

Summary of Minutes – D4  
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 23, 2019 at 2PM  
Kings River Room, Sacramento CA

**Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Caroline Peck, M.D., M.P.H., Co-Chair  
Wes Alles, Ph.D., Co-Chair (via teleconference)  
Christy Adams, R.N., B.S.N., M.P.H. (via teleconference)  
Paul Glassman, D.D.S., M.A., M.B.A. (via teleconference)  
Vicki Pinette (via teleconference)  
Dan Spiess (via teleconference)  
Samuel Stratton, M.D., M.P.H. (via teleconference)  
Nathan Wong, Ph.D. (via teleconference)

**Advisory Committee Members Not Present:**

Stephen McCurdy, M.D., M.P.H.  
Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H.

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH) PHHSBG Team Present:**

Anita Butler  
Matt Herreid  
Rebecca Horne  
Cha Xiong

**Members of the Public:**

None

**Court Reporter:**

James Peters, Diamond Court Reporters

The meeting was called to order at 2:14 P.M.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Co-Chair Dr. Wes Alles began by thanking the Advisory Committee (AC) for its work on behalf of the people of California. Dr. Alles reminded the group that the main purpose of the meeting was to approve the State Fiscal Year 19-20 proposed funding allocation and cover other action items on the agenda. Co-Chair Dr. Caroline Peck also thanked the group for its commitment. PHHSBG staff took roll call. Eight of the ten AC members were present or joined by phone. Four members of the PHHSBG Team (Healthy People 2020 Program) attended. Newer PHHSBG Team members Cha Xiong and Rebecca Horne introduced themselves to the AC and provided a quick overview of their qualifications and experience.

Two other staff from PHHSBG funded programs within CDPH attended in person and one staff person from PHHSBG funded programs at EMSA joined by phone. Dr. Alles reviewed with the group the meeting materials labeled D1 through D8, which were shared with the AC and posted publicly on the PHHSBG webpage on the CDPH website in advance of the meeting.

### **Review and approval of the June 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Alles reviewed the 06/05/2018 Meeting Minutes. There were no comments from the AC or the public. AC Member Christy Adams motioned to approve the minutes. AC Member Dan Spiess seconded the motion. The AC unanimously approved the minutes.

### **FFY 2017 Program Outcomes Report**

PHHSBG Evaluator Rebecca Horne presented an overview of the FFY 2017 Program Outcomes Report covering the work period of 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018. She reported that programs did very well. Programs met or exceeded 46 out of 56 objectives from the Work Plan. Of the remaining 10, 5 were partially completed. For activities, programs met or exceeded 121 out of 145 total activities from the Work Plan. Of the remaining 24, 10 were at least partially met. Dr. Alles asked the group if there were any questions and there were none.

### **FFY 2019 and FFY 2020 PHHSBG Update**

Dr. Peck explained that California received its funding allocation for FFY 2019 and it was \$800,000 less than the previous year. However, we will be able to use savings to make up the difference. AC Member Spiess had a question about the calculations for Rape Prevention and EMSA, which Dr. Peck explained. Anita Butler clarified that both EMSA and CDPH contribute to the administrative cost of the grant. For FFY 2020, Dr. Peck explained that, just like in the past prior 10 years, the President's budget has zeroed out the PHHSBG line item in the CDC budget. She explained that due to historically strong bipartisan support, she believes the funding will be restored, as in past years. There is enough to fund programs through State Fiscal Year 19-20.

### **PHHSBG AC Discussion on Use of PHHSBG Funding**

Dr. Alles mentioned that CDC, during its last review of CDPH, was impressed that our AC created and refers to the Principles of Allocation document which helps determine funding. Anita Butler presented the document in more detail and asked whether the principles are still accurate or if they needed revisions, starting with the emphasis on primary and secondary prevention programs. AC Member Nathan Wong had a question regarding EMSA's needs. Dr. Alles explained that EMSA typically receives 30% of the funding. Dr.

Peck explained the historical reasons from before a time when the funding streams were combined at CDC. Dr. Alles clarified that EMSA is not one funded PHHSBG program but an umbrella of 8 statewide EMS programs. There were no motions to change the EMSA funding.

### **FFY 2019 Proposed Programs**

Cha Xiong explained that, for State Fiscal Year 19-20, California expects to receive an allocation of \$10,615,610. CDPH will receive \$7,929,573, including the \$832,969 set-aside for Rape Prevention. EMSA will receive \$2,686,037. CDPH proposes to fund 16 programs instead of the existing 17, with the Receptor Binding Assay (RBA) Program no longer requesting funding. CDPH proposes to spread the \$275,000 in savings from the RBA Program across the remaining 16 programs (excluding the Rape Prevention set-aside.) EMSA is proposing to fund 8 programs instead of 9 since they received alternative funding to support the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Program. EMSA is proposing to spread the savings of \$451,302 from HIE across its remaining 8 programs.

Dr. Alles mentioned that the AC gives flexibility to both CDPH and EMSA in terms of how the money is spent. Dr. Peck commended programs who had a program using the PHHSBG funds as seed money and then were able to bring in additional funds to continue the work. Matt Herreid read short descriptions for each of the 24 proposed programs for FFY 2019 along with the funding level. There were no comments from the AC or the public regarding the FFY 2019 proposed programs. Later, AC Member Christy Adams made a motion to approve. AC Member Dan Spiess seconded. The AC voted unanimously to approve the proposed FFY 2019 programs and funding allocations.

Dr. Alles confirmed that the AC Members also received the document D6, the summaries and funding levels which Matt Herreid read aloud. Matt Herreid then summarized the policy on PHHSBG allocation increases, which states that in the event of an additional allocation, CDPH and EMSA have discretion on how to allocate it to programs without holding an AC Meeting. The formula for increased funding will be applied according to the existing 70/30 CDPH/EMSA split. There were no contrary opinions from the AC. AC Member Nathan Wong made a motion to approve. AC Member Paul Glassman seconded. The additional allocation policy was unanimously approved by the AC.

Dr. Alles opened the discussion for comments. AC Member Wong wanted to raise for consideration the issue about the size and scope of a disease condition being a criteria for funding. He asked the AC to consider carefully some of the disease conditions that affect a large proportion of the California population, such as cardiovascular disease prevention and obesity prevention. These programs, he stated, have not received as much funding as other conditions that affect a smaller percentage of the population. He thought it would be good to understand how the criteria are factored into the allocations. Dr. Alles mentioned that other sources of funding can also impact allocations. Dr. Peck explained that next year it is possible the CDPH Director will want to undertake a competitive funding proposal process and that if the AC feels strongly about funding cardiovascular disease, for example, the AC could make a recommendation then.

### **FFY 2019 Next Steps**

Anita Butler explained that the Block Grant Team at CDPH is finalizing the FFY 2019 State Plan and will share it with the public before the May 30<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. The Team will share any public comments from that meeting with the AC in advance of the next AC Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Once we received approval from the AC, the Team will submit the Plan to CDC by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Alles opened up discussion for any additional comments. Hearing none, the AC voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 P.M.