

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
BOARD OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES MINUTES**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAIN BUILDING
2525 GRAND AVENUE, ROOM 204, 7:45 AM**

Milton Smith, Chair
Christopher Robson, Vice Chair
Sylvia Betancourt, Member
Ralph Brooks, RN, Member
Menchie Caliboso, Member
Reena Curtis, PharmD, Member



Troy Ha, DDS, Member
Jody Rawles, MD, Member
Silene St. Bernard, DVM, Member
Barbara Schwerin, Member
Nasir Tejani, MD, FAAP, Member
Susan Temple, Member
Lydia Vaias, MD, Member

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:56 a.m., Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Sylvia Betancourt, Menchie Caliboso, Reena Curtis, Troy Ha,
Present: Jody Rawles, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple,
Lydia Vaias and Milton Smith

Commissioners Ralph Brooks, Silene St Bernard and Christopher Robson
Excused:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Also present: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services; Dennis Keith, Executive Assistant; and Walter Chang, Resident.

1. 19-070BH Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board of Health and Human Services meetings held Friday, August 9, 2019.

A motion was made by Member Rawles, seconded by Member Schwerin, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Sylvia Betancourt, Menchie Caliboso, Reena Curtis, Troy Ha, Jody Rawles, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple, Lydia Vaias and Milton Smith

Excused: 3 - Ralph Brooks, Silene St Bernard and Christopher Robson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on items of interest to the public within the Agency Board jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

2. 19-071BH Recommendation to receive, discuss and file a report from the Director of Health and Human Services.

Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services, provided the following information to the Board:

- The City approved the 2020 Budget. For the Health Department, the budget contained funding for a full-time Public Affairs Officer, as well as creating a full-time position for the Language Access Program Coordinator. Funding in the amount of \$250,000 per year, for the next two years, was also approved for HIV/STD Control activities and \$72,000 was identified to fund an older adult program manager.
- The City Council approved the transfer of funding and oversight of the Youth Strategic Plan from the Health Department to Parks, Recreation and Marine (Parks and Rec). Health Department staff will continue to partner with Parks and Rec. staff on the development of the plan.
- Dr. Torno, Public Health Physician in the Department's HIV clinic, announced his retirement from the City. Dr. Anissa Davis, City Health Officer, will be taking on his duties in the interim until a replacement is hired.
- The Rand Corporation is working to create a Gross Domestic Potential (GDP) to measure health, wellbeing and equity in the United States. The GDP Project seeks to help families, researchers, providers, and policymakers to reconsider both what is possible in terms of cultivating human potential and how those more ambitious goals can be achieved: 1) To measure human potential, and 2) to

measure the opportunities that are known to contribute to that potential. They will be conducting focus groups in Long Beach to identify what youth need for them to reach their best potential.

- The Ballmer Group visited the Health Department to discuss potential investment opportunities in Long Beach. The Ballmer Group is looking to support efforts to improve economic mobility for children and families in the United States who are disproportionately Impacted by poverty.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

3. 19-072BH Recommendation to receive, discuss and file a report from the City Health Officer on Communicable Disease Control activities.

There was no communicable disease control update this month.

This BH-Agenda Item was laid over.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. 19-073BH Recommendation to discuss Board goals and infrastructure.

The Interagency Communication Subcommittee provided the Board with an update on their last meeting, a copy of which was received and filed as part of the permanent record. The Subcommittee suggested assigning pairs of Board members to regularly meet with individual Council members to establish ongoing relationships and communication with each Council district.

The Subcommittee also discussed identifying up to three other Long Beach Commissions/Boards that have overlapping/coinciding interests for initial collaboration to develop efficient and cohesive approaches to solve challenges, share expertise, and broaden impact for the benefit of the City.

A motion was made to rename the 'Interagency Collaboration Subcommittee' to the 'Interagency Communication Subcommittee'.

Yes: 10 - Sylvia Betancourt, Menchie Caliboso, Reena Curtis, Troy Ha, Jody Rawles, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple, Lydia Vaias and Milton Smith

Excused: 3 - Ralph Brooks, Silene St Bernard and Christopher Robson

5. 19-074BH Recommendation to discuss how to handle public comment responses.

The Board discussed ideas on how best to respond to issues and questions raised during the public comment portion of a Board meeting. Suggestions included agendaizing items for discussion at a future Board meeting, and the potential use of public speaker cards to obtain the topic and contact information of the speaker in order to provide a response.

The Board requested obtaining a copy of the public speaker cards used by the Long Beach City Council as an example. It was requested that this item remain on the agenda for continued discussion at the October Board Meeting.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

ONGOING BUSINESS

6. 19-075BH Recommendation to receive and file an update from the Toxic Tour Subcommittee.

The Toxic Tour Subcommittee is continuing to work on the tour plan and logistics. A discussion ensued regarding the Brown Act, and how a tour would need to be conducted so that it complies with Brown Act regulations. It was suggested that any final plan for such a tour be reviewed with the City Attorney's Office to ensure compliance.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

7. 19-076BH Recommendation to receive and file an update on the status of the City's implementation of the legalization of cannabis.

The City was looking to reduce the tax rate for cannabis cultivators and is currently conducting an economic analysis of the effects of cutting the rate.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the string of recent pulmonary illness associated with the vaping of cannabis products. It was mentioned that tests have identified an excess of vitamin E to be responsible for these illnesses. The excessive amounts of vitamin E were identified in samples which had been purchased online or from an unlicensed/unmonitored source.

A brief discussion ensued regarding cannabis processing facilities and their environmental impacts on surrounding communities.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

8. 19-077BH Recommendation to receive and file an update on Community Hospital.

Negotiations are ongoing. Health Department staff are attempting to meet with the Los Angeles County Departments of Mental Health and Public Health to discuss potential services for the site.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Colopy announced that Flu Clinics will be held throughout the City beginning in October, with a Flu Point of Dispensing Clinic which will be held at the Main Health Facility on Thursday, October 3rd. More details will be forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:09 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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