

ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

MEETING OF January 12, 2023

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)

Dis t. #	Member Name	Term Exp.	6/9/22	7/14/22	8/11/22	9/8/2022	10/13/22	11/10/22	1/12/23
1	David Hurst	01/29/23	P	P	P	P		P	A
1	Kashef Qaadri	12/06/22	P	P	P	P		P	P
2	Nestor Castillo	12/06/22	P	P	P	P		P	P
2	Jatinderpal Sahi	11/19/23	A	A	A			A	P
2	Ammar Bhaijii	10/07/23			P	P		P	A
3	Greg Boller	01/29/23	A	P	P	P		P	A
3	Carolyn Bolton	02/11/24	P	A	A				A
4	Zhonnet Harper	07/01/22	A	P	P	P		P	P
4	Gary Howard	11/28/23	P	A	P	P		P	P
5	Helene Hoenig	01/26/23	P	P	P			P	A
5	Mitzy De La Pena Medina	3/23/23	P	P	A	P		P	P

5	Koren Temple Perry	10/26/23			P	P		P	A
5	Jason Budge	01/09/24			P	P		P	A
At-Large	Joseph Engeda	12/18/22	P	A		P		P	A
At-Large	Juliana Van Cleve							P	P
At-Large	Mifta Chowdhury							P	P

Staff:

- Kimi Watkins-Tartt, Alameda County Public Health Department, Director
- Evette Brandon, Alameda County Public Health Department, QIA Director
- Leah Fortin, Alameda County Public Health Department, PHC Staff Support

Public:

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

- Chair Castillo calls the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion made by Commissioner Howard
- Seconded by Commissioner De La Pena Medina

BROWN ACT VOTE

- Motion made by Commissioner Castillo
- Seconded by Commissioner Harper

STAFF REPORT

Leah Fortin, Interim Support Staff: New commissioner for District 3, Rebekah Varela, not yet sworn in.

Please send bios into phcommission@gmail.com for both the PHC website and OOD/QIA website.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Watkins-Tartt spoke on: Nice to see we are meeting in a hybrid session so that people can come in person if they feel comfortable.

Commissioner Watkins-Tartt gave a Covid report update. We are at "Medium" level. Flu and RSV situations improved but could worsen.

New variant is here and dangerous. Cases went up in Nov/Dec. Beginning to flatten out. Waste water continues to be a good indicator of the presence and where the pandemic is going.

National and PH Emergency remain in effect until 2/28/2023. 47 or 58 CA counties still have emergency status in effect.

ACPHD ramping up outreach in education with partners, vaccination PODS and Access to Testing. Therapeutic work ramping up, participated in a pilot with State, high priority patients w/ Covid, reached out to just over 1,000.

Winter Wellness campaign with targeted social media, 18-65, lower income adults, priority immigrant community. Covid not mentioned in ads due to community has Covid-Fatigue but all about health.

Department Highlights:

Health Disparities – Grant: To implement & institutionalize strategies to reduce Covid-19 related health inequities among residents. CDC awarded \$7,466,000 for 2 years.

Workforce Development:

- Executive Mngt Coaching Training, includes CBO's managers
- Workforce Training, Racial Equity, Legal EPI 101
- CBO Capacity Building, investment in core operating.

Violence Prevention: hired Kristen Clopton (she'll sit in QIA), to implement programming, centralize equity and public health practices.

Outreach/Resource Navigation; Fund 3 CBO's to expand community outreach to provide resource navigation, communities disproportionately impacted by Covid. W. Oakland and Livermore are the focus. \$4m for 2 years.

Received NAACHO grant for \$15K, support collaboration with Center for Independent Living and Center for Regional Independent Living, for best practices and challenges increased access to Covid services.

Nutrition Services awarding mini-grants, \$10,000 to \$24,500 to implement community-based gardens in unincorporated AC & Oakland. PE, Cooking. Veggie garden boxes in low-income housing.

Q&A:

Future focus please. Health Disparities grant of \$7M, because of size of AC received a direct grant. Documented practices during Covid response. There may be a public document or presentation.

HEiAP would like to work with Director Watkins-Tartt, to help identify best practices.

Also AC capacity to engage stakeholders re: Violence Prevention program, partner with PHC for the how and who AC engages the public/CBO's.

WFD: Cultivating and training the staff we have, build systems to attract high quality talent. Also Executive Management Coaching Program, looking for vendors now.

PH 101 and Legal EPI, not everyone at ACPHD is trained in PH. These two topics will help train staff with knowledge of public health.

Would PH Commissioners be eligible for Executive Mngt Coaching Program? Yes, the design is 1 on 1, so that would work well. Also some trainings will be appropriate for PH Commissioners. Staff will provide list of trainings. Can look at Leadership Development for Commissioners together with OOD, identify resources, make it available.

Is ACPHD responding to storm response. HCSA is participating in the response, first responders and public works. Healthcare for Homeless active making sure unhouse residents and neighbors are safe during the winter storm season. Working with a range of community partners to ensure resources (warm clothing, food, shelter) are available to the unhoused.

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Chair Castillo – Updates from the chair and vice chair of the Public Health Commission

PHC likes to do a retreat on a weekend to set priorities, deliverables for the new year. Last year, Melissa from Barhi facilitated. Hope they can do it again. Try to schedule for early March 2023. Staff to send out a Doodle Survey to see Commissioners availability. Better part of a Saturday or Sunday.

We have new Staff Support, Jessica Amenaghawon, Leah Fortin will ease in the transition. She is creating a one-pager on Committees, will be sent to Commissioners so that new commissioners can join a committee.

- Health Equities in All Policies – HEiAP, only Commissioner Harper is chair has no members. Usually 4th Tuesday of month.
- Communications and Community Outreach
- Nominations
- Ad-Hoc
- Oral Health

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- *Medi-Cal Ad Hoc Committee*: No updates
- *Nominations*: No updates
- *Oral Health*: No updates
- *Communications and Community Outreach*: Commissioner De La Pena Medina and Howard presented: Planning a student mental health workshop, mid-February at Cherryland Community Facility. La Clinica, La Familia, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, CVU and San Lorenzo Unified. Oral Health committee also interested. A child psychologist also interested in providing services. Panel discussion of providers.
Tables so that providers can meet with families.
Chamber of Commerce Eden Area helping to market the event.

Need support the day of the event, an opportunity to collect contacts. **Next Meeting Thursday, January 19, at 6:00pm on Zoom.**

- **Health Equity in All Policies:** HEiAP, Commissioner Harper is chair has no members. Started out with Environmental Justice by working legislatively with Board of Supervisors. Criminal justice reform, support in community with health equity lens. Early were looking at inmates health, not getting prescriptions or mental health services. Worked with BofS to support federal jurisdiction to ensure breast cancer screening for Black women. Renewed interest and support since Covid, trying to ride the new wave of where health equity is going. HEiAP usually meets the 4th Tuesday of month.
Next meeting: 1/24/2023 on Zoom

Chair Castillo: another opportunity to be involved with ACPHD. Community Advisory Group (CAG). Formed around Covid. New partners always welcome.

There are lots of meetings and spaces to serve.

Measure A Committee, meets the 4th Friday, 9:30-11:00, of the month. Reviews Measure A funds. There is one seat, Commissioner Castillo sits on this committee.

Black Joy Event and Parade: Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023. Shared space with Public Health. Opportunity to support PH and carve out the identity of PHC. Starts around 11:00, all-day event. Hoping to have a volunteer from each district to attend. Reminder email will be sent out.

Environmental Justice follow-up from November presentation. Had a short presentation in November. There has been interest in climate health and public health. No comments regarding the presentation.

Could invite Alyson Abbors to come back to provide an update. HEiAP to reach out. Could also make it a priority at retreat and strategic planning session.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: No general announcements.

ADJOURN

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

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