

ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Meeting 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.	1/12/23	2/09/23	3/09/23	4/13/23	5/11/23	6/08/23
1	Hurst, David	07/01/24	A	P	P	P	A	P
1	Ramchandani, Harsha	12/7/24					P	A
1	Narayan, Rajiv	01/30/25			P	P	P	P
2	Castillo, Nestor	12/07/24	P	P	P	A	P	P
2	Sahi, Jatinderpal	11/19/23	P	P	P	A	P	P
2	Bhaiji, Ammar	10/7/23	A	P	A	A	A	A
3	Boller, Greg	01/30/25	A	A	A	P	P	A
3	Jim Meyers						P	P
3	Varela, Rebekah	04/21/24	A	P	P	A	A	A
4	Harper, Zhonnet	07/02/24	P	A	P	P	A	P
4	Howard, Gary	11/28/23	P	P	P	A	P	P
5	De La Pena Medina, Mitzy	03/23/23	P	A	P	P	P	A
5	Budge, Jason	01/9/24	A	P	A	P	P	A
5	Temple Perry, Koren	10/26/23	A	A	P	P	A	A
5	Miskelly, Sally	01/26/25					P	P
At-large	Van Cleve, Juliana	09/19/24	P	P	P	P	A	A
At-large	Chowdhury, Mifta	09/13/23	P	P	P	A	P	A

Abigail Quijano- Gella, Family Health Services
Adriana Alvarado, Family Health Services
Evette Brandon, Quality Improvement & Accreditation ACPHD
Leah Fortin, Interim Support Staff PHC, ACPHD
Staff: Linda Franklin, QIA
Zandra Washington, QIA
George Ayala, Deputy Director ACPHD

Public: N/A

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

- Chair Castillo called the meeting of the Alameda Public Health Commission to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- No action to minute

Only 8 commissioners were present.

STAFF REPORT: Leah will be on vacation the month of July. July staff coverage plan will be shared with Nestor and Mitzy.

ACPHD Director Report: Deputy Director George Ayala: Among the updates, Dr. Ayala noted that the Family Justice Center's clinic has reopened and is providing vaccine for MPOX and flu. No new MPOX cases since November 22. Education and vaccine outreach has been provided to the LGBTQ Center, Steamworks in Berkeley, flea markets at Weekes and Laney and the Health Center at the Family Justice Center. Materials are available for outreach, attached to this e-mail. He also noted that the DCDCP department is planning and opportunity for blended funding to provide services regarding HIV, STD, and Hepatitis C.

Questions: Commissioner Harper requested a list of CBO partners especially those working on equity. Dep Director Ayala indicated that this could be provided.

Commissioner Hurst asked about MPOX outreach in the South county and more remote areas. Response: have good connections with county partners who can also provide outreach and vaccine he wasn't sure about working more remote areas and would look into it

Commissioner Narayan commented about the confusion about MPOX vaccine in the beginning of the outbreak in 2022. Dr. Ayala responded that vaccine and treatment is widely available and all the provider network are on board, the epidemiology department has just reached out to their provider networks with an MPOX health advisory and reminded them about the county's zero tolerance policy regarding discrimination

Guest Presentation; Abigail Quijano-Gella and Adriana Alvarado, Division Family Health Services

Cal AIM is intended to provide a seamless system that is person centered to provide additional support to the highest need clients (see slide deck for the details). The system provides 3 levels of enhanced care a basic level for all patients who meet the qualification, a more complex care for higher risk clients and for enhanced care for the highest risk clients. This is intended to be interdisciplinary, high touch and person centered.

Community supports are an extra service not an entitlement they are intended to provide a cost effective mechanism to address social drivers of health problems they look at the highest users of emergency rooms et cetera a client can receive both ECM and community support Adriana Alvarado noted that 75% of all emergency room visits in Alameda County are children aged zero to 4 and that 85% of those visits are for asthma. The asthma start program provides home visits to identify and mitigate triggers, medication management and tools like HEPA vacuum and air filters.

What is new is that the staff can recommend an advocate for remediation like replacing carpet that is a trigger or repairing mold and mildew they are also partnering with healthy homes and um another funding source to upgrade heating equipment in the home

Questions

Commissioner Narayan and Commissioner Harper asked how the team deals with landlords that there as tenants may fear eviction. Adrianna noted that their staff are skilled at working with the landlords, in addition Medi-Cal provides up to \$7,500 in funds that can be pulled down for remediation.

Right now these services are being offered to patients in managed care through Alameda Alliance. Are Kaiser and Anthem patients currently getting services from Asthma Start? Adriana says they are in talks with Kaiser and that they expect Anthem patients will be transferred to the Alliance and therefore be covered.

What were measures of success for ECM for CCS clients? Abby noted that this program will launch in July so they're still working out the evaluation tools; among them will be timeliness of referrals and customer satisfaction.

Commissioner Meyers asked what about patients who need care NOW, like who need housing now not sometime in the

future. They are working on this. Commissioner Harper noted that high risk clients may be difficult to house as landlords and property managers may be concerned about the care level involved.

Chair report: Chair Castillo asked members to look at the pages that listed the members of the different committees and make sure to send updates to Staff. Commissioner Budge noted in the chat that he was participating in tet HEiAP committee. Commissioner Sahi asked to be added to the medical ad hoc committee. There was extensive discussion about the medical ad hoc committee whether to keep it as an ad hoc, or make it a standing committee. No decision was made.

Committee Reports

- **Health Equity In All Committee;** Next meeting *Tuesday, June 27, 2023 – 6:00-7:30pm*. Location; ACPHD headquarters in the Redwood Room
- **Oral Health Committee:** report on June 7th meeting; Commissioner Howard, who is liaison to this committee shared the updates, will send the slides to be included with this document. Discussion occurred around the zoom format of the oral health committee Evette recommended that Chair Castillo look at the bylaws for what the commissions responsibility is for a standing committee.
- **Nomination committee;** has some proposed language updates in the bylaws. Commissioner Harper asked for the meeting minutes since she had been unable to attend.
- **Ad hoc committees;** Commissioner Narayan proposes an ad hoc committee to report back to the Commission on the Board of Supervisors health committee

Announcements: Public Health Commission will table at Juneteenth Saturday June 24th at Lake Merritt in Oakland. Commissioner Harper will send the flyer and information Commissioners can arrive at noon.

PHC Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.