

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
2525 GRAND AVENUE, ROOM 204, 7:45 AM**

Christine Petit, Chair
Christopher Robson, Vice Chair
Ralph Brooks, RN, Member
Menchie Caliboso, Member
Jose Carillo, MD, Member
Reena Curtis, RPh, Member
Gisele Fong, Member
Troy Ha, DDS, Member



Mel Marks, MD, Member
Jody Rawles, MD, Member
Rene Simon, Member
Milton Smith, Member
Silene St. Bernard, DVM, Member
Sabira Tejani, MD, Member
Kelley Tenny, Member

Kelly Colopy, Director

FINISHED AGENDA & APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (7:50 AM)

At 7:50 a.m., Vice Chair Robson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Menchie Caliboso, Reena Curtis, Gisele Fong, Mel Marks, Jody

Present: Rawles, Renee Simon, Milton Smith, Sabira Tejani, Kelley
Tenny and Christopher Robson

Commissioners Silene St Bernard and Christine Petit

Excused:

Commissioners Ralph Brooks, Jose Carillo and Troy Ha

Absent:

Also present: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services; Teresa Chandler, Human Services Bureau Manager; Gina Overholt, Veterans Affairs Commission Coordinator; and Dennis Keith, Executive Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17-001BH

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board of Health and Human Services meeting held Friday, December 9, 2016.

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

Yes: 10 - Menchie Caliboso, Reena Curtis, Gisele Fong, Mel Marks, Jody Rawles, Renee Simon, Milton Smith, Sabira Tejani, Kelley Tenny and Christopher Robson

Excused: 2 - Silene St Bernard and Christine Petit

Absent: 3 - Ralph Brooks, Jose Carillo and Troy Ha

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 participation.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Executive Director's Report was moved forward in the meeting agenda due to Ms. Colopy's commitment to speak as part of an Equity Panel at the Long Beach Community Action Partnership.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services, provided the Board with an update on Department activities including; notification that the first meeting of the Veterans Affairs Commission would be held later that day, and introduced Gina Overholt, the Veterans Affairs Coordinator for the Commission. Ms. Colopy informed the Board that the Violence Prevention Program and Office of Equity will be officially relocating to the Health Department as of Tuesday, January 17th. Ms. Colopy indicated that the Department will be applying for Prop. 47 funding, which focuses on mental health and substance use diversion programs in the criminal justice setting, and that the Homeless Services Division is looking for 400 volunteers for this year's Homeless Count, which will be conducted on January 26th. Ms. Colopy also mentioned that the Mayor had announced that a year-round shelter would be opened sometime in 2017.

Ms. Colopy also informed the Board that the Department is currently preparing for the inspection and licensing of marijuana dispensaries, and in response to the passage of legislation approving recreational marijuana use, will be applying for an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant that will focus on the creation and implementation of a drug-impaired driving education campaign.

[17-002BH](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a copy of the October 4, 2016 Mayor's Study Session presentation on homelessness.

This BH-Agenda Item was received and filed.

Teresa Chandler, Human Services Bureau Manager, provided the Board with a presentation originally provided as part of the October 4, 2016 Mayor's Study Session on Homelessness, a copy of which was received and filed as part of the permanent record. The report provided an overview of the homeless situation in Long Beach and touched on the efforts to address homelessness such as the Long Beach Continuum of Care, a coordinated system of care to provide housing and services, the City's Multi-Service Center (MSC) and the services provided at the MSC facility. The presentation also discussed the various partner agencies working to address homelessness, including the Long Beach Housing Authority, and the Long Beach Police Department's Quality of Life Unit.

Ms. Chandler stated that the MSC provides services for an average of 1,100 individuals and families each month, for a total of 14,829 client contacts per year and responded to requests for outreach and engagement of an average of 90-100 contacts per month. The presentation provided an overview of the funding sources for homeless services, available housing options in Long Beach and some of the successes of the programs between 2013 and 2015, including reductions in family homelessness, chronic homelessness, and veteran homelessness.

The presentation also provided information on key community strategies defined under the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and their implementation, and the challenges the program faces. The final part of the presentation provides information on how the community can help in the effort.

Ms. Chandler also mentioned that a Homeless Summit, co-hosted by the Health and Human Services Department, the Homeless Coalition, the Downtown Long Beach Business Association, the Apartment Association and the Long Beach Human Relations Commission will be held in April, 2017, and that a FUSE Fellow was currently researching best practices across the nation and creative financing models for homeless services programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boardmember Fong announced the the Port of Long Beach is currently in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the Pier B Support Rail Yard Facility Project, and that the project's footprint is directly adjacent to the Multi-Service Center (MSC). Boardmember Fong indicated that environmental impacts, such as air quality, will negatively impact MSC staff and individuals seeking services at that facility. Boardmember Fong indicated that the comment period under the EIR are open until mid February, 2017, and suggested that the Board consider weighing in on this project and ask the Port for further mitigation measures for the MSC facility.

The Board requested an update on this project and it's potential impacts to the MSC. Boardmember Fong suggested that the Board draft a letter to the Port, to be reviewed at the February Board of Health Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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