

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019  
MILLER FAMILY HEALTH EDUCATION  
CENTER  
3820 CHERRY AVENUE, 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



Manorama Gupta, 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

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 8:00 a.m. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Sylvia Betancourt, Ralph Brooks, Reena Curtis, Manorama

**Present:** Gupta, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple and  
Milton Smith

**Commissioners** Menchie Caliboso, Troy Ha, Jody Rawles, Silene St Bernard,

**Excused:** Lydia Vaias and Christopher Robson

Also present: Ginger Lee, Collective Impact and Operations Bureau Manager; Dennis Keith, Executive Assistant; Karla Estupinian, Office of 2nd District Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce; and Gretchen Swanson, Rose Park Neighborhood Association.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [19-078BH](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board of Health and Human Services meetings held Friday, September 13, 2019.

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

**Yes:** 8 - Sylvia Betancourt, Ralph Brooks, Reena Curtis, Manorama Gupta, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple and Milton Smith

**Excused:** 6 - Menchie Caliboso, Troy Ha, Jody Rawles, Silene St Bernard, Lydia Vaias 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.**

Ms. Gretchen Swanon spoke on behalf of the Rose Park Neighborhood Association regarding the proposed development of a 24-Hour convenience store at 2737 E. 7th Street.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**2. [19-079BH](#)**

Recommendation to receive, discuss and file a report from the Director of Health and Human Services.

The Board took a moment to offer brief introductions for incoming Boardmember Dr. Manorama Gupta.

Ginger Lee, Collective Impact and Operations Bureau Manager, provided a brief update to the Board on the following items:

- The 1st human case of West Nile Virus for 2019 was identified in Long Beach.
- The Department will be receiving \$550,000 over four years from the State for infectious disease control.
- The Department held a Flu POD on October 3rd at the Main Health Facility. Over 700 people were immunized during the five-hour clinic, which equates to 2.5 people per minute. The Department will be holding several flu clinics throughout the City during October and early November, culminating in another Flu POD at the Main Health Facility on Thursday, December 5th, from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- The Department, in conjunction with the California Violence Prevention Network

(CalVPN) Program held a Violence Prevention Conference on October 10th at the Long Beach Convention Center.

- The Multi-Service Center (MSC) will be holding its 20th Anniversary event on October 24th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the MSC.
- The City will be launching the Long Beach Equity Toolkit on October 24th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Billie Jean King Library. The Toolkit is a guide for City employees to assist them in viewing current and potential City programs and policies through an equity lens.
- On October 1st, the City Council requested the City Attorney to draft an ordinance temporarily banning the sale of flavored vapor products in the City of Long Beach. The Council amended the request, to direct City Attorney to draft an ordinance temporarily banning the sale of flavored vapor products and flavored tobacco products in the City of Long Beach, including menthol tobacco products, until further action by the City Council; the ordinance will allow 30 days for business to come in compliance with the ban. Prior to the ordinance coming back for council consideration, the Health and Human Services Department has been asked to provide a presentation to the City Council. We believe this will take place on October 22nd.
- In 2018, in response to a request from the City Council, the Department released a memo on opioids. The City Council is now requesting an update on the City's actions to date. The Department will be working with the Police and Fire Departments on a response, which is anticipated within 90 days.

**This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.**

3. [19-080BH](#) 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 approve recommendation.**

## REGULAR AGENDA

4. [19-081BH](#) Recommendation to discuss Board goals and infrastructure.

Chair Smith requested an update from the Interagency Communication Subcommittee. There was no new information to report at this time. Boardmember Curtis requested additional volunteers from the Board to fill vacant seats on the Subcommittee.

Chair Smith requested an update from the Resource Subcommittee; however, there was no new information to report at this time.

**This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.**

5. [19-082BH](#) Recommendation to discuss how to handle public comment responses.

The Board continued its discussion on how best to respond to issues raised during public comment. The Board discussed developing a public comment card, like the card used for City Council meetings, that would provide information on the speaker, the topic of discussion and, if a response is requested, related contact information. It was requested that a copy of the card used by the City Council be sent to the Board for review and use in crafting the Board of Health's version. A brief discussion ensued regarding how best to disseminate information to the public.

**This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.**

## ONGOING BUSINESS

6. [19-083BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update from the Toxic Tour Subcommittee.

There was no update available on this item.

**This BH-Agenda Item was laid over.**

7. [19-084BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on the status of the City's implementation of the legalization of cannabis.

Chair Smith inquired about tax revenue projections, and how much would be allocated to the Health Department to support program activities and education. Ms. Lee mentioned that revenue projects have been lower than originally anticipated, and that funding allocated to the Health Department may be reduced

as a consequence. A brief discussion ensued regarding why revenues might be lower, including black market cannabis sales. Boardmember Curtis inquired if there was regulation in place governing the maximum levels of THC allowed in a product. A brief discussion ensued regarding cannabis/drug education as part of LBUSD health education curriculum.

**This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.**

8. [19-085BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on Community Hospital.

There was no update available on this item.

**This BH-Agenda Item was laid over.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:06 a.m., Boardmember Tejani moved, seconded by Boardmember Brooks, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.

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