 1 a burning issue you would like to recommend now, I would 1 to them to unmute their phones and ask questions if they 2 have in. 2 go ahead and sav it. PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. Thank you so much for CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Sure. So at this point, 4 I would ask any member of the public who would like to 4 that explanation. I have two -- I guess two cement 5 make a comment or ask a question or encourage some 5 comments. So in the block funding where the block 6 funding went for this year, that was determined two 6 thinking by the advisory committee to, if you are 7 willing to do that, state your name. If you prefer not 7 years ago, that was very, very specific. So it was 8 specific -- specific organizations or projects that were 8 to do it, you can just start your question. 9 PUBLIC MEMBER: Hi there. This is Christina 9 being worked on and certain amount of money went to 10 Hildebrand from a Voice for Choice. Thank you for 10 that. I didn't hear -- I heard more general suggestions 11 your -- all of the information from today. 11 here today, but I didn't hear any of those kind of My understanding from the last meeting on the 12 specifics. 13 So just before I give where -- I do have some 14 ideas, so I'm going to give those to you, but before I 15 do that, where is that piece of the process? So if 16 there's an organization or a project that somebody from

My understanding from the last meeting on the
Block Grant earlier this year was that this meeting
would be to decide where the funding went, and I haven't
heard that yet. So I was wondering if that was going to
happen or if -- or if that was not the purpose of this
meeting, then when will that -- when will it be
determined what the funding will go to?

CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. Caroline, could
you answer that one?

CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: Yes. Thank you very much,
Christina. The purposes of this meeting was for -- the

21 CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: Yes. Thank you very much 22 Christina. The purposes of this meeting was for -- the 23 advisory committee has requested to hear from the 24 director, what her vision was on how to use the Block 25 Grant, and so it was really an informational meeting.

9 being worked on and certain amount of money went to
10 that. I didn't hear -- I heard more general suggestions
11 here today, but I didn't hear any of those kind of
12 specifics.
13 So just before I give where -- I do have some
14 ideas, so I'm going to give those to you, but before I
15 do that, where is that piece of the process? So if
16 there's an organization or a project that somebody from
17 the advisory committee or outside of it wanted to money
18 to go to, where is that -- I'm guessing there's some
19 sort of formal proposal or request or something that
20 goes to the director, or how does that piece of it work?
21 Because the money this year, it seems to be
22 very, very specific on what projects or what
23 organizations it went to.
24 CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: Yes. Well, there is not a
25 formal RFT process for use of this money. So I think

94 96 1 traditionally it's been, you know, an internal use 1 was Document No. 8 in the package that you received. 2 within the health department and through the programs in 2 Just wanted to give a couple of highlights from that to 3 the health department, it may then go out to communities 3 give the public a sense of some of the things that were 4 for use. But as I said, the director will be 4 discussed in the minutes. Likely that you would not

5 determining what process will be used this year, but it 5 have had a chance to see these unless you would have

6 will be an internal determination. So if -- so -- I 6 requested them. But the couple of things we recognize,

7 think what -- it's a very general thing. Like if you 7 the separation of percentage between the 70 percent

8 feel there's an area that should be funded, that would 8 going to CDPH and the 30 percent to EMSA, we approved

9 be what you would talk about now, not about -- we can't 9 the February 8th meetings, and we discussed the federal

10 fiscal year 2016 and '17 funding as an update, we talked 10 say who the money would go to at this point, but it's

11 about the CDC visit, and you heard all of the positive 11 likely to be towards a State program or a local

12 comments from the executive staff who presented that the 12 government program. That's traditionally what the

13 money --13 monies were being used appropriately. It was making a

PUBLIC MEMBER: Got it. Understood. So I think 14 big difference to the people of the State of California.

15 my area which I would ask for funding to be put towards, 15 It recognized that there was flexibility in these funds,

16 and one of it is something that came up, which is 16 and it's a way in which new programs or innovative

18 looking for the reasons for the increase in chronic There was a compliance review that was favorable

19 disease 19 in pretty much all aspects to the department. One

20 We've seen huge increases, especially among 20 expectation to that was that there was an expectation

21 children, of chronic disease and, you know, one -- I 21 that external audits would be done every year, and that

22 think it's 1 in 54 children has a chronic disease or 22 hadn't happened and the department owned up to that,

23 disability. And so to look at rather than just treating 23 recognized it, and said that were going to ensure that

24 those, to look at what is the reason for those -- for 24 that would happen.

25 that increase in chronic disease, because I think we 25 And I wanted to sav that it was also made clear

1 need to look at the stem of the problem rather than

2 the -- I mean, we need to obviously treat those children

3 that have chronic disease and adults that have chronic

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4 disease, which has also been on the rise, but to look at

5 what is causing it, because we've never seen numbers

17 chronic disease, not only treating chronic disease, but

6 like we've seen now.

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CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: Thank you so much. We

8 will definitely share that request.

9 PUBLIC MEMBER: Thank you.

CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Other members of the 10

11 public? Are there any members of the public in the room

12 there that would like to make a comment?

13 Okay. Hearing none, then we'll move forward.

I'd like to -- we don't have much more business 14

15 to do. And there's a -- where we are on the agenda,

16 it's take a break for 10 minutes. Let me ask Anita or

17 Hector, if there is no business reason for doing that,

18 could we just work through this, the rest of the agenda,

19 and finish without a break?

20 GRANT BLOCK COORDINATOR BUTLER: Absolutely,

21 Dr. Alles.

CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okav. So the next topic,

23 then, is the committee review and discussion of the

24 minutes, if there are -- if there is any discussing --

25 for the meeting that was held on June 22nd. And this

1 that that was general across the United States. Most

17 opportunities can receive some initial funding.

2 state health departments did not follow that particular

3 recommendation

Let's see. Another point that was made by the

5 committee was that the advisory committee had done on

6 extraordinary job in process and content -- process and

7 delivery, I should say, and one of the person who was

8 the chief evaluator said that California should be used,

9 -- the advisory committee should be used as a model for

10 what an advisory committee would do in all 50 states.

We talked a little bit about whether objectives

12 were met or not. In fact, that was an issue that was

13 raised by Nathan, and we asked that a form be developed

14 so that we could take a look at whether the previous

15 year's goals had been met. The -- it's a very detailed

16 form. I think it did the work that the committee was

17 hoping it would do, and we would like to see that kind

18 of accountability in the future, even if there's

19 modifications in the form itself. But seemed to me

20 that -- that the form took us where we wanted to go.

There was an indication of the -- in the minutes

22 of the 20 CDPH programs that are funded and then also

23 the programs that are funded to EMSA. And so that was

24 the -- kind of a summary of the minutes.

25 Did anybody want to ask a question from the

100 98 1 minutes that you received or make an comment or suggest CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Hearing none, then -- go 2 an edit? 2 ahead. 3 Hearing none, can I have a motion to approve the ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPIESS: Wes, this is 4 Dan. So we will be contacted regarding -- I'll call it 4 minutes? This is an action item. 5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPIESS: Dan Spiess. 5 a "read evaluation" of our evaluation criteria. 6 I'll make that motion. CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Yeah, yeah. We just did CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Thank you. And I need a 7 that, I think, last year, but given the nature of the 8 paradigm shift, it's probably warranted for us to take a 8 second. 9 look and see how we can be harmonious with and 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: Paul 10 Glassman. Second. 10 synchronize our criteria with the direction that CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Thank you, Paul. 11 11 department is going. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER SPIESS: Good. 12 All in favor of approving the June 22nd meeting 13 minutes may signify by saying aye. 13 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Caroline, I wanted to ask 14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ave. 14 you a question. Are there other states that are moving CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Aye. 15 15 in the same way, or you don't know? CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: I really don't know. I --16 Any nays? Any abstentions. 17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: This is 17 it's very interesting the -- how different states are 18 and actually what they choose to use this money for. 18 Rebekah Kharrazi. I'm going to abstain since I was not 19 here 19 And I think it's one of the reasons that there's 20 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Say that again. 20 bipartisan bicameral support in congress. So I would 21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KHARRAZI: This is 21 just say, from what I see, there's quite a wide variety 22 Rebekah Kharrazi. I'm going to abstain since I was not 22 of how the money is used. I think California's often 23 at the meeting. 23 the leader, and so I think if we do move toward a 24 CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Thank you. Thank you. 24 different paradigm, I wouldn't be surprised if other 25 So unanimous. 25 states look at it and might want to follow it. I may 101 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER STRATTON: Sam 1 put it up as a model approach. 2 Stratton has to abstain. I wasn't present at that CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Yeah. One of the 3 thoughts that I had as Karen and the others were going 3 meeting CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okav. Let the minutes 4 through that is, recognizing that this issue of 4 5 show that as well. 5 priorities for funding could shift dramatically. The 6 thought that I had was, after the presentation was made, So the motion was approved, then, with the 7 exception of Sam, who had to abstain because he wasn't 7 something along the lines of, how come we didn't see 8 this coming and, you know, kind of predict the -- the 8 here, and Rebekah, because she was not on the committee 9 at that time. 9 flow of the current. It seems to make perfect sense to 10 So the next agenda item, then, is more 10 me given the direction of the change, and then it makes 11 discussion on the additional information that you heard 11 sense that the -- there's probably going to need to be a 12 today. Since the executive staff isn't in the room 12 lot of changes that are made, and one of them would be 13 anymore, I wonder if maybe somebody was bashful or shy, 13 the funding priorities that we would choice to 14 if there was something that you would like to say from 14 recommend. 15 the committee, so that we could honor this opportunity 15 Did anybody else get a sense like that or a 16 for additional conversation. 16 different sense that you want to express? 17 Okay. Is there anybody public, then, or anybody 17 Okay. Well --18 in the room there with you, Caroline, who would like to ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: Wes, this 19 make a comment to the content of the meeting?

CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: I think we are good here,

23 being the case, then, is there any further conversation

24 that someone would like to raise?

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21 Wes.

25 CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: This is -- 19 is Paul Glassman. I'm not sure if it's generally what 20 you said, but I think I heard something more along the 21 lines of looking for opportunities to collaborate, 22 looking at cross programs, not necessarily a sort of 23 revision immediately of the funding priorities for 24 allocation, because that's slightly different than the 25 way I just heard you say.

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           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: It think you actually
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 2 said it better than I did, Paul. That's kind of what I
 3 meant to say, that there's a whole new paradigm that has
                                                                           3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
 4 been presented and we can't use old measurements to
                                                                           4 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO )
 5 effectively -- to be effective in our work. So thank
 6 you.
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           ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: But on the
                                                                           7 was duly appointed and qualified to take the foregoing
 8 other hand, that didn't mean slowing up the current
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 9 processes and plans and starting from a blank state, it
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10 meant more of an evolutionary of thinking, at least from
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11 what I heard.
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           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Correct. All right. I
                                                                           12 notes into typewritten longhand, the above and foregoing
13 will entertain a motion for adjournment.
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           CO-CHAIRPERSON PECK: So moved, Caroline.
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           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Okay. Need a second.
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           ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER GLASSMAN: Paul,
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17 second.
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           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Thank you. Paul.
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           All in favor say aye.
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           ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
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           CO-CHAIRPERSON ALLES: Any nays? Any
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22 abstentions?
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           Okay. Unanimously voted, then, to adjourn the
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24 meeting, and it's 3:28.
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           So I thank the advisory committee, I thank the
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 1 staff, and I thank the members of the public who
 2 participated in this conversation today.
           We'll talk again soon.
           (Concluded at 3:28 p.m.)
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