

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2025 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Facilitator: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 4:04 PM

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

Guests: Dr. Corina Gonzalez, Linda Easton-Waller.

Review of Minutes: The May minutes were approved unanimously (Motion: Smith, Second: Shank)

HIV Health Services Appointments: Nominees for the HIV Health Services Planning Council were approved. (Motion: Weinreb, Second: Rapp)

Community Wellness Response Letter to the Board of Supervisors: Members voted unanimously to approve a letter to the Board of Supervisors advocating for increased support for the Community Wellness Response team program. (Motion: Rapp, Second: Weinreb)

- **Impact of Immigration Policies on Healthcare Access**

- The presentation highlighted case studies that show that immigrants forgo medical appointments and check-ups due to increased immigration enforcement actions. The data further explained that when individuals miss check-ups, it leads to higher acuity incidences that present in the emergency room. Immigrant communities also experience increased anxiety and depression.
- Recent immigration actions also impact immigrant college students. They are less likely to take advantage of health care programs offered on college campuses, such as mental health supports.
- Additionally, the raids at a local Home Depot on Florin Road led increased no-shows at the County Primary Care Clinic.
- Michael-Lee Chang motioned to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors to inform them that the impact of federal immigration enforcement policies negatively impacts the health of immigrant communities, and Ellen Shank seconded the motion.

- **Public Health Updates**

- The federal funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which supports nutritional education in schools for families receiving SNAP benefits, will end at the end of September.
- The County is currently awaiting news on whether funding for maternal and child health services, as well as emergency preparedness, will be cut.
- The HIV/STD program will receive full funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

- **Primary Care Updates**

- The Primary Care Department is hosting tours of the jail with the Board of Supervisors.

- The Department is also providing updates to the Board of Supervisors regarding Adult Correctional Health on medical and mental health.
- Noel Vargas introduced the new Primary Care Clinic Director, Dr. Corina Gonzalez.

Adjourned 5:47 PM