



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSION

July 10, 2006 Health Commission Retreat

Members Present: Lynn Enns, Pam Heatherington, Jan Hicks, Sara Horne, David Odell, Deborah Donnelly, Ed Guereña, Robert Thielscher

Members Absent: Jim Mase, Susan Warren, and Penny Chamousis

1. Public Comment

Elizabeth Johnson, San Luis Obispo reminded commissioners that for 12 months she has been requesting an official explanation on who chose GMO task force and what the criteria was for selection.

2. Determination – Whether to Present GMO Task Force Report with Ag Department at the August 22nd Board of Supervisors Meeting

After a great deal of discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Health Commission will not join the AG Department task force at the August 22nd Board of Supervisors meeting. Commissioner Heatherington made a motion that up to half of the August 14th Health Commission meeting be dedicated to the GMO Task Force Report discussion.

SLO GE Free will be placed on the agenda for 15 minutes to present an executive summary of their report. Public comment period will follow. As is done at the Board of Supervisors, the commission will request those who want to make comments to turn in cards. Depending on how many requests are received, the allowable length of each comment will be determined (whatever it is, all will be the same length). They could be as short as one minute up to as long as three minutes. Also, the commission will request that SLO GE Free submit the complete report in writing to the Public Health office by August 1st so that it may be distributed to commissioners to read and familiarize prior to the meeting. The commissioners will hold a discussion and make a decision as to whether they want to do anything further on the subject following the close of the public comment period.

Public Comment

Elizabeth Johnson, San Luis Obispo stated her opinion that the group of experts who led the research are pesticide and insecticide vectors and have nothing to do with the health field. Karen Mansfield, SLO Ag Task Force disagreed. Dr. diZerega's addition to the report was to determine what other counties have done.

3. Health Commission Standing Committee Review

Liaison assignments were discussed and updated. The objective of each committee was also reviewed.

The budget committee would like to be more involved in the Public Health budget process. The Community Education committee will focus on updating the brochure and website, and educating the public on properly disposing of medications.

4. Health Commission Liaison to Advisory Bodies Review

Liaison assignments were discussed and updated.

5. **Health Commission Meeting Locations**

Meeting locations were discussed. Commission agreed that every 3rd month the meetings would be held in North County, South County or Coast depending on the agenda topic.

6. **Goals/Objectives/Agenda Items for this year.**

August: Paradox in Paradise Report (report on Health Issues and Disparities)
GMO Task Force Report - *action*

September: Agroterrorism Planning Update
Pandemic Flu Response Plan
Vulnerable Population “How to Prepare for Emergency/Evacuation”
– Long Term Care Ombudsman

October: Senate Bill 840
Cigarette Tax Bill – Prop 86
APCD – Air Pollution Issues
Health Hazards (Power Plant) with the Citizens of Morro Bay

November: Obesity Task Force Update
At Risk/Overweight Child Survey Results
Food Practices and Activity in the Home
Smoking Cessation Programs

December: Non-profit Organizations (from liaison list)

January: Hospital Issues

- Availability of beds
- Staff
- Heli Pads
- Doctor Shortage (Medical Society)
- Nursing Shortage
- What PHN/Home Health Nurses do

Pending: ATVs
Cell phones
Communicable Disease (antibiotic resistance)
Dental Health Issues (dental health month)

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2006, 6:00 P.M.
New Board Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo