

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG)

Advisory Committee Meeting

Summary of Minutes – D4

Zoom Webinar, April 10, 2025, 10:00 AM – 10:29 AM

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Amber R. Cordola Hsu, Ph.D., MPH

Leah Northrop, MPA

Shira Schlesinger, M.D., MPH, FACEP

Lynnley Stern, DrPH, MPH, RD, Principal Investigator, Chair

Christine Wu, M.D., MPH

Jessica Schumer, MD, MPH

Advisory Committee Member(s) Not Present:

Donna Stone

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

Phu Hoang, PHHSBG Coordinator

Pete Ramirez, PHHSBG Unit Chief

Amy Yan, PHHSBG Program Specialist

Member of the Public:

None

Court Reporter:

Ramona Cota, All American Reporting, INC.

Agenda Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

Chair Lynnley Stern began by welcoming and thanking the Advisory Committee (AC) for its work on behalf of the people of California. Dr. Stern announced Dr. Wes Alles has retired and stepped down from his role as AC Co-Chair since 1995. Pete Ramirez, PHHSBG Unit Chief, took roll call of the Advisory Committee members. Dr. Stern invited members of the Advisory Committee and program staff present on the call to introduce themselves if they like.

Dr. Stern declared that the purpose of today's meeting is to review and approve the June 24, 2024 Advisory Committee Meeting minutes, to review the FFY 2025 Proposed Funding Allocations for SFY 2025/2026, and to obtain AC recommendations and approval for those allocations.

Agenda Item 2. PHHSBG AC Review and Discussion for the June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Stern referred to documents D3 - The Court Reporter transcription and D4 – Meeting Minutes Summary for the June 24, 2024 AC Meeting.

Discussions and Comments

Dr. Stern opened the floor for discussion from the AC members and by members of the public. There were no additional comments.

Action Item: Approve June 24, 2024 Minutes

Dr. Stern asked for a motion to approve the Court Reporter Minutes and Meeting Minutes Summary for the June 24, 2024 AC Meeting. Dr. Christine Wu made a motion to approve. Dr. Shira Schlesinger seconded the motion. There were no abstentions nor oppositions. The Court Reporter transcription and Meeting Minutes Summary for the June 24, 2024 AC Meeting were approved.

Agenda Items 3. FFY 2025 Updates

Dr. Stern reported on staffing changes to CDPH and PHHSBG Staff. Dr. Tomas Aragon has retired and Dr. Erica Pan is serving as CDPH's Director and State Public Health Officer. Dr. Stern introduced Dr. Jessica Schumer as one of our new Advisory Committee members; she replaced Dr. Rita Nguyen. Dr. Stern also introduced Pete Ramirez as the new PHHSBG Unit Chief and Fiscal Lead.

Dr. Stern and Dr. Schumer briefly highlighted the ongoing and quickly changing federal changes. Dr. Stern reported that so far, the PHHSBG funding is moving forward without any major federal impacts but will notify programs if there are any changes. Dr. Schumer reiterated that California and its leadership continues to monitor closely the federal changes and its commitment to seek the resources required to support the critical lifesaving infrastructure needed to keep people healthy and protect them against infectious disease, vaccine preventable diseases and health emergencies.

Discussions and Comments

Dr. Stern opened the floor for discussion by the AC and by members of the public. There were no additional comments.

Agenda Item 4. FFY 2025 Programs and Allocations

Dr. Stern referenced documents D5. – Program Descriptions and D6. – Program Preliminary Allocations. Dr. Stern stated that the preliminary allocation for FFY 2025 is

based on level funding at FFY 2024. Allocations may be adjusted once CDC releases the FFY 2025 allocations for California. Dr. Stern provided a full list of programs that will be funded this year.

Discussion and Comments

Dr. Stern opened the floor for discussion by the AC and by members of the public. Leah Northrop had a question about the local funding support from the Alzheimer's Disease Program (ADP) as from her understanding any future local funding in the program has been eliminated. Tina Fung from ADP responded that local assistance in the program will be for a contract with UCSF and not local health department specific. Ms. Northrup recommended that the ADP's program description to be updated to reflect that.

Dr. Schlesinger commented that the program allocations for FFY 2025 is the same as FFY 2024. Phu Hoang, PHHSBG Coordinator, confirmed that is correct. FFY 2025 Budget is based on level funding until CDC releases the actual funding allocations. If there is an increase or a decrease, CDPH would increase or reduce proportionately across the programs.

Action Item: Approve FFY 2025 (SFY 25-26) Funding Allocation

Dr. Stern asked for a motion to approve the FFY 2025 (SFY 25-26) Funding Allocation. Dr. Schlesinger made the motion to approve. Dr. Wu seconded the motion. There were no abstentions nor oppositions. The FFY 2025 (SFY 25-26) Funding Allocation was approved.

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment

Dr. Schlesinger had a question regarding to potential funding changes and if the AC members would be notified of that process and its changes. Mr. Hoang responded that if there were a significant change in funding, the CDC Project Officer would inform PHHSBG staff. The staff in turn would communicate these changes to CDPH executive leadership to determine a decision timeline and if there is time to consult with the AC members, staff would recommend AC input. Ultimately, communication will be sent to the AC members of the outcome.

Dr. Stern asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Northrup made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Schlesinger seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.