

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
HEALTH COMMISSION**

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016 (County Board of Supervisors Chambers)

Members Present: Lynn Enns (Chair), Robert Campbell, David Clous, Claire Grantham, Jean Raymond, Mary Jean Sage, Scott Smith-Cooke, Susan Warren

Members Absent: Kris Kington-Barker; James Pope

Staff Present: Penny Borenstein, Jean White

Speakers: Ron DeCarli, Executive Director, SLOCOG; David Abrecht, Vice-President, SLO Bicycle Club

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Who/When
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Chair Enns at 6:00 pm.	<i>Call to Order</i>	<i>Chair Enns</i>
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes of November 9, 2015 and December 14, 2015 were approved as drafted.	<i>11/9 & 12/14/15 minutes approved.</i>	<i>All</i>
3. Public Comment	David Kilburn, Executive Director, Access Support Network (<i>formally the AIDS Support Network and SLO Hep C Project</i>) updated the Commission that they recently found out that the AIDS Service Organization of Monterey County is closing their doors after 31 years. SLO Access Support Network recently received a grant for a 3-year demonstration project to provide increased Hep C testing and outreach & linkage to care. It is based on the same model they have been using in SLO County for 15 years and this grant will allow them to expand into Monterey County (where they will have a second office) as well as expand it here in SLO County. Mr. Kilburn will bring back results of this project in the next 3 years. Incredible progress has been made in treatment of Hep C, with persons being cured in as short as 12 weeks. He emphasized the importance of doing outreach and getting people tested (especially the “baby boomer” age, who make up the vast majority of people living with Hep C).		
4. Presentation: SLO Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Transportation Funding	<p>Ron DeCarli, Executive Director, SLOCOG, presented a Power Point overview of SLOCOG. SLOCOG is an association of local governments, made up of the 7 cities and the county. SLOCOG’s prime responsibilities include transportation planning and funding for the region, while serving as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues. The 20 year Regional Transportation Plans are updated every 4-5 years. In 2014, the identified transportation needs were almost \$4B, but State and Federal funding estimates have dropped significantly. SLOCOG’s highway funds come from State gas tax, but with more fuel efficient cars and higher priority programs than SLOCOG, funds have steadily decreased. 15 years ago, SLOCOG provided State gas tax funds to local agencies for road maintenance. In 2002, the State removed that flexibility of use. All 7 cities have passed general sales tax measures to support street and road maintenance, but there is still a shortfall of funding.</p> <p>SLOCOG is investigating the option and support for becoming a Self Help county. Twenty counties have already passed local transportation-specific measures becoming Self Help counties (raising over \$4.5B/year). This measure requires 2/3rd voter approval, an expenditure plan, and includes voter safeguards (sunset date, oversight committee). Sales tax dollars are invested in accordance with the approved voter expenditure plan. Funds generated by a local measure cannot be touched by the State or Federal government. At a half-cent, it would generate \$26M per year and grow with tourism and the economy.</p> <p>Commissioner Sage asked about becoming a Self Help county & what types of projects would be funded. (<i>Mr. DeCarli advised that assessment will be done through outreach to the public, public opinion surveys,</i></p>	<i>A copy of Mr. DeCarli’s Power Point presentation is filed with the official record of this meeting.</i>	

	<p><i>phone surveys and focus groups. If consistent with their planning efforts, funding will be comprehensive – highways, public transit, senior transportation, safe routes to schools, environmental mitigation, more walkable downtown, boardwalks. In April, this will go to their board for further direction. If their board decides to move forward, the Board of Supervisors would determine if this will go on the ballot. (They would aim for the November 2016 ballot and this measure would require 67% vote.)).</i></p> <p>Commissioner Warren asked about efforts to improve transportation to schools, commenting on congestion & environmental problems that affect the entire community when every parent drops off and picks up their child from school. <i>(Mr. DeCarli advised that there is funding at the state and federal level for safe rides to schools and they have received a few grants to enhance safe routes. They have generally been successful with 1-2 projects a year, but with 75 schools it takes time. Their program works with PTA’s, parent groups, City, County, and law enforcement in defining and prioritizing improvements.)</i></p>		
<p>5. Presentation: SLO Bicycle Club “Share the Road”</p>	<p>David Abrecht, Vice-President, San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club, provided a Power Point overview titled “Share the Road,” that focused on rules of the road and safety. The CA Vehicle Code states that rules of the road apply to bicycles and also mandates that bicyclists ride as far to the right as practical. Mr. Abrecht talked about exceptions to the rules, when overtaking another vehicle, when preparing to make a left turn, when avoiding hazards in the road, when travelling on a one-way street or when moving with the speed of traffic. Cyclists are permitted to leave the bicycle lane but must do so with reasonable safety and appropriate signal. He defined Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4 bike lanes, explaining that substandard lanes and lanes without bike lanes are a big issue in San Luis Obispo. The three foot passing law became effective in 2014, requiring California drivers to give a 3-foot buffer when passing bicyclists. The Vehicle Code prohibits vehicles from driving in a bicycle lane.</p> <p>Mr. Abrecht offered to make his presentation to other groups that would benefit from receiving more information about riding bikes in SLO County.</p>	<p><i>A copy of Mr. Abrecht’s Power Point presentation is filed with the official record of this meeting.</i></p>	
<p>6. Health Agency / Public Health Report</p>	<p>Penny Borenstein, MD, Health Officer/Public Health Administrator reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Healthy Communities Workgroup, a sub-committee of HEAL SLO, was awarded the 2015 Green Community Partner Award from the Central Coast Green Building Council for their efforts and contributions in working with Planning on reviewing the health-related components of new development proposals in the community. Public Health sent out a press release today. • Public Health received a small grant from Justin Winery to enhance the Nurse Family Partnership Program, which is a nurse model of doing home visiting and support of pregnancy and early child development. The grant will allow for new nursing staff to attend a several day training. • Public Health received and reviewed proposals from vendors for the development of an electronic health record system. A notice of intent to award was sent to one of the vendors and hopefully a contract will be in place in a couple of months to begin implementation efforts. • The Emergency Medical Services Division’s efforts in community based CPR has shown good results. In 2015, staff and volunteers provided training for hands only CPR to 2500+ individuals in the community. They have also implemented high performance CPR to first responders, where response rates of return to full functioning of individuals who have experienced cardiac arrest often goes up as high as 50%. SLO County is amongst a small group of jurisdictions that are moving very aggressively with this methodology for CPR and saves lives with this organized approach. • There will be a presentation at the Board of Supervisors tomorrow on the development & process for the Biosolids Permanent Ordinance and EIR. Environmental Health and the Planning Department have 		

	<p>reviewed comments that have come in from stakeholders and the general public in response to the EIR and will look for further direction from the Board tomorrow on how to move forward.</p> <p>Commissioner Sage asked if CPR instruction was given on an ongoing basis/location. (<i>Dr. Borenstein advised they go out to Farmer’s Market in SLO, local community health fairs and service clubs.</i>)</p> <p>Commissioner Smith-Cooke asked who was the lead agency for the water well testing that is being done by the airport and if there is a process in place for local/rural land owners to request an environmental test of their water. (<i>Dr. Borenstein explained that the Regional Water Board is the responsible entity for identification of a source of a contaminant in drinking water. The situation at the airport emerged recently from a resident complaint of an odor. A sample was taken from one well that came back positive for TCE. That was reported to the State Water Board and when it became clear that this was beyond a single property, the Water Board provided an opportunity for the entire neighborhood to be tested. Environmental Health does not regulate, mandate, or provide testing for individual wells, absent an obvious reason that might be impacting someone’s health. They will provide resources/referrals for well owners to have their water tested and advise this to be done annually.</i>)</p>		
7. Health Commissioner Updates	<p>Commissioner Sage congratulated Kathleen Karle for her hard work and the recent recognition of the Healthy Communities Workgroup in receiving the “Green Community Partner Award” from the Central Coast Green Building Council, for their contribution “in making sustainable communities available to everyone within this generation.” The Workgroup continues to meet monthly reviewing and providing health-related comments on new development proposals that come into the County Planning Department and is in the process of developing a checklist with a point system to use as part of their review.</p> <p>Commissioner Sage reported that the Community Based Organization/Preventive Health Grant (CBO PHG) application process has begun, with applications due to the County Administrative Office at the end of January. The CBO PHG committee will then begin their review of the applications and make funding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the June budget hearings.</p> <p>Commissioner Sage advised that the Intimate Partner Violence Coalition meets every other month. At their last meeting, it was reported that Beth Raub, from the San Luis Obispo Women’s Shelter, will be leaving her position there to take another position within the community.</p> <p>Commissioner Raymond reported that she was unable to attend the Adult Services Policy Council (ASPC) this month. ASPC has submitted their annual report for 2014/15. Of note, there has been a 29% increase in the senior population in SLO County over the past 10 years.</p> <p>Commissioner Clous reported that the Tobacco Control Program conducted a “sting” in 17 stores in the City of Pismo Beach. Four of those stores sold to minors and were given citations.</p> <p>Commissioner Smith-Cooke advised that the SLO County Commission of Aging will meet at the SLO Veteran’s Hall this Friday, 10-12. Ron Alsop, Office of Emergency Services, will be there to talk about how emergency responder agencies within the county coordinate efforts.</p>		
8. Committee Report	<p>Commissioner Sage announced that the Nominating Committee has received several applications and will meet this month to interview candidates for the Health Commission.</p>		
9. Prospective Future Items	<p>February 8, 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Dental Health Month: SLO County Oral Health Program 		
10. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.	<i>Adjournment</i>	<i>All</i>