

**Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
Advisory Committee Teleconference**

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1616 Capitol Avenue, Suite 74.463
Kings River Conference Room, Sacramento, CA 95814

Summary of Court Reporter Minutes

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Advisory Committee Members Present

- Wes Alles, Ph.D., Co-Chair
- Caroline Peck, MD, MPH, Co-Chair
- Paul Glassman, D.D.S., M.A., M.B.A
- Stephen McCurdy, M.D., M.P.H.
- Vicky Pinette, Regional Executive Director
- Samuel Stratton, M.D., M.P.H.

Additional Attendees

- Hector Garcia, Block Grant Coordinator
- Anita Butler, Chief Business Operations Section, CDPH
- Greg Oliva, Assistant Deputy Director, CDPH-CCDPHP
- Anderson, Karissa, CDPH
- Alamo-Mixon, Stacy, CDPH
- Bagnato, Nancy, CDPH
- Brockman, Kama, CDPH
- Chinn, Sheila, CDPH
- Domondon, Merrill, CDPH
- Draper, Bill, CDPH
- DuTeaux, Shelley, CDPH
- Rosanna Jackson, CDPH
- Jones, Esther, CDPH
- Klein, Miren, CDPH
- Gutierrez, Linda Lee, CDPH
- Gutierrez-Poquiz, Valerie, CDPH
- Haley, Kala, CDPH
- Harness, Terri, Emergency Medical Services Authority
- Holmes, Deborah, CDPH

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- Moezzi, Bob, CDPH
- Needham, Mike, CDPH
- Parham-Lee, Monet, CDPH
- Perrino, Thea, CDPH
- Ramstrom, Karen, CDPH
- Rosenblatt, Neal, CDPH
- Rodgers, Rodgers, CDPH
- Shipley, Pam, CDPH
- Stribling, Leslie, CDPH
- Strom-Martin, Hannah, CDPH

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The Advisory Committee Meeting was held on June 3, 2015, and began at 9:02 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Hector Garcia, Dr. Caroline Peck, and Dr. Wes Alles

Hector Garcia took a roll call of the advisory committee members present. Five of eleven voting advisory committee members were present.

Dr. Wes Alles welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their important work reminding the participants that many people in California benefit from the Block Grant. Hector Garcia welcomed the Advisory Committee and thanked them for their commitment to the Committee. He also welcomed the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) program staff members who were in attendance. Dr. Caroline Peck thanked the AC members for their work.

Dr. Alles welcomed the public and indicated there would be opportunities for public comment throughout the meeting. He identified the documents that would be referenced during the meeting which were shared in advance of the meeting.

Approval of the March 17, 2015 Minutes

Dr. Alles stated that the main elements discussed during the March meeting were Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 and 2016 updates, the Advisory Committee Principles for Allocation, presentation of the FFY 2015 draft programs, including new programs; and the approval of the draft Funding Proposals. The FFY 2015 funds will be used to support activities in State Fiscal Year (SFY) -15/16.

Dr. Alles asked for comments from the Committee and the public. He stated the main elements, discussed in the arch 17, 2015 and 2016 updates, the Advisory Committee Principles of Allocation, presentation of the FFY 2015 draft programs, including new programs; and the approval of the Draft Funding Proposals.

Dr. Alles asked for comments from the Advisory Committee and public. Hearing none, he asked the committee to vote on approving the Minutes. Dr. Steve McCurdy moved to approve as submitted; and Dr. Alles seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

FFY 2015 and 2016 Update

Dr. Peck presented the following updates:

FFY 2015

The FFY 2015 Federal Budget passed and included Block Grant funding. California's allocation was roughly the same at \$10,335,868. The FFY 2015 State Plan will be submitted by July 1, 2015. Funds will be used to support activities in SFY 15/16.

FFY 2016

Congress is working on FFY 2016 Appropriations Bill, as in the prior years, but a final budget has not passed. There is bipartisan, bicameral support at the federal level for the Block Grant.

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CDC is expected to provide the 2016 Block Grant Allocation to state public health agencies and territories as in prior years, but we have not received it. Even though we don't know how much California's Allocation will be, we are hopeful it will be relatively the same. Dr. Peck indicated the Advisory Committee would receive funding updates.

We hope the FFY 2016 Budget is passed by October 2015, but that is unlikely. Dr. Wes Alles recalled there being a funding reduction of \$175,000 in the Block Grant from FFY 2014 to FFY 2015. He asked Dr. Peck if reductions were made to each program to align with the lower amount or would large reductions be made to several programs.

Dr. Peck responded that there was a reduction of \$175,000 in FFY 2015 which had been absorbed. Dr. Peck stated that all programs would continue to be funded as proposed in the State Plan.

In the event there is an increase or decrease in the FFY 2016 Award, CDPH would bring the matter to the Advisory Committee to decide what action should be taken.

Dr. Alles asked if committee members or the public had questions or comments related to the FFY 2015 or FFY 2016 updates. Hearing none, he transitioned into the next topic.

Presentation of the FFY 2015 PHHSBG Programs, Hector Garcia

Hector Garcia referred to Document 6 listing the FFY 2015 Programs for SFY 15/16.

1. California Active Communities - \$612,788 to fund activities that increase the ability of local health departments to implement two evidence-based fall prevention programs.
2. California Health Alert Network - \$358,550 to fund the official alerting and notification systems for state and local public health and funds 75 percent of programs and system costs.
3. California Wellness Plan Implementation (CWPI) - \$712,500 to fund state level monitoring, communication, policy and coordination capacity. CWPI will therefore support the Accountable Communities for Health Pilot and Health economic analysis capacity in the Department.
4. Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program (CDPP) - \$524,819 funds measures to reduce premature death and disability from heart disease.
5. Commodity Specific Food and Drug Program - \$140,000 to reinstitute the surveillance sampling of ready-to-eat foods.
6. Community Water Fluoridation Initiative (CWFI) - \$260,560 to fund activities to increase the number of California cities with access to fluoridated drinking water.

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7. The Emergency Medical Services Authority receives 30 percent or \$2,565,783 of California's Block Grant Allocation annually. It currently funds California's Emergency Medical Services Authority.
8. Let's Get Healthy Website and Dashboard - \$280,000 to lead the development and maintenance of the Let's Get Healthy California Website.
9. Microbial Disease Laboratory Branch (MDLB) Select Agent and Biosafety Program - \$150,000 to fund state-level capacity to maintain the only California Tier 1 public health laboratory for comprehensive testing of bio-threat agents.
10. MDLB Branch Valley Fever - The enhanced laboratory capacity to address Valley Fever Program - \$ 319,500 to fund State-level capacity to restore reference testing for fungal infections such as Valley Fever.
11. Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch –\$468,039 to advance evidence-based and evidence-informed obesity prevention across the State.
12. Office Of AIDS - \$375,000 for re-engagement in Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) Care and Partner Services Using HIV Surveillance data. Funding will be used to support activities in the third to fifth highest prevalence counties.
13. Office of Health Equity (OHE) –\$491,688 including the Health Equity Assessment is used to play a key leadership role in reducing health and mental health disparities in California.
14. Office of Quality Performance and Accreditation - \$187,000 to fund State-level provisions of accreditation technical assistance to local and tribal public health agencies.
15. Prescription Drug Overdose Surveillance Program – \$140,000 to support a multi-agency coalition to address overdose problems, to sustain the necessary surveillance infrastructure to combine, compile prepare and analyze internal data sources on the health consequences of prescription drug use, misuse, and overdose.
16. Preventive Medicine Residency Program (PMRP) - Cal EIS Fellowship - \$528,464 funds training of California trained, board certified, public health physicians in California placement sites at the State or local level.
17. The Rape Prevention Program - \$832,969 as a set-aside allocation which funds programs to prevent sexual violence at California's 63 Rape Crisis Centers, including 12 My Strength Clubs in local high schools. These clubs address the social norms that tolerate negative behaviors toward women and encourage young men to be leaders in the movement to prevent sexual violence.
18. Receptor Binding Assay (RBA) Monitoring - \$192,500 to develop the RBA as a humane alternative to the Mouse Bioassay for detection of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)

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toxins. Funding will support a 3-year pilot study of RBA implementation for PSP toxin testing in California shellfish.

19. Safe and Active Communities Branch - \$244,919 funds programs that promote prevention of domestic violence, vehicle occupancy safety, safe routes to school and injury surveillance and epidemiology. The allocation will be used to complete data enhancements of the web-based injury data query system.

Dr. Alles asked Dr. Peck about the Accountable Communities for Health (ACH) Program. He asked her to comment on the fact that the program was formerly a private program and it is now a part of the California Wellness Plan Implementation Program (CWPI).

Dr. Peck stated ACH is an innovative, California specific way of implementing Accountable Care Organizations, which is a concept included in the Affordable Care Act. There was strong support at the Department level for funding a program that works with stakeholders and other initiatives to increase adoption of and to prepare California for implementing ACH. Initially, this was going to be a program in the DO. However, after discussion with the staff and leadership, it was felt that it also fit very nicely into the goals of CWPI because it aligns very closely with Goal 4, Prevention, Sustainability and Capacity. We also had an infrastructure for overseeing additional staff which is what this program will partly fund. We will work closely with the Director's Office (DO) and the Health Care Reform Coordinator, Dana Moore, and, of course, with the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA), because implementing ACH will be done in partnership with CHHSA, as well as stakeholders.

Dr. Alles asked for comments from the public or anyone in the room in Sacramento. Hearing none, he asked the Committee if they had questions or wanted to comment. Hearing none he moved to the next topic.

Approval of FFY 2015 State Plan

Dr. Alles indicated the primary focus of the meeting was to obtain Advisory Committee approval of the State Plan. He reminded attendees that the information shared during the meeting supported that goal. He requested a motion to approve the State Plan.

Dr. Paul Glassman moved to approve the State Plan. Dr. Steve McCurdy seconded the motion. No further comment by the AC members, the public or staff. The Advisory Committee unanimously approved the State Plan.

Dr. Alles congratulated everyone who helped to write the State Plan. He then asked the Advisory Committee if they wanted to discuss any other topics.

Additional Topics – Program Updates

Dr. McCurdy posed a question about the Community Water Fluoridation Program's funding. He had the impression that the program had funding to help communities pay for fluoridation, but he understood that was not the case and wanted to know the status for finding sources to pay for fluoridation in local communities.

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Dr. Peck stated it tends to be very expensive initially to fluoridate a community, which is beyond what can be done using Block Grant funds. The role of the program is to provide technical assistance at the local level to try to impact policy changes and to educate the public and engineers who work at the local water systems or water districts. In the past, funders such as First 5 in California have assisted with start-up costs. Then, cities take over funding the ongoing maintenance costs.

Dr. Peck indicated the law states local jurisdictions should fluoridate for water systems greater than 10,000, if they have the funding available. However, she believed the reason local communities haven't fluoridated is because of the large upfront costs.

Dr. McCurdy requested an update on the State Dental Director for the Office of Dental Health.

Dr. Peck indicated that a candidate had been selected. She believed the Governor would make announcement, identifying the candidate, soon. She stated the Dental Director would start August 1, 2015; and the Research Scientist, Neal Rosenblatt was on board and would be instrumental in developing the Oral Health Burden Report.

Dr. McCurdy thanked Dr. Peck for the update.

Dr. Alles asked for additional comments. Hearing none, he transitioned to the next topic.

Next Steps

Hector Garcia identified the next steps. He indicated the FFY 2015 State Plan would be vetted through a Public Hearing, scheduled on June 4, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. It would then be routed through the CDPH Directorate for final review and approval. Afterwards, it would be submitted to CDC by the deadline, July 1, 2015. Mr. Garcia stated the Notice of Award should be received shortly thereafter.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.