



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSION

July 9, 2007 Health Commission Retreat

Members Present: Lynn Enns, Ed Guerena, Pam Heatherington, Jan Hicks, Sara Horne, James Mase,
David Odell, Robert Thielscher, Susan Warren
Members Absent: Penny Chamousis, Deborah Donnelly
Staff Present: Jeff Hamm, Jean White (Recorder)

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Public Comment**

Elizabeth Johnson states that she attended last month's meeting where *Election of Officers* was on the agenda and officers were elected. She further states that at that meeting there wasn't any discussion to continue the item to tonight and therefore doesn't believe it is proper to have it on tonight's agenda as an action item. She suggests the commission review the Brown Act to ensure no violations are made.

Jesse Arnold asks the commission to address GE notification/labeling at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Arnold reports that GE corn is being grown at Cal Poly and that there is potential for drift at Cal Poly campus. He notes that growing of alfalfa has been stopped by injunction, but Cal Poly is still allowed to grow alfalfa because it was started before injunction. He comments that Dr. DeVincenzo, owner of Avila Barn, plans to grow GE corn again this year and that previously he had said he would label it as GE corn, but since notification is not required, he has expressed some concerns about "being in the middle" of a controversial issue. (*Commissioner Horne comments that she was at Avila Barn last weekend, and that non-GE corn was labeled as such.*)

3. **Election of Officers**

Commissioner Hicks states that there was a question raised about the Nominating Committee process for election of officers and therefore it was recommended that the Nominating Committee hold their meeting again. She reports the Nominating Committee met on July 5th at 4:30 P.M. at the Public Health Department to discuss nominations for officers. She brought forward the Nominating Committee's recommendation for slate of officers: Lynn Enns (Chair), Jan Hicks (Vice-Chair), Penny Chamousis (Secretary).

Motion was made by Commissioner Heatherington to accept slate of officers as recommended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Thielscher. Roll call vote taken – all present were in favor. Motion passes unanimously 9-0.

(Commissioner Heatherington asked for more explicit information on the nominating procedure. Commissioner Horne read a portion of the Bylaws with regard to election of officers and notes the Bylaws were followed. Commissioner Hicks will bring Nominating Committee binder to the next meeting.)

Public Comment

Elizabeth Johnson comments that it was not made clear to the public how the nominations for officers were made. She suggests the commission make the process more open to the public, so the public hears how the decision for nominations is made. (*Chair Enns reminds everyone that Nominating Committee meetings are open to the public and meetings are noticed at the Public Health Department.*)

4. Health Agency Director Report – Jeff Hamm

▪ Budget Hearings

Jeff Hamm reports that budget hearings were held on June 18th. The Health Agency budget was adopted as recommended, but the County Administrative Office has determined that the County cannot sustain the high level of growth in General Fund \$\$s for the Health Agency. Increase from 06/07 to 07/08 was 5 million dollars (up from 8 million to 13 million); 2 million of which were one-time adjustments. The County Administrative Office has recommended to the Board and Jeff has been directed to provide a service level reduction list to slowly reduce the amount of GF \$\$s. The Health Agency has been asked to come back with a plan in Fall 2007 to reduce the amount of GF. Jeff Hamm, Karen Baylor, Greg Thomas and Mike Stevens will be meeting to develop a plan. They will include ways that the Health Commission, MH Board, and Drug & Alcohol Board can help to facilitate the process. Commission asked if the ramifications of each reduction could be explained explicitly, with pros and cons of each. Jeff will keep the commission updated.

Jeff will email commissioners a copy of the Prioritized List of Budget Reductions that was submitted with the budget this year.

▪ Grand Jury Report

The Grand Jury recently issued a report on Vector Control. *A copy of the report is available online.* The County does not have a well-funded mosquito abatement program, and mosquito abatement is not state funded. The Grand Jury Report recommends that the Board of Supervisors consider conducting an informational campaign informing residents of the benefits of additional mosquito abatement and pest control, followed by a voter survey to determine the likelihood that a special assessment would be passed by the voters. Health Agency was asked to respond and is working on their response.

5. Health Commission Mission Statement

A motion was made by Commissioner Heatherington to delete the second sentence from the current Mission Statement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mase. No further discussion. All present were in favor – motion passed unanimously.

New mission statement:

“The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission shall be to work with, and on behalf of, the residents of the County to preserve and improve the quality of health for all people within the community.”

6. Health Commission Standing Committees – Membership Review

Standing committee assignments were reviewed and updated. Commissioner Chamousis is absent tonight, so Chair Enns will follow up with her to see if she will chair the legislative committee and if she wants to remain on the Community Education committee. Legislative Committee will be meeting with Jeff Hamm on process. Date was changed to August 14th at 4:30. Jean White will look to see if there is a binder for the Legislative Committee.

7. Health Commission Advisory Bodies – Liaison Review

Liaison assignments were discussed and updated. Commissioner Odell will replace Commissioner Donnelly on the BT Advisory Committee (at least temporarily). Commissioner Odell asked for volunteer to serve as an alternate on the Preventive Health Grant Advisory committee, which begins in October. Commissioner Heatherington currently serves as the alternate, but her schedule does not allow her to attend all the meetings (which are “heavy in February.”)

8. Proposed Agenda Items for 07/08

Aug 2007: Health Agency Service Level Reduction Plan - update
GE Crop Notification / Labeling

Sept 2007: Assessment Center (Dr. Hollyfield)
Beginnings (Lisa Fraser)
Autism

Oct 2007: Trauma Center Designation
CAL STAR
Hospital Report – CEOs/Hospitals
CHC Update

Nov 2007: Domestic Violence

Dec 2007: Non-profit Organizations

Jan 2008: Conflict Resolution – possible retreat

Feb 2008: Fluoride
Dental carries in kids

Mar 2008: Obesity / Transfats
Parks & Rec / Planning – Smart Growth

Apr 2008: Public Health Week topic

May or

Jun 2008: Water Quality

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 13, 2007, 6:00 P.M.
New Board Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo