

# Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board

## **Meeting Minutes**

August 7, 2019 (12:00 - 1:30 PM)

## **Meeting Location**

Primary Care Center  
4600 Broadway  
Sacramento, CA 95820  
Conference Room 2020

## **Moderator:**

Dr. Steven Orkand

## **Scribe:**

Theresa Vinson

## **Board Attendees:**

Jofil Borja, Sandy Damiano, Paula Green, Steve Heath, Farla Kaufman, Olivia Kasirye, Barbara Law, Steven Orkand, Emanuel Petrisor, Kimberly Sloan, Kathleen Wright, Jack Zwald

## **Guests:**

Pam Harris, Taz Shah, Alicea Reddy

## **Board Members Excused:**

Jeff Rabinovitz, Christina Slee, Phillip Summers

## **Board Members Absent:**

## **Guest Speakers:**

Steve Girdlestone, Sergeant  
**Sacramento County Sheriff's Department – Homicide Division**  
**Gun Violence in Sacramento**

**Meeting Opened**

12:00 PM

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Orkand welcomed PHAB members, speakers, and guests.

## **Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 2019 meeting were approved.

## **PHAB Vacancies and Appointments**

The Board has one opening (Felicia Bhe resigned in March); the Executive Committee is full.

## **Announcements**

In 2017, PHAB voted to support the Impact Teen Driver Program, a non-profit focused on distracted driving when Dr. Kelly Browning, Executive Director of this organization spoke to PHAB to educate us about this program. Paula Green and Dr. Orkand contacted Supervisor Patrick Kennedy to enlist his help. On July 24, 2019, Paula and Dr. Orkand met with Dr. Browning, Supervisor Kennedy, and school representatives from San Juan Unified, Elk Grove, and Sacramento City Unified School Districts. The school representatives responded well and the meeting was well received. Dr. Browning will work with the school districts to see how this material can be incorporated into the curricula.

Dr. Orkand shared a letter from Steve Cantelme, Director of the Office of Emergency Services that he received in response to an inquiry he made regarding heat disasters. Steve stated Next Door, the popular neighborhood website, has been used to organize neighborhoods and share information. Steve named a few organizations as possible resources such as SERT (Sacramento County Emergency Response Teams), Sac Metro and Folsom Fire Departments. Dr. Kasirye

recalled a time when high temperatures lasted several days in Sacramento. In that case, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) would be open and Public Health requires that we work with the Department of Child and Family Services to reach out to those who are disabled or elderly to make sure they are okay. Also, information would be put out to media asking people to check on others in their neighborhoods.

## **Public Health Division Update**

### Mandatory Masking Mandate – Sacramento County

The Sacramento County Masking Mandate policy started several years ago and, at that time, was discussed with local hospital administrations, who were all in favor of this policy. They appreciated the importance of having healthcare staff vaccinated against the flu. It is widely known, the flu vaccine changes from year to year depending on what is circulating and the vaccine is the best protection against it. It is important that health care workers taking care of the most vulnerable are vaccinated as it reduces their chances of getting sick. Since the policy was implemented, it has been taken up by several other counties in California, and *all* counties surrounding Sacramento have adopted the masking policy. Sacramento County and the surrounding counties coordinate at the beginning of each flu season notifying each other of when policies are being sent out so that we can start, and stop communications at the same time. Dr. Kasirye issued the following handouts:

Health Advisory (example) to healthcare communities advising about the masking mandate

All Facilities Letter (AFL) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) indicating they are requiring all of their employees entering healthcare facilities to comply with the masking mandate

Article re: Mandatory Flu Vaccine Policies Increase in Most U.S. Hospitals

The masking has been made a mandate because in all places where this has been implemented, many of the healthcare workers have decided to vaccinate rather than wear the mask, and the percentages of vaccinations for healthcare workers have gone up. In Sacramento, the average percentage of healthcare workers being vaccinated has increased significantly in all hospitals; and is currently at 90%-up from about 60% in previous years.

### Budget

Our request for \$35,000 to apply for Accreditation did not move forward to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), however efforts continue. Finding ways to talk about Public Health, services provided via Public Health, and educating the community so they know Public Health is about more than investigating an outbreak is an important step toward Accreditation. Dr. Kasirye stated part of the pre-requisites for applying for accreditation is to come up with a

vision/mission as well as a strategic plan and then, as a result of that work, develop a strategic map. The most current strategic map was distributed and can serve as a road map for guidance through the different programs and activities that show goals and objectives. Once ready to apply for Accreditation, the Division of Public Health can provide a presentation on the strategic map as well as the community health assessment, and the community health improvement plan to PHAB. Related handouts were distributed:

- What is Public Health (summary of services provided)
- Strategic Map
- Pre-requisites Plan Status

## **Primary Health Division Update**

### Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- Our proposed programs and fees package was approved by the Board of Supervisors August 6, 2019. This includes our new mandatory hospital programs (STEMI, Stroke) that focus on the quality of care provided to patients suffering from a heart attack or stroke from prehospital through hospital care. The new prehospital programs include Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training and certification and Optional Scope for Safety Personnel (Narcan). The EMR offers a level of certification below an EMT and was requested by our volunteer fire agencies. The Narcan program was instituted during the opioid crisis and we are now formalizing it.
- We began our new Emergency Medical Advisory Group last Friday. This is a higher level planning body and will focus on quality of care (data), planning and fiscal sustainability. It does not replace our current EMS technical committees & work groups which focus on operations.
- We are working on an EMS Annual Report. It will be our first and will provide an overview, context, and data. Once our new advisory group is operational it will include recommendations from that body as well as PHAB.

### Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

- We are close to completing a report on WIC. If you would like our WIC Director to present the report, please let me know. Otherwise I will distribute it at a future PHAB meeting.

### Adult Correctional Health

- I will provide an overview of Adult Correctional Health services in the county jails at the September PHAB Meeting.

### Medi-Cal Managed Care

- Countywide enrollment in GMC Managed Care as of June 2019 is over 428,000.
- The State is working on a Preventive Services Utilization Report. They are currently evaluating metrics for inclusion. Corrective actions and sanctions will likely be a part of monitoring.
- CHCF is finalizing its paper on the GMC model. It focuses on Sacramento and San Diego counties and how GMC compares to other urban plans. It should be released sometime this month.

### **PRESENTATION**

**Gun Violence in Sacramento County** – Steve Girdlestone, Sergeant, Homicide Bureau Supervisor  
Centralized Investigations Division  
Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

Sacramento County Sheriff's office works closely with the District Attorney's office and has received some resources from that office to address homicides. Our conviction rate is in the low 80 %.

Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCRs) (Violent Crimes) Include:

- Homicide
- Rape
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault

Several years ago, Sacramento had between 50-60 homicides per year. Gun Violence in Sacramento County, has dropped in all violent crime categories (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault). In 2018, there was a 25% decrease in total gun violence when compared to the previous year (2017). Trends are similar for the Sacramento Police Department. This information does not include Rancho Cordova as they have their own detective Bureau so they do not show up on the county's UCR's. Suppression teams such as Problem Oriented Policing (POP) are out in the community being proactive, and doing great work to aid in further reducing violent crimes.

Over the last 5 years, gun related crime accounts for 23.7% of all violent crimes in the County. In 2018, gun related crime dropped to 20% of all violent crime, down from 26% in 2016.

Gun violence in Sacramento County has been fairly spread out between the North and South Divisions. Districts impacted the most seem to be District 1 (Rio Linda Area), 4 (Arden-Arcade) and 6 (South Sacramento). Oak Park is split between the Sheriff's Department and Sacramento City Police Department so the Sheriffs have the area south of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, everything East of 99 to Calvine. District 4 had a notable decrease in 2018 with a 39% drop compared to 2017.

From 2014-2018, there was a 59% increase in firearm seizures by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Many types of firearms were seized and booked into property. Firearm seizures include hand-guns, assault weapons, rifles, and shotguns. Hardly any violent crimes in Sacramento County involve conceal and carry weapons.

Note: Marijuana is huge now—recently, 40-60 percent of Sacramento homicides include youth from several Sacramento neighborhoods including Carmichael, Elk Grove, etc. Youth are dying over purchasing small amounts of marijuana whereas other drugs like Meth and Cocaine, currently do not seem to involve much violent crime.

Current programs, laws and effectiveness:

Implementation of the Team Policing Model

Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Teams

Gang Task Force

Proactive Policing

Continued Training on Domestic Violence and Mental Health Laws for firearm seizures

## **Public Comment**

The National Prescription Medication Take Back Program takes place twice annually (April and October); law enforcement agencies go to sites, and the public is invited to safely dispose of prescription medications. The next event is scheduled for October 26, 2019.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM**

**Submitted by Steven Orkand, Chair**