

**County of San Luis Obispo
HEALTH COMMISSION**

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2005 (Arroyo Grande City Council Chambers)

Members Present: Deborah O'Brien (Chair), Penny Chamousis, Lynn Enns, Tom Hale, M.D., Sara Horne, David Odell, Susan Warren, Richard Wood, M.D.
 Members Absent: Pam Heatherington, Jan Hicks, Donald Pinkel, M.D.
 Staff Present: Greg Thomas, M.D., Jess Montoya, Jean White (recorder)
 Speakers: Aeron Arlin-Genet (APCD), Larry Bacus (CHC)

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action | Who/When |
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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | Meeting called to order by Chair O'Brien at 6:08 p.m. | | |
| 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Minutes of April 11, 2005 approved as written. | | 1 st - Wood 2 nd – Chamousis Approved - All |
| 3. PUBLIC COMMENT | <p>Bob Lloyd, AGP Video, announced that audio files of Health Commission meetings, and other County meetings recorded by AGP Video, are now available online at www.slospan.org. Files will be archived for one year.</p> <p>Dr. Larry Foreman, AG/French Hospital Emergency Room Physician, asked the Commission for endorsement of his proposal restricting persons under the age of 14 from operating an off highway/all terrain vehicle on California public lands.</p> | Handout: <i>Proposal for ATV Restrictions</i> | |
| 4. PARTICULATE MATTER PLAN UPDATE (APCD) | <p>Aeron Arlin-Genet, Planning Manager, Air Pollution Control District, gave a Power Point presentation on the Air Pollution Control Districts (APCD's) Particulate Matter Plan. State legislature (SB 656) was enacted to reduce public exposure to Particulate Matter (PM) and requires air districts to adopt a list of control measures to reduce PM and an associated implementation schedule by 7-31-05. The presentation gave an overview of what particulate matter is, what its sources are, the health effects of particulate matter, and listed the main categories for their potential control measures to reduce PM and achieve state standards. They will be holding a public workshop on May 12th at APCD, and giving a preliminary presentation to the APCD Board on May 18th. In June, they will be circulating a draft report for the public and stakeholders to review and comment on before going to their board for final adoption of the measures on July 27th. She asked the Commission for their support as they move forward.</p> <p>Commissioner questions followed on outdoor burn restrictions/permit requirements for inside and outside city limits. (Beginning 2006, outdoor burning inside city limits will be completely prohibited. There is a permit program in place for burning outside the urban reserve lines. Ms. Genet will follow-up on the details of their permit program and what the proposed measure will include).</p> | Handouts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Copy of Power Point Presentation</i> ▪ <i>CAL Plan to Reduce Diesel Particulate Matter Emissions</i> ▪ <i>Health Effects of Particulate Matter and Ozone Air Pollution</i> | |

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| <p>5. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS (CHC) THIRD QUARTER REPORT</p> | <p>Larry Bacus, CHC Contract Manager, gave a Power Point presentation overview of their Third Quarter Report. CHC continues to expand their clinics and services and to enhance access to specialty care. CHC recently received a grant to help provide medical services to self-help housing in Santa Maria and Guadalupe, which they hope (in the future) to expand to Paso Robles. They will be moving their pharmacy (from the old General Hospital) into the annex in the next 2-3 weeks. The annex will also house women's health and a specialty clinic. Mr. Bacus talked about their improved methodology for tracking complaints, their patient satisfactory survey and explained the scoring of the performance criteria. The Immunization Registry is one area they scored low in, but they have received a grant that will help in this area. CHC has also seen increases in number of patient visits and pharmacy activity. They are working with the County on identifying how their data is collected, in order to assure consistencies in CHC/County base numbers.</p> <p>Commissioner questions and comments followed about CHC's dental clinics in Templeton and Nipomo, how patient complaints are addressed, and how CHC tracks patients discharged from the hospitals for follow-up care. Commissioners encouraged CHC to continue in their efforts to enhance specialist care and there was a suggestion that there be a female physician at the Women's Health Clinic.</p> | <p>Handout: <i>Copy of Power Point presentation</i></p> | |
| <p>6. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT</p> | <p>Dr. Thomas gave an overview of his written report. Jess Montoya added to the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medi-Cal Managed Care Workgroup had their first meeting and will continue to meet to evaluate managed care models (two plan model, geographic managed care model, and County organized health system) and to identify the pros and cons of each model. The Governor's Medi-Cal Redesign Proposal included an expansion of the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority (SBRHA) for San Luis Obispo County. The group plans to invite speakers and to investigate all alternatives of managed care, with a focus on how to increase specialty care in the County. They will put together a paper that will go to the Board of Supervisors, who have the ultimate authority on whether or not SLO County should go down that path. • They interviewed 3 candidates for the Behavioral Health Director position and are in discussions. They hope to complete the hiring process by July. | <p>Handout: <i>Written report</i></p> | |
| <p>7. HEALTH COMMISSION UPDATES</p> | <p>CHAIR UPDATE: Chair O'Brien reported that Commissioner Heatherington has been granted a leave of absence, with an anticipated return in July. Chair O'Brien was unable to attend the HIV Consortium, but will have an update at the June meeting.</p> <p>COMMISSIONER UPDATES: Commissioner Wood: No report. Commissioner Odell: The Mental Health Board continues to work with staff on Prop 63. This is an ongoing process, with a number of public forums scheduled.</p> | | |

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| | <p>The Mental Health Board is looking forward to the appointment of the Behavioral Health Director.</p> <p>Commissioner Enns: Attended the BT Advisory Committee, where there were updates on grants, upcoming drills, and general preparedness. They also tested the CAHAN (California Health Alert Network) system. She reported that the GMO Task Force had their first meeting and selected a co-chair, Dr. Steinmaus, from Cal Poly. The task force will meet on the first Tuesday of every month (except for the June meeting, scheduled for 5/31). The group will deal specifically with health issues, and not commercial issues.</p> <p>Commissioner Chamousis: No report.</p> <p>Commissioner Warren: Attended the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board meeting where there were updates from Warren Jensen (County Counsel) on the Brown Act, and from Dale Magee on MH Prop 63.</p> <p>Commissioner Horne: Attended the Children's Services Network (CSN). There will be a meeting on May 27th of the Economic Vitality Corporation and a Suicide Prevention Forum on September 27th. Dr. Chasnoff will be in San Luis Obispo on 5/18-5/20 overseeing a dinner for Obstetricians on the perinatal substance abuse screening tool.</p> <p>Commissioner Hale: Continues to meet with representatives throughout the County, including CHC, specialty physicians, hospital administrative staff, in an ongoing effort to keep the ER call panels together. They have seen improvements in orthopedics and cardiology in North County. He also talked with Sam Blakeslee regarding health needs in SLO County.</p> <p>Dr. Thomas: Publicly thanked all the obstetricians in the County who are participating in the screening for perinatal substance abuse. The Board of Supervisors will be approving a resolution at tomorrow's meeting commending SLO obstetricians.</p> | | |
| 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS | <p>Nominating: Commissioners should send their suggestions for 2005-06 slate of officers to Jean White. Commissioner Hicks will be setting up a meeting to review nominations. New officers will be voted on at the June meeting.</p> <p>Community Education: Did not meet.</p> <p>Budget: Budget hearings will be held in June. Anyone wanting to provide input on the budget should attend the Board of Supervisors meetings.</p> <p>Legislative: Did not meet.</p> | | |
| 9. PROSPECTIVE FUTURE ITEMS | <p>Topics for June: Officer nominations (action); Panel of community nurses; ATV Proposal (possible action).</p> <p>Suggested topics for August: Rick Castro, CEO, AG Hospital; Medicare coverage for tobacco cessation (Dr. Hansen); Childhood Obesity.</p> | | |
| 10. ADJOURNMENT | Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. | | <p>1st – Horne 2nd - Enns Approved - All</p> |

