



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSION

July 15, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.

**Health Commission Retreat / Planning Meeting
Cooperative Extension Auditorium**

Members Present: Pam Heatherington (Chair), Jesse Arnold, Penny Chamousis, Dr. Martin Craven, Lynn Enns, Gina Kirk, Ed Guereña, Pamela Munson, Susan Warren, Dawn Williams
Members Absent: David Odell
Staff Present: Dr. Penny Borenstein, Jean White

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Chair Heatherington at 6:10 p.m.
2. **Public Comment**
Elizabeth Johnson introduced herself. No further public comment at this time.
3. **Introductions**
New commissioner, Gina Kirk, introduced herself. Round the table introductions were made.
4. **Health Agency / Public Health Department Outlook**
Dr. Borenstein talked briefly about the State budget and some of the ongoing challenges. She informed the commission that the Board of Supervisors restored the funding for broadcasting of the commission meetings.

Dr. Borenstein provided an update on the following:

- A Public Health reorganization created two new divisions, effective 7/1/09: Health Promotion and Health Care Services. Programs in the Health Promotion Division include Tobacco Control, WIC, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Obesity. Health Care Services includes CMSP, Jail & Juvenile Services Medical, CHC contract oversight, and EMSA oversight. Although fiscally there are limitations, this new reorganization helps map out and sets a better structure and “placeholder” for future efforts in areas such as oral health, chronic disease prevention, and cancer prevention.
- Environmental Health is currently looking to see if there is any way to address limited abatement and vector control issues after January 2010, since the ballot measure did not pass. EH is also working on response to a Grand Jury report regarding HAZMAT Administrative Order Enforcement.
- The Public Health Laboratory has made huge leaps this year and is now a reference laboratory for the Central Coast. This upgrade has enabled Public Health to “step up” their response to H1N1 flu. Commissioner Guereña asked about surge capacity planning for hospitals. Dr. Borenstein hasn’t seen a really great plan that addresses this, but they have begun conversations about alternate care sites.
- Dr. Borenstein provided an overview of the programs under the Family Health Services (FHS) Division. In response to a question from Commissioner Arnold, Dr. Borenstein defined drug resistant TB and noted this is rare in SLO County. She also responded to a question from Commissioner Arnold, explaining how the County Board of Health (where she worked as Health Officer in Baltimore) was structured a bit differently than the Health Commission.

5. Health Commission Standing Committees – Membership Review

Standing committee assignments were reviewed and updated. The Legislative and Budget Committee meetings will be held one following the other, since many members are on both committees. Chair Heatherington will attend all committee meetings (as available). Staff will follow up with Jeff Hamm to see if he is available to continue to meet with legislative committee. Also, Jean White will do some research on the “timing” of the County’s legislative platform.

Committee membership is as follows:

Legislative	Budget	Nominating	Community Ed
Penny Chamousis (Chair)	Lynn Enns (Chair)	David Odell (Chair)	Ed Guerena (Chair)
Susan Warren	Penny Chamousis	Jesse Arnold	Dawn Williams
Lynn Enns	Susan Warren	Ed Guerena	Pamela Munson
Dawn Williams			Gina Kirk
			Martin Craven

6. Health Commission Advisory Bodies – Liaison Review

Liaison assignments were discussed and updated. An updated list will be distributed to commissioners. Changes from last year: Gina Kirk will be liaison to Tobacco Control Coalition, Penny Chamousis will be liaison to Domestic Violence Task Force, Lynn Enns will be liaison to PHEPAC (Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee), Dawn Williams will be liaison to First 5. David Odell (who is absent tonight) will remain on Mental Health Board and continue as primary on Preventive Health Grant Advisory Committee, with Penny Chamousis as alternate. Jean White will follow up to see if the Prop 36 Coordinating Council still meets.

9. Proposed Agenda Items Topics

Below are the proposed agenda topics for the remainder of the year. Staff will follow up with Jeff Hamm to ask if he will provide a “periodic” report on CenCal.

- Aug 10, 2009:** SB810 (Walter Heath); HA unencumbered funds; APCD (Aug or Sept)
- Sept 14, 2009:** Dental presentation (Clinica de Tolosa & Kathy Phipps)
- Oct 12, 2009:** Flu vaccine / Child immunizations; Women’s Shelter Delta Program
- Nov 09, 2009:** AG Waiver / AG Commissioner; PH Organization - new divisions; EH Response to Grand Jury
- Dec 14, 2009:** Non Profit overview – invite Community Foundation to talk about what is happening in the non-profit arena & provide education on different ways to give to non-profits.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2009, 6:00 P.M.
Board Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo