

Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2026 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 | Chase Smith | Yes |
| Community Member | Bekalu Amare | Yes |
| Community Member | Rachel Weinreb | Excused |
| Community Member | Stacy Anderson | Excused |
| Community Member | Ellen Shank | Yes |
| Community Member | Samantha Rapp | Yes |
| Community Member | Naomi Thompson | Yes |
| Community Member | Johnny Vang | Yes |
| Community Member | Nathanael Bailey | Yes |
| Community Member | Michael Wong | Yes |
| Youth Member | Michael Lee-Chang | Excused |
| County Staff | Nick Mori | |
| County Staff | Ivan Mendoza-Manzoi | Excused |
| County Staff | Lori Miller | |
| County Staff | Rachel Kay | Yes |
| County Staff | Tim Lutz | |
| County Staff | Michelle Besse | Yes |
| County Staff | Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio) | Yes |
| County Staff | Noel Vargas (Ex-officio) | Yes |

Guests: Tianna Hammock

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

HIV Health Services Appointment: PHAB members approved the appointment of Vitor Bastos to the HIV Health Services Planning Council (Motion: Amare, Second: Rapp)

- **Senate Bill 81**

- Senate Bill 81 was signed into law in September 2025. The bill prohibits immigration enforcement in non-public areas in healthcare facilities. It also expands a patient's health protected information to include a patient's place of birth and immigration status
- The UC Davis Health System utilizes a framework to implement SB81 requirements. It includes hospital zoning, which defines public spaces in its facilities, standardized response protocols, and documentation guidance. There is also an administrator on duty to assist staff members with legal questions related to admitted patients.
- Despite the passing of SB81, healthcare providers lack clear statutory guidelines regarding the clinic care and civil rights of detained immigrants brought to hospitals by Immigration and Customs Enforcement or Border Patrol in civil custody.
- Separate bills have been introduced in the state legislature to outline protocols for patients in custody, but the process stalled due to controversy over the subject matter.
- The National Immigration Law Center is developing a white paper that helps physicians nationwide understand their rights when it comes to caring for detained patients who are immigrants in ICE custody.

- **Substance Use Prevention Updates**

- Behavioral Health is collaborating with the Sacramento County Office of Education to launch a four-part vaping campaign aimed at students, parents, school personnel, and caregivers.
- Sacramento County has merged its opioid and meth coalitions into a single organization. The new coalition meets quarterly.
- A new federal mandate that came through the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requires the county to stop distributing fentanyl test strips through county-funded programs.

- The Fentanyl Summit will take place at the Citrus Heights Community Center and will focus on trending substances such as methamphetamine and kratom.

- **Adult Correctional Health (ACH) Updates**

- Sacramento County has the fifth-largest county jail population in the United States and ranks seventh in the rate of deaths per 1,000 inmates as of August 2025.
- The county jail determined that most deaths occur during the detoxification phase. In response, the county implemented a comprehensive withdrawal monitoring program that includes dedicated nurses and addiction specialists as part of its mitigation efforts. Additionally, a flex nurse was assigned to respond to emergency calls from cells. No deaths have been reported since these protocols were adopted.
- Currently, approximately 24.5% of the inmate population, totaling 761 individuals, are receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Eligible inmates are provided with a 30-day supply of Suboxone upon their release.
- The California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) program is set to launch on October 1. The county plans to increase the number of care managers to act as discharge planners to coordinate housing, transportation, and warm clinical handoffs.

- **Public Health Updates**

- The Board of Supervisors approved Dr. Phuong Luu as the new County Public Health Officer.
- The County continues to monitor for new measles outbreaks. So far, there have been no new additional cases.

- **Primary Care Updates**

- County residents are signing up for the Healthy Partners Program, and so far, 25 applications have been received. The number of people enrolling in the program is expected to increase.
- Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be released for the Management Services Organizations for the Healthy Partners Program. Only vendors who have submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) are eligible.

- The Primary Care Clinic is preparing for the budget and service impacts of the H.R.1 bill. The clinic is coordinating how to support immigrants with satisfactory or unsatisfactory immigration status through CMISP and the Healthy Partners Program.
- Adjourned 5:20 PM