

ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

MEETING OF January 13th, 2022

MINUTES



The mission of the Public Health Commission shall be to review and assess emerging health needs; initiate and improve health and disease prevention programs and policies; make recommendations regarding opportunities for building community capacity as related to public health priorities; and advocate for adequate resources and increased County action to improve community health.

Attendance Record (P = Present, A = Absent)

Dist . #	Member Name	Term Exp.	6/10/21	7/8/21	8/12/21	9/9/21	10/14/21	11/18/21	1/13/22
1	Evan Branning	01/29/23	A	P	P	P	A	P	P
1	David Hurst	06/30/22	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2	Nestor Castillo	12/06/22	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2	Jatinderpal Sahi	11/19/23			P	P	P	P	P
3	David Ralston	04/20/22	A	A	A	A	A	P	A
3	Greg Boller	01/29/23	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
3	Carolyn Bolton	02/10/22	A	A	A	A	P	P	P
4	Zhonnet Harper	07/01/22	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
4	Gary Howard	11/28/23			P	P	P	P	P
5	Helene Hoenig	01/26/23	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
5	Mitzy De La Pena Medina	3/23/23						P	P
At-Large	Joseph Engeda	12/18/22	P	A	P	P	A	P	P
At-Large	David Morris	09/14/23	P	A	P	P	P	P	A

Staff:

- Kimi Watkins-Tartt, Alameda County Public Health Department, Director
- Evette Brandon, Alameda County Public Health Department, QIA Director

- Caroline Brose, Alameda County Public Health Department, PHC Staff Support
- Leah Fortin, Alameda County Public Health Department, QIA Administration and PHC Staff Support

Public:

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

- Chair Castillo calls the meeting to order and welcomes all to a new year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion made by Commissioner Sahi and seconded by Commissioner Howard to approve the November 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passes with one abstention.

STAFF REPORT

- Caroline Brose informs the commission that quorum for the meeting is 7 commissioners
- Seat vacancies are as follows: two vacancies in District 1,2,4,5, one vacancy in District 3, and two vacancies in the at-large seats
- Caroline Brose announces that she will be transitioning into full-time position at the Alameda County Public Health Department and will no longer serve as staff support for the Public Health Commission
- Phaplynn Phan and Leah Fortin will work together to continue to support the Public Commission

BROWN ACT TELECONFERENCE VERIFICATION

- Motion made by Chair Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Hoenig to extend virtual meetings for another 30 days. The motion passes unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Watkins-Tartt provides updates on the COVID-19 pandemic and shares that the daily case rate is currently at 114 cases per 100,000
- Test positivity is at 17.7% county-wide, there are 322 hospitalized COVID cases with 44 of them being in the ICU
- About 20,000 lab tests are conducted per day
- As for updates relating to schools in the county, the top priority is keeping students in the classrooms and multiple layers of prevention have been implemented to slow the spread
- Classroom closures to prevent COVID-19 transmission should only be considered after all other alternatives have been exhausted
- Alameda County is aligned with CDPH school policies, there is constant collaboration and support between the two organizations
- The ACPHD COVID Division is prioritizing the elderly that are age 65+ and youth ages 5 and below, complex cases, unvaccinated, and those who are immunocompromised
- Case and outbreak investigations, contact tracing, community support, and community vaccinations continue to be areas of focus
- The testing team has increased in capacity and distributes home test kits to priority areas of low vaccination and high exposure, urgent need, and vulnerable populations
- Boosters are now recommended for those ages 12 and older
- Community-led coalitions and single organizations have been launched to work with the county in order to reach populations most impacted by COVID-19, to expand access to vaccinations, to deliver fact-based information, and to engage in post-COVID recovery work

- 12 million dollars in funding over the course of 23 months have been allocated for the coalitions
- The coalition is made up of 52% joint venture organizations, 32% prime organizations, and 16% single organization
- La Familia, Unity Council, and Tiburcio Vasquez are joint venture coalitions that will each receive 2 million dollars and will be focused on the South Hayward, East Oakland, Ashland/Cherryland, and Fremont areas
- Bay Area Community Health and CAL-PEP are prime coalitions that will each receive 2 million dollars and will focus on the South Hayward, Fremont, East and West Oakland, San Antonio, and Fruitvale areas
- The single organization coalitions will each be receiving 300,000-350,000 dollars and include Black Cultural Zone, BOSS, El Timpano, La Clinica de la Raza, Roots, and the Vietnamese American Community center
- Results-based accountability methods will be used to gather data on how effective these coalitions are serving the community
- There is a priority to expand the coalitions with additional COVID-related funding in order to add new partners and extend contracts
- Another focus is sustaining health promotion, resilience and recovery work with non-COVID-related funding
- Capacity development and technical assistance launching to further support the coalitions
- The Public Health Commission is invited to form a thought partnership with the Public Health Department and the community-based coalition initiative

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Oral Health
 - Commissioner Branning informs the commission that the Oral Health Committee is in the process of reschedule their regular meeting time
 - Other commissioners are encouraged to join the Oral Health committee to represent the commission
- Medi-Cal Ad Hoc
 - Alameda Alliance for Health gave a presentation to the Medi-Cal Ad Hoc committee in December to provide oversight of Medi-Cal in general and more specifically the Medi-Cal Manage Care Program
- Communications
 - Commissioner Boller announces that the Communications Committee is growing and will be moving its monthly meeting to the third Thursday of each month
 - The Communications committee asks for relevant content from other commissioners or subcommittees to begin messaging and promotion
- Steering Committee
 - The Steering Committee is beginning to discuss the details of transitioning back to in-person meetings and of a strategic planning retreat

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

- Chair Castillo explains that the objectives of a strategic planning retreat are to take time and discuss the goals and ideas of the commission
- Vice Chair mentions using the Vision 2026 plan as a reference for how the commission's strategic plan can be modeled after to be in alignment with the Board of Supervisor's mission
- Commissioner De La Pena Medina supports the idea of commissioners working within their district to determine what areas of public health the commission should support and work on
- Commissioner De La Pena Medina also inquires about having a facilitator at the strategic planning retreat and Vice Chair Harper responds that she has reached out to BARHII and encourages other commissioners to begin thinking about or reaching out to other potential organizations that can serve as facilitators as well
- The projected date for the Strategic Planning Retreat is on a weekend in early March
- Commissioner Bolton suggests an orientation process for newer commissioners and a mentorship process and Commissioner Hurst suggests working with the Nominations committee with this idea

- Chair Castillo wants to continue receiving presentations from the Public Health Department to get a clear idea of where the commission can be of support
- Vice Chair Harper wants to support cancer work and learn more about what can be improved and how
- Commissioner Hoenig wants to have more information on the annual reports done on Santa Rita County Jail

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOL

- Chair Castillo presents a project planning tool that was formed in the past and reintroduces to the commission in hopes to implement this tool from this point on
- The project management tool is a Google sheet that tracks the tasks of the commission, this is a designated location where all can see what projects are in progress and their status
- Commissioner Hurst suggests implementation of goals so that the commission and subcommittees can track long-term progress as well

BLACK JOY PARADE

- Previous years the commission would participate in the Black Joy Parade and Vice Chair Harper would like to set up a Public Health Commission Booth at the Black Joy Parade for this year
- Vice Chair Harper will be in communication with the organizers for any changes about the event and she is interested in creating shirts or banners and Director Watkins-Tartt responds saying that the department can help with those costs
- Vice Chair Harper hopes this can be the start of involvement in other community events
- Motion made by Commissioner Bolton and seconded by Commissioner Branning to approve the participation of the Public Health Commission at the Black Joy Parade

AGENDA SETTING

- Updates on the Strategic Planning retreat
- Updates on the Black Joy Parade
- Staff and Director Report
- Subcommittee updates
- Planning of a working session for the Strategic Planning Retreat
- Discussion about hazard pay, benefits, etc. for vulnerable workers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Director Watkins-Tartt announces that the Tobacco Control Program presented its first reading of the ordinance on establishing smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing and amendments will be made
- Director Watkins-Tartt will be presenting with the director of Adult, Aging, and Social Services to the Board of Supervisors
- Commissioner De La Pena Medina volunteers to attend the community forum on the EMS Redesign and can provide a report at future meeting
- Commissioner Hurst encourages commissioners to connect with their health plan providers to be reimbursed for at-home COVID tests
- Director Watkins-Tartt plans to speak about cancer and violence prevention efforts at the next commission meeting

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Phaplynn Phan

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting

February 10th, 2022

6 to 8 PM

Online via Zoom

If you would like to RSVP for the next meeting, please do so at phcommission@gmail.com.

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