

Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2025 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Facilitator: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 4:03 PM

Category	Name	Attendance
Community Member	Sonal Patel	Excused
Community Member	Chase Smith	Yes
Community Member	Bekalu Amare	Yes
Public Health Professional	Alex Schmalz	Yes
Public Health/Health	Rachel Weinreb	Yes
Community Member	Nia Jones	Yes
Community Member	Stacy Anderson	Yes
Community Member	Ellen Shank	Yes
Community Member	Samantha Rapp	Yes
Youth Member	Michael Lee-Chang	Excused
County Staff	Nick Mori	Yes
County Staff	Tianna Hammock	Excused
County Staff	Nicole Harper	
County Staff	Lori Miller	Yes
County Staff	Andrew Mendonsa	
County Staff	Dr. Ryan Quist	
County Staff	Tim Lutz	
County Staff	Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio)	Yes
County Staff	Noel Vargas (Ex-officio)	

Guests: Lisa Coelho, Linda Easton, Mike Learakos

PHAB Exec Appointments: PHAB members unanimously appointed Rachel Weinreb and Stacy Anderson to the PHAB executive committee (Motion: Smith Second: Jones)

Review of Minutes: The March minutes were approved unanimously (Motion: Rapp, Second: Jones)

HIV Health Services Planning Council: Roxanne Gaedeke was unanimously appointed to the HIV Health Services Planning Council (Motion: Weinreb, Second: Smith)

- **Food Recovery Program Presentation**

- The Capital Food Access Alliance (CFAA) is a collaborative that includes Sacramento County and the cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Galt.
- The CFAA aims to recover food that would otherwise go to waste and distribute it to those in need. The collaborative also aims to increase education about California's SB 1383 Regulation, which requires certain businesses to recover edible food and arrange for composting services.
- The CFAA has selected Abound Food Care to lead the edible food recovery program in the Sacramento region.
- The CFAA is launching grant programs to support food recovery efforts.
- Organizations can apply for grants to purchase food storage equipment, microgrants for items that facilitate daily operations, and expansion project grants for initiatives such as repurposing kitchens and coordinating transportation logistics.

- **Public Health Updates**

- The Sacramento County Department of Public Health is facing \$26 million in budget cuts.
- Programs affected by these cuts include the epidemiology laboratory capacity. Of this, \$18 million was designated to upgrade the surveillance system for tracking community members who needed to be quarantined or isolated during infectious disease outbreaks such as COVID-19 and MPOX. The funding also helped track foodborne illness outbreaks. Additionally, the funding was used to update the electronic health record system, improving communication with regional hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for reporting communicable diseases across the county.
- \$3 million was allocated to address health disparities. This funding aided in the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan and supported community residents with chronic health conditions and health nutrition programs.

- \$5 million was designated for immunization initiatives targeting children in schools and community sites. This funding also aimed to eliminate existing barriers to accessing vaccinations.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plans to cut 20,000 full-time employees, consolidating 28 divisions into 15 and eliminating five regional offices.
- **Substance Use Prevention Updates**
 - Data indicates that the county experienced a 37% reduction in fentanyl-related deaths, along with a decrease in methamphetamine-related deaths.
 - Safer Sacramento is a campaign designed to educate youth about substance use and provide information on available treatment resources in the county. This initiative has successfully engaged young people on social media platforms.
 - Three new residential facilities will soon open in the county, providing a total of 100 available beds.
 - Behavioral health crisis calls in the county are routed through the 988.

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