

A regular meeting of the Board of Health and Human Services of the City of Long Beach convened at 7:56 a.m.

PRESENT:	BOARDMEMBERS:	Menchie Caliboso Reena Curtis, RPh Gisele Fong Mel Marks, MD Christine Petit Christopher Robson Renee Simon Milton Smith Silene St. Bernard, DVM Sabira Tejani, MD
ABSENT:	BOARDMEMBERS:	Ralph Brooks, RN (<i>excused</i>) Jose Carrillo, MD Troy Ha, DDS Jody Rawles, MD (<i>excused</i>) Kelley Tenny (<i>excused</i>)

ALSO PRESENT:

- Kelly Colopy, Director of Health & Human Services
- Anissa Davis, City Health Officer
- Nelson Kerr, Environmental Health Bureau Manager
- Judeth Luong, Environmental Protection & Oversight Officer
- Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Community Health Bureau Manager
- Dennis Keith, Executive Assistant
- Rick Gaylord, Long Beach Citizen

Chair Petit presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Boardmember Robson moved, seconded by Boardmember Tejani, that the minutes of the meeting held November 11, 2016 be approved as submitted. Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC

Rick Gaylor, Long Beach Citizen, spoke regarding the Leaf Blower Ordinance item. Mr. Gaylor indicated that he and his neighbors were being negatively impacted by the use of leaf blowers by contractors working on a construction project next to their homes, primarily from the dust and debris that was being kicked up into the air and blown into open windows. Mr. Gaylor also expressed concern about debris blown into the streets and storm drains, which could potentially cause blockages of the storm drains. Nelson Kerr, Environmental Health Bureau Manager, indicated that it was already against the law for contractors to blow construction debris into the street and storm drains. Mr. Kerr spoke with Mr. Gaylor directly outside of the meeting to address his concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leaf Blower Ordinance Report

Nelson Kerr, Environmental Health Bureau Manager, provided an update on the status of the Leaf Blower Ordinance Review Report (Report). The Report was revised according to input provided by the Board at the November 11, 2016 Board meeting, and the Report was forwarded to the City Manager's Office for review and approval on November 23, 2016. At the time of this meeting, the report is currently under review in the City Manager's Office. A brief discussion ensued regarding landscape/gardeners blowing debris off of one property and into the street or onto neighboring properties instead of removing the debris.

2. City Budget and Measure A Funding

Chair Petit presented a budget analysis presentation created by the Advancement Project, a copy of which was received and filed as part of the permanent record. The report addressed equity in public funds, and listed typical sources of funding for government jurisdictions, including federal, State, County and City sources, discussed the annual budget process, and points of advocacy during the process.

Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services, spoke regarding the Health Department's budget, and how public health is funded. Ms. Colopy called to the Board's attention that although the analysis chart on page 11 shows a 4 percent decrease in General Fund expenditures from the previous year, the analysis compared adopted fiscal year 2016 budget numbers to proposed fiscal year 2017 numbers. The fiscal year 2017 numbers did not include one-time funding amounts that are typically determined after the proposed budget is released, and therefore the Department had an increase in funding. Ms. Colopy also indicated that the 1 percent in general fund revenue that the Department receives primarily funds homeless services, with a small amount going towards Department facility costs. Ms. Colopy mentioned that Measure A funds in the amount of \$1.2 million had been allocated to the Department for infrastructure in fiscal year 18 and fiscal year 19.

3. Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center

Ms. Colopy provided the Board with an update on the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (BHUCC) proposed for Long Beach in the 7th Council District. The facility, to be operated by the Stars Behavioral Health Group, is currently proceeding through the planning review phase. Stars Behavioral Health has had no negative impacts with other communities in which they currently operate, and staff are currently working with the 7th District Council Office and the community to answer questions and advocate for the services the BHUCC will provide.

Ms. Colopy took a moment to discuss Prop 47 funding. Proposition 47 provides for mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system. The City of Long Beach is partnering with the County of Los Angeles to submit a proposal to the Board of State and Community Corrections for a drug diversion program for the Long Beach Corridor, which runs along Long Beach Boulevard from North Long Beach to the City of Lynwood. Meetings are currently underway with local providers to identify programs and services to meet community needs.

4. Nominations and Elections of Officers

Chair Petit opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair for the Board of Health and Human Services, and expressed her interest in continuing on as Chair for another year. There were no new nominations for the position therefore the Board unanimously re-elected Boardmember Petit to another term as Chair.

Chair Petit opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the Board of Health and Human Services. Vice Chair Robson expressed his interest in also continuing on as Vice Chair for another year. As there were no new nominations for the position, the Board unanimously re-elected Boardmember Robson to another term as Chair.

Boardmember Tejani exited the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

5. Director's Report

Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services, introduced Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, recently hired as the Department's new Community Health Bureau Manager. Ms. Cantrell-Warren provided the Board with a brief overview of her background.

Ms. Colopy provided the Board with an update on Health Department activities including; a December 13, 2016 City Council agenda item regarding an agreement with the Art Center College of Design to develop a campaign related to reversing unhealthy behaviors surrounding HIV and STDs, the continuation of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP) Services with contracts allowing the Department to be reimbursed for services, and a Request for Proposals with the County for STD/HIV outreach and engagement. The Department would hire five DIS workers to provide outreach and engage people into treatment. Key partners have been met with in order to avoid duplication of services. Ms. Colopy also mentioned that the Pedestrian Master Plan has passed the Planning Commission and will be going to the City Council in January, ultimately becoming an addendum to the Mobility Plan.

Ms. Colopy asked the Board if there was any interest in relocating the monthly Board of Health Meetings from the Miller Family Health Education Center to the Main Health Building. The Board discussed the move briefly and agreed to move, on a trial basis, beginning January 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder was made that the Annual Board of Health and Human Services reception was being held immediately following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 a.m., Boardmember Robson moved, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.