

**Minutes of the
Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC)
Monday, June 5, 2017**

Main Location

Residence Inn
1121 15th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Alternate Location

University of Southern California
2001 N Soto Street
3rd Floor, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90032

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Michael Ong (Chair), Dr. Claradina Soto, Dr. Mark Starr, Dr. Pamela Ling, Dr. Wendy Max, Mr. Richard Barnes, Ms. Debra Kelley, Ms. Patricia Etem, Ms. Vicki Bauman, Dr. Robert Oldham, and Ms. Mary Baum.

MEMBER PRESENT ALTERNATE LOCATION:

Dr. Lourdes Baézconde-Garbanati

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Alan Henderson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

April Roeseler, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP)
Dr. Shu-Hong ZHU, University of California (UC) San Diego
Dr. Bart Aoki, University of California, Office of the President, Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, (UCOP/TRDRP)
Dr. Norval Hickman, TRDRP
Carmela Lomonaco, TRDRP
Dr. Phillip Gardiner, TRDRP, African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council (AATCLC)
Dr. Xueying Zhang, CTCP
Vanessa Marvin, ALA
Nadine Roh, CTCP
Richard Kwong, CTCP
Valerie Quinn, CTCP
Sarah Planche, California Department of Education (CDE)
Tom Herman, CDE
John Lagomarsino, CDE
Margarita Garcia, CDE
Mandy Benson, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA (PPAC)
Lou Moerner, Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC)
Renee Mohrbacher, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Tim Gibbs, American Cancer Society/Cancer Action Network (ACS/CAN)
Jim Knox, ACS/CAN
Dennis Cuevas-Romero, American Heart Association (AHA)
Paul Knepprath, AHA
Eric Batcch, AHA
Diana Douglas, American Lung Association (ALA)
Vanessa Marvin, ALA
Lynn Baskett, Consultant
Dr. Jay Kumar, CDPH

Changyun Sung, CTCP/University of California Davis
Vicki Webster, California Youth Action Network (CYAN)
Humberto Jurado, CTCP
Cynthia Vela, UC Davis
Carol McGruder, AATCLC
Jen Hill, CDPH
Darren Yee, CDPH
Lance Olson, Olson, Hagel
Vikki Ueda, CTCP
Julie Lautsch, CTCP
Amanda Wallner, Health Access
Gayle Mathe, California Dental Association
Guadalupe Manriquez, California Department of Finance (DOF)
Phuong La, DOF
Koffi Kouassi, DOF

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE ALTERNATE LOCATION

Rosa Barahona, University of Southern California (USC)
Chris Castro, USC
Carolina Aristozabal, California State University, Northridge
Yaneth Rodriguez, USC

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION

The TEROC Chair, Dr. Ong, called the meeting to order. TEROC members and guests introduced themselves.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Claradina Soto asked whether an invitation was extended to Jahmal Miller, Deputy Director, Office of Health Equity to attend an upcoming TEROC meeting. Dr. Ong replied that due to time constraints to accomplish goals for the June meeting, it was not possible to include him on the agenda and recommended that Mr. Miller be invited to a future meeting.

Ms. Vicki Bauman moved to accept the February 13 – 14, 2017 meeting minutes without revisions. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Ong reviewed TEROC-related correspondence:

Incoming Correspondence

- None for the period of February 14, 2017 through June 5, 2017

Outgoing Correspondence

- March 7, 2017 letter to Assembly Member Jim Wood, expressing TEROC's support of Assembly Bill 62, which requires public housing to be smoke-free, including e-cigarettes
- April 6, 2017 letter to Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, expressing TEROC's appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee to ensure the prompt and effective implementation of Proposition (Prop) 56
- April 6, 2017 letter to Senator Phil Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee, expressing TEROC's appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Assembly Budget Committee to ensure the prompt and effective implementation of Prop 56

- May 25, 2017 letter to Dr. Neal Kohatsu, Medical Director of the California Department of Health Care Services, requesting that questions about electronic smoking devices and marijuana use and smoke exposure be added to the Staying Healthy Assessment

3. Environmental Update

TEROC discussed issues in the media, including the following news articles and reports:

Dorothy Rice, Pioneering Economist Who Made Case for Medicare, Dies at 94

Dr. Ong read a memorial resolution from Assembly Member Rob Bonta honoring and memorializing Dorothy Rice. Dr. Wendy Max added that Dr. Rice served on TEROC for more than 15 years, and described her relationship working with Dr. Rice at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), particularly on the Cost of Smoking in California study, and Dr. Rice's profound impact through mentoring others in the field.

The following are links to articles and videos about Ms. Rice:

- [UCSF memorial service video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtWg6pLjRJo&feature=youtu.be) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtWg6pLjRJo&feature=youtu.be>)
- [Piedmont Gardens memorial service video](https://youtu.be/PmEDhbQpwhA) (<https://youtu.be/PmEDhbQpwhA>)
- [NY Times obituary](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/04/us/dorothy-rice-dead-government-economist.html) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/04/us/dorothy-rice-dead-government-economist.html>)
- [Washington Post obituary](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/04/us/dorothy-rice-dead-government-economist.html) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/04/us/dorothy-rice-dead-government-economist.html>)
- [Health Access Foundation obituary](http://blog.health-access.org/rip-dorothy-rice-pioneer-in-health/) (<http://blog.health-access.org/rip-dorothy-rice-pioneer-in-health/>)
- [UCSF obituary](https://nursing.ucsf.edu/news/memoriam-dorothy-rice) (<https://nursing.ucsf.edu/news/memoriam-dorothy-rice>)
- [Health Affairs Blog obituary](http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2017/04/07/how-dorothy-rice-helped-transform-health-care-in-america-and-inspired-a-generation-of-researchers/) (<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2017/04/07/how-dorothy-rice-helped-transform-health-care-in-america-and-inspired-a-generation-of-researchers/>)
- [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorothy_P._Rice) (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorothy_P._Rice)

[San Francisco Seeks To Ban Sale of Menthol Cigarettes, Flavored Tobacco Products](http://californiahealthline.org/news/sf-seeks-to-ban-sale-of-menthol-cigarettes-and-flavored-tobacco-products/)

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[CSU Extinguishes Tobacco Use](http://collegian.csufresno.edu/2017/05/02/csu-extinguishes-tobacco-use/) (<http://collegian.csufresno.edu/2017/05/02/csu-extinguishes-tobacco-use/>)

[E-cigarette restrictions to be eased under bill by San Diego's 'Vaping Congressman'](http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/biotech/sd-me-hunter-vaping-20170427-story.html)

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General Discussion

In response to the San Diego Tribune article reporting on Congressman Duncan Hunter's proposed federal legislation to H.R.2194, Ms. Kelly stated that the American Lung Association (ALA) wrote an opinion editorial for the Union Tribune (still not published as of 7/07/17) to address how the proposed legislation would preempt many state and local regulations. Congressmen Duncan Hunter is believed to accept financial contributions from tobacco companies.

Ms. Etem asked about developing a rapid response network to protect state and local e-cigarette regulations. Dr. Oldham added that local governments across the political spectrum could be potential supporters since they would want to preserve local control. Ms. Kelley agreed on the need for a broad and

comprehensive response system. Ms. Baum commented that something like this happened during the late hours leading up to the Prop 56 election and agrees that a system with bulleted talking points for multiple levels of stakeholders for an aligned massive response would be helpful.

Dr. Ling asked Dr. Hickman if a TEROC letter supporting local efforts such as San Francisco to prohibit the sale and distribution of menthol and flavored tobacco products. Dr. Hickman and Ms. McGruder summarized significant challenges from tobacco companies to curb efforts in the in Bay area to pass flavor restriction ordinances and requested TEROC send a letter of support.

Action Items

Ms. Kelly motioned that TEROC write a letter to Congressman Duncan Hunter in opposition to his proposed legislation to ease federal restrictions on electronic smoking devices (ESDs) and preempting local and state regulations. It was unanimously passed.

Ms. Etem motioned that TEROC create a subcommittee to discuss rapid response to emerging issues. Dr. Ong clarified that the subcommittee could evaluate emerging issues, but is not empowered to send anything out on behalf of TEROC. Ms. Etem clarified that the subcommittee would identify what the network would look like, and research what is already in the field, so nothing would be duplicated. Ms. Baum seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously. Ms. Etem and Ms. Baum are on the subcommittee.

Dr. Ling motioned that TEROC write a general letter of support, as quickly as possible, for local efforts to restrict the sale of menthol and flavored tobacco products. Ms. Etem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Key Findings from the TUPE Evaluation – A Report to TEROC by Shu-Hong Zhu, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego

Structure: TUPE evaluation jointly funded by CDE, CDPH, TRDRP

Project Objectives:

1. Compare TUPE schools to non-TUPE schools on tobacco control performance
2. Examine the extent TUPE schools have integrated information about emerging products

Evaluation Plan:

- Design - Multimodal, multiyear
- Tools – Surveys (e.g. Staff survey, California School Tobacco Survey (CSTS), California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)
- Key informant interviews
- Observation - School policies—websites, signage, enforcement
 - Career fair, activity booths at health fairs, Tobacco conference
- Review of application and curriculum

The Surveys: Ask the educators, ask the students, and hopefully they will be in agreement

School Staff for Survey:

Eligible

- Administrators: Principals, Assistant Principals, Vice Principals and Deans
- Teachers: English, Math, Social and Health Sciences, Physical Education, Foreign Language, and Music
- Additional Staff who interact with students
- Counselors, Nurses, School Resource Officers, and After-School Staff

Ineligible

- Office staff, Assistants, Psychologists, Special Education Teachers, and ROTC.
- Those who work on campus but have minimal interaction with students
- Custodians, Plant Supervisors, Food Service and Cafeteria Workers, and School Information Technology Support

Summary for the School Staff Survey:

TUPE and Non-TUPE schools do not differ in most measures

- TUPE schools do more tobacco-specific activities
 - peer-to-peer program
 - separate activities dedicated to tobacco, not part of a general drug prevention program

TUPE school staff express more confidence that their school tobacco use prevention programs help students and are more likely to:

- Think their schools take tobacco seriously
- Ask a specialist for help with tobacco-related questions

Summary for CSTS Survey (Student Survey):

- Exposure to larger environmental messages about tobacco (either, pro- or anti-tobacco media) was not significantly different for students from TUPE and Non-TUPE schools
- Exposure to school-specific tobacco prevention activities was significantly higher for TUPE students
- After controlling for baseline differences, students from TUPE schools were less likely to use tobacco products

General Discussion

Dr. Max asked if TUPE targets parents since the teachers said most of the cigarette trash Dr. Zhu found in the parking lot was from parents. Ms. Vicki Bauman replied that TUPE does target parents via after school events and educational handouts.

Dr. Max encouraged Dr. Zhu to include information about which schools receive TUPE funds in the interpretation of the data since TERO is interested, from a health equity perspective, in supporting non-TUPE-funded schools write and procure TUPE funds. Dr. Zhu said that he plans to include a list of the schools in the study report.

Dr. Ling brought up that the TUPE evaluation data highlights an interest in the presence of marijuana and e-cigarette use in schools, and posed the question about whether TUPE should consider addressing marijuana to some capacity in the future.

Dr. Ong asked how the evaluation data could help in discussions later in the meeting about TUPE funding. Dr. Zhu replied that the data demonstrates that the existing way in which TUPE funds are distributed makes a difference in terms of reducing overall tobacco use. Dr. Xueying Zhang commented that she would like to compare the income of the parents and surrounding communities as well as the academic performance of the students of TUPE vs. Non-TUPE-funded schools because it could be a confounder for tobacco use among students.

5. CA Department of Finance (DOF) Presentations

Koffi Koussi and Phuong La presented on the May Revision for the fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 Prop 99 Budget.

2017-18 Expenditures:

- Changes from the 2017-18 Governor's Budget to the 2017-18 May Revision estimates.
 - Health Education Account: -\$11,000
 - Hospital Services Account: -\$675,000
 - Physicians' Services Account: -\$3.418 Million
 - Research Account: \$9,000
 - Public Resources Account: -\$102,000
 - Unallocated Account: -\$440,000

Total increase of \$51,000 over 2017-18 Governor's Budget projections for tobacco health expenditures specific to CDPH:

- Health Education Account increased by \$15,000
- Research Account increased by \$6,000
- Unallocated Account increased by \$30,000

Guadalupe Manriquez presented on the FY 2017-18 May Revision for the Prop 56 budget

- Proposition 56 requires backfill for:
 - Prop 99, Prop 10, the Breast Cancer Fund, the state General Fund cigarette tax, as well as all state and local sales and use tax funds to address revenue declines
- Prop 56 sets defined allocations to various entities, including the University of California, Department of Justice/Attorney General, CDPH, and Board of Equalization for specific purposes
- The remaining revenue after the backfills and defined allocations go to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), CDPH, CDE and UC
- Difference between Governor's Budget and May revision are driven by three main factors:
 1. The May revisions includes backfills to General Fund
 2. The May revisions reflects a one-time floor tax on existing cigarette packs at the time the initiative took effects
 3. The May revision accounts for the tax on other tobacco products taking effect on July 1, not April 1, 2017

General Discussion

Dr. Starr asked about the method DOF used to estimate its forecasted 20% decline in consumption. Ms. Manriquez replied that their revenue team does the estimates. Dr. Ong commented that based on his rough estimates, the 20% decline estimate is reasonable. Dr. Ong asked about Proposition 56 backfill estimates for the Breast Cancer Fund and the local and state sales tax. Ms. Manriquez replied that for the local and state sales tax, the DOF forecasts do not assume an impact because the decrease will not be sufficient to require backfill. If in the future that changes, DOF will brief TERO. Dr. Ong commented that TERO wants to work with health care systems to make sure they are also working on reducing tobacco use. Dr. Oldham recommended that TERO support prevention efforts at DHCS around tobacco use. Dr. Ong summarized that TERO is thrilled to have funds from Prop 56 and thanked the presenters.

6. Appreciation of Proposition (Prop)56 Coalition Members

Dr. Ong publicly thanked Prop 56 Coalition members for their contributions to the Proposition 56 campaign. Dr. Ong presented certificates of appreciation to members of the Prop 56 Executive Committee.

7. Voluntary Health Agencies Update

Mr. Tim Gibbs from American Cancer Society (ACS) provided a legislative update:

- Deadline for bills to pass out of their House of Origin - June 2

Assembly Bill (AB) 62 (Wood) advanced from the Assembly 48-21. Mr. Gibbs summarized that it was a tough fight and the bill faces a tough road ahead in the Senate. This bill would put into statute the federal regulations prohibiting smoking in multi-unit housing.

AB 725 by Assembly Member Levine, and a similar bill Senate Bill 386 by Senator Glazer, bans smoking on State Parks and Beaches. Both bills advanced out of their respected Houses during the last week of May. AB 725 gives the State Parks Director the authority to exempt certain facilities from the prohibition, which is problematic. The ACS and American Heart Association (AHA) asked that this provision be removed from the bill, but it has not.

AB 1205 by Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas could be used as a vehicle to undermine last year's e-cigarette bill. It is being watched, but currently does not make any substantive changes to current law.

Lastly, Mr. Gibbs stated that Assembly Member McCarty is pursuing a bill, AB 709, after the House of Origin deadline passed. It is a gut and amend proposed bill that would prohibit tobacco product coupon redemption. Dr. Ong commented that the bill aligns with TEROC's Master Plan that discourages the use of couponing and other price promotions that maintain the price of tobacco.

Dennis Cuevas-Romero from the AHA gave an update on budget items related to Prop 56:

- This week the Assembly proposed a budget item to fund after school programs with \$30 million of CDE's Prop 56 monies allocated for the TUPE program
 - Voluntary health agencies have been communicating with Assembly members and highlighting that the proposal is in direct opposition to the Prop 56 language
 - This issue is being tracked closely by the voluntary health agencies to ensure that revenues are used as intended
- The Governor had proposed to take \$50 million earmarked for Graduate Medical Education funding last year, move it to a different program, and take \$50 million from Prop 56 to supplant that. The Assembly is against this and urging the Governor to keep both. From the analysis, the Senate showed it had agreed with Governor's proposal, but many Senators did not recall siding with the Governor

General Discussion

Ms. Bauman clarified that TUPE provides education and after-school program provides enrichment and commented that she is frustrated to hear that this is happening. Ms. Kelley mentioned that Dr. Zhu's evaluation findings demonstrate the effectiveness of TUPE at reducing tobacco use and commented the importance of defending funding intended for tobacco prevention and Prop 56.

Dr. Ong asked about a timeline for writing a TEROC letter of support. Tim Gibbs responded that recipients would be Assembly Member Phil Ting and Senator Holly Mitchel and members of the Budget Committee by June 6 or 7. Dr. Ong said that TEROC wrote to the same individuals a few months ago and asked what TEROC can say in this letter to include conclusions from Dr. Zhu's TUPE evaluation. Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Cuevas said any data that demonstrates the efficacy of TUPE would be helpful. Dr. Zhu agreed to work with the person writing the letter to incorporate appropriate data results.

Ms. Kelley stated that TEROC should consider writing a letter to highlight the broader issue of replacing existing funding with Prop 56 revenues since this practice is not the intent of the initiative. Dr. Ong brought up the current issue of where to funnel Prop 56 revenues within the Medi-Cal program and how it is an

example of possible supplanting of existing money. He asked how TEROC would want to frame such a letter and if TEROC want to cite the Medi-Cal example. Dr. Ling asked if this would be incorporated into the letter about TUPE funds. Dr. Ong replied that it would be best to keep the letter about TUPE funds as a standalone letter, but a letter about the Medi-Cal and UC Graduate Medical Education could be combined or separate.

Ms. Kelley commented that they should be separate letters because the issues are so different.

Dr. Ong offered another approach would be to write a more “global” letter supporting that Prop 56 funds be used as written in the initiative since specific issues will continue to arise.

Ms. Etem commented that overall TEROC wants funding to be used as the voters intended and wondered why this has to be done.

Ms. Bauman said we might have to write this letter multiple times, so this one could include a reminder about historical legacy of misusing Prop 99 funds in the 1990s. Ms. Kelley added that the letter could also include legal history.

Action Item

Ms. Bauman motioned that TEROC write a letter in opposition to potentially re-purposing Prop 56 funds for the TUPE program, which has been demonstrated to have a benefit based on the best available evidence recently presented at a TEROC meeting. The motioned was seconded by Dr. Ling. Motion and passed unanimously.

Ms. Kelley motioned TEROC write a second general letter about respecting the intent of Prop 56, legal history, and asked the committee if they would like to cite a particular example? Dr. Ong said without a specific example, the letter would be evergreen. Ms. Kelley said an evergreen letter would work well and agencies could adapt language to fit the situation they are facing. Ms. Etem seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Oldham motioned that TEROC write a general letter supporting efforts to ban price promotions such as couponing. It was seconded by Mr. Barnes and passed unanimously. Dr. Oldham also commented that during master plan development, TEROC could start writing evergreen letters on core issues so that TEROC could be more nimble in their responses.

8. California Department of Public Health, California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP) Report

Ms. April Roeseler presented on behalf of CTCP:

- CTCP conducted stakeholder outreach sessions with ADEPT (Advocacy, Data Dissemination to Achieve Equity for Priority Populations on Tobacco) and other community-based tribal organizations
- Procurement to provide funding for regional and statewide approaches to address tobacco use among African Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders, Hispanic/Latinos, Gender and Sexuality Diversity populations are planned to be released in later summer/early fall
- Capitol Information and Education Day was conducted on April 25
- The Project Directors’ Meeting was conducted on April 26 and 27 and included participation of over 300 attendees. The Meeting included the following presentations:
 - Ruth Malone presented on the “End Game Strategy”
 - Triangulum (tobacco, ESDs and marijuana) panel in which Dr. Ong presented

- 2017 Youth Quest – On March 13, 2017, 250 youth and partners provided education at the Capitol in support of a tobacco-free California
- Use of the California Smokers' Helpline increased after the Prop 56 tax went into effect. The California Smokers' Helpline observed an increase in call, text, and chat services for tobacco cessation assistance during the week following the implementation of the Prop 56 on April 1, 2017

General Discussion

Dr. Soto applauded Ms. Roeseler and CTCP staff for their work with ADEPT. Ms. Etem commented that it is important to foster youth leaders within the priority populations. Ms. Roeseler replied that there are provisions in the guidelines for LLAs that encourage them to build in opportunities to mentor individuals and organizations that the LLAs will be able to choose how this might look in their communities.

Dr. Phil Gardiner commented that ADEPT meetings have been positive overall, but encouraged more statewide rather than regional projects. Ms. Roeseler replied that CTCP is focusing on both.

9. University of California Office of the President Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program Report (TRDRP)

Dr. Bark Aoki introduced Mary Croughan to give an update from the University of California Office of the President (UCOP).

- Prop 56 – with the additional \$80 million coming to TRDRP, it was determined that an additional 10.5 full time equivalent (FTE) staff in the Research Grants Office would be needed to fulfill increased workload
 - The request for the 10.5 FTE was denied due to the results of the recent state audit of UCOP
 - Because of this, 6 of the requested positions are being provided from the Office of the Provost, and for now, coverage for the remaining 4.5 positions will be covered from staff within department
 - Plans to ask for remaining 4.5 again in the future

Dr. Bart Aoki and Carmela Lomonaco continued with updates from TRDRP:

- Under cycle 26, 51 applications were recommended for funding
- Prop 56 Scale Up:
 - Granting strategies starting for July:
 - Selective broadening of priorities and eligible research with an emphasis on reducing health disparities and highlighted need for cannabis research
 - Restore mechanisms, budget caps, and award durations
 - New research priorities: Oral Diseases and Dental Health
 - Two annual cycles:
 - Due late September with April start date
 - Due February with August start date
- Tobacco Policy Centers Initiative
 - Fill California tobacco policy needs:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Generate data ▪ Evaluate policies ▪ Strengthen and ensure connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conduct rapid response research ▪ Develop tobacco policy research pipeline via training
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 - Vision – include a community and academic component
 - Timeline – Phase 1-5 (July – August 2018)

- 1: concept and scope (July 2017)
- 2: Develop concept proposal (Sept 2017)
- 3: Create and finalize solicitation (Nov 2017)
- 4: Outreach efforts and release solicitations (Jan 2018)
- 5: reviews and notification (June 2018)

General Discussion

Dr. Max thanked Ms. Croughan for her service and asked about plans to replace Mary's position. Ms. Croughan replied that an open search will be conducted; however, an interim director will be needed. She suggested TEROC write a letter in support of Dr. Bart Aoki becoming the next Director. Dr. Ong commented that TEROC might also include in the letter supporting the additional FTEs for TRDRP. Ms. Croughan agreed that a combined letter would be a great way forward.

Ms. Max asked about Ms. Lomonaco's project period length. Ms. Lomonaco replied five years.

Dr. Starr asked how the evaluation of policies of the Centers would be different from current evaluation efforts already happening at CDE and CTCP. Ms. Lomonaco said they would complement what is already occurring and not repeat current processes.

Action Items

Dr. Ong motioned that TEROC write a letter to University of California (UC) Office of the President to advocate for additional positions to fully staff TRDRP for full implementation of Prop 56 and to encourage that the replacement Director for the Research Grants Program Office embody characteristics including a deep understanding of public health, a strong value for developing relationships with stakeholders, and a familiarity with state-focused programs. Motioned passed unanimously.

10. California Department of Education (CDE) Report

Sarah Planche, Tom Herman, and John Lagomarsino presented on behalf of the California Department of Education (CDE).

Objective 2: Vigorously Protect and Enhance Tobacco Control Capacity in California

- CDE met with the Legislative Analyst's Office, DOF, and the Assembly Appropriations Committee to discuss allocation of Prop 56 funding
 - Add an additional Associate Governmental Program Analyst (currently funding 3.0 PY positions) to assist the consultant with administering disparate population grants and monitoring tobacco-free certifications.
 - Create a unit within CDE specializing in tobacco
- Sarah Planche and John Lagomarsino attended the CTCP Project Directors' Meeting on April 25-26, 2017. Ms. Planche co-hosted a roundtable discussion on collaboration between County Offices of Education and Local Lead Agencies in engaging youth for policy and advocacy work

Objective 3: Achieve Equity in all Aspects of Tobacco Control among California's Diverse Populations.

- Coordinated School Health and Safety Office (CSHSO) is engaged in discussions with the California School Based Health Alliance to determine methods to identify disparate populations and strategize activities that can be focused on these populations to reduce tobacco use

Objective 5: Prevent Initiation of Tobacco Use.

- On May 31, 2017 the TUPE program in the San Diego County Office of Education hosted *Will Big Tobacco become Big Marijuana* to discuss the trends around e-cigarettes youth use and cessation,

what's really in them, and the nexus between tobacco and marijuana. Nationally renowned presenters included Dr. Wael Al-Delaimy, Dr. Stanton Glantz, and Dr. Kevin Sabet.

- The Ventura County Behavioral Health Office recently launched a new resource on marijuana and vaping prevention.
- On April 28, 2017, Butte County Office of Education (COE) in cooperation with the California Health Collaborative, Butte County Public Health, First 5 Butte County, and Enloe Medical Center presented a daylong summit for professionals and community members on how to help people recovering from the use of tobacco or vaping products, including marijuana. Workshops were provided by Dr. Chad Morris, Director of the Behavioral Health and Wellness Program at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical School.
- The CSHSO is currently seeking to renew the contract with the UCOP to provide funding for the evaluation of the TUPE program through the University of California, San Diego. Issues have arisen over differences in contract language between CDE and UCOP. The CSHSO is working to mitigate these differences, but if unsuccessful will seek another approach to continue the funding for this vital research.

General Discussion

Dr. Ong commented that TEROC has written several letters about the three-agency contract to evaluate the TUPE program and asked what would be the best way for TEROC to intercede at this point in time to protect Prop 56 funds? Mr. Herman replied that something other than a letter might be warranted. Mr. Herman further commented that the contract with the UC is unique in that the UC would like to publish the TUPE evaluation findings and CDE is not accustomed to contracting with agencies wanting to publish. Dr. Ong suggested that requesting a public meeting with Superintendent Torlakson sometime over the next two months would be the appropriate next step to better understand why the contract cannot move forward. Mr. Herman asked if the Superintendent himself would have to attend or could he send a designee? Dr. Ong commented that ideally TEROC would encourage that Mr. Torlakson attend himself since part of the issue now is how the agency is responding to TEROC. Mr. Herman commented that it might be helpful to contact Mr. Torlakson directly before sending a letter to request an in-person meeting. Dr. Ong agreed that he would personally reach out in addition to writing a TEROC letter.

Dr. Norval Hickman commented that when the UC contracts with the State to conduct a study, its first priority is the service to the State, not publishing data, even though there is a history of that not being the case.

Action Items

Vicki Bauman motioned that TEROC request a meeting with Superintendent Torlakson in July or August to understand why the contract move forward and that Dr. Ong call Mr. Torlakson directly. Seconded, motion passes unanimously.

Dr. Ong adjourned the meeting.