

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 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	Yes
County Staff	Nick Mori	Yes
County Staff	Tianna Hammock	Yes
County Staff	Nicole Harper	
County Staff	Lori Miller	
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: Linda Easton, Stephanie Kelly

Review of Minutes: The April minutes were approved unanimously (Motion: Amare, Second: Shank)

- **Healthy Brain Initiative**

- The Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) was an initiative under the Sacramento County Public Health Department that supported the implementation and evaluation of the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map. The program supports the populations with a higher burden of Alzheimer's disease.
- The initiative focused on health education, which included providing a forum for families and individuals to learn about dementia and building capacity for a more formal workforce to provide dementia-informed care.
- The second focus was on evidence-based programs, such as dementia dialogues, which provide insights into behaviors associated with dementia and how to support and care for individuals with dementia or those experiencing cognitive decline. Additionally, a virtual simulation tool enabled participants to experience what it is like to have dementia.
- The third focus was community awareness and engagement. The objective of community engagement was to increase awareness about brain health and dementia and help connect people to resources through community events and media campaigns.

The presentation can be found on the Healthy Brain Initiative is on the [Public Health Advisory Board website](#).

- **Community Wellness Response Team (CWRT)**

- The CWRT partners with WellSpace Health, County Behavioral Health Services (BHS), and Bay Area Community Services (BACS) to ensure that CWRT is operational 24/7.
- The WellSpace 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides services via phone/text/chat, and the County BHS & BACS provides services in-person.
- The Behavioral Health Link (BHL) software allows the response team to manage complex crisis calls and gather essential information to connect individuals to the most appropriate care.
- PHAB will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors to advocate for increased funding for the Community Wellness Response Team (CWRT), ensuring that the program can expand its reach to community members.

The presentation can be found on the [Public Health Advisory Board website](#).

- **Public Health Updates**

- The County is waiting for a ruling in the courts regarding the pause on federal funding for Public Health Departments.
- As a result of the loss of federal funding, the County's immunization program has been terminated, which led to the cancellation of contracts with community healthcare providers involved in the program.
- Additionally, the AmeriCorps program was eliminated. This termination will negatively impact the services First 5, Birth and Beyond, and the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento offer to the community.

- **Adult Correctional Health**

- The Primary Care Clinic and Adult Correctional Health have filled the Medical Director vacant positions.

Adjourned 5:35 PM