

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020
WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING
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Milton Smith, Chair
Silene St. Bernard, DVM, Vice Chair
Sylvia Betancourt, Member
Ralph Brooks, RN, Member
Reena Curtis, PharmD, Member
Manorama Gupta, MD, Member
Troy Ha, DDS, Member



Miles McNeeley, Member
Christopher Robson, Member
Rebecca Ruiz, Member
Barbara Schwerin, Member
Nasir Tejani, MD, FAAP, Member
Susan Temple, Member
Lydia Vaias, MD, Member

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:45 a.m. the meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Sylvia Betancourt, Ralph Brooks, Reena Curtis, Manorama

Present: Gupta, Troy Ha, Miles McNeeley, Christopher Robson, Rebecca Ruiz, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple, Silene St Bernard and Milton Smith

Commissioners Lydia Vaias

Absent:

Also present: Kelly Colopy - Director of Health and Human Services; Anissa Davis, MD, MPH - City Health Officer and Dennis Keith - Executive Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [20-095BH](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board of Health and Human Services meeting held Friday, September 11, 2020.

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

Yes: 13 - Sylvia Betancourt, Ralph Brooks, Reena Curtis, Manorama Gupta, Troy Ha, Miles McNeeley, Christopher Robson, Rebecca Ruiz, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple, Silene St Bernard and Milton Smith

Absent: 1 - Lydia Vaia

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.

EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORTS

2. [20-096BH](#) 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 an update to the Board on the following items:
 - The City Council approved the installation of sharps disposal kiosks at five locations throughout the City. Kiosks will be located at Bixby Park, Houghton Park, Drake Park, the Main Lifeguard Station, and Chittick Field.
 - Council also passed the purchase, through Project HomeKey, of a Best Western Motel to be utilized as a non-congregate interim housing site for medically fragile individuals who would most be impacted by COVID-19. This will be funded through State funding and local match.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.
3. [20-097BH](#) Recommendation to receive, discuss and file a report from the City Health Officer on Communicable Disease Control activities.

Dr. Anissa Davis, City Health Officer, provided the Board with an update on the following items:

- To date there has been no flu activity in Long Beach. The City has been providing flu vaccinations at various locations throughout the City, with the final scheduled clinic occurring this Saturday, November 21st.
- There have been a few cases of shigella among the homeless population.
- Los Angeles County received a \$3 million grant from the CDC for ending the HIV epidemic. Long Beach has been working with the County on how the City can support the effort.
- World AIDS Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Boardmember Saint Bernard briefly discussed Antimicrobial Antibiotic Awareness week and urged the responsible use of antibiotics.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. [20-098BH](#) Recommendation to receive, discuss and file a report on the draft Health Department 5-Year Strategic Plan.

Ginger Lee, Collective Impact and Operations Bureau Manager, presented on the draft 5-Year Strategic Plan (Plan), a copy of which was received and filed as part of the permanent record, and solicited the Board's review and input.

The Plan outlines 24 goals across five key focus areas including: becoming a Collaborative Health Leader; Improving the City's Health & Race Equity Framework; creating a Competent, Valued and Supported Workforce; the Effective Use of Data; and providing Efficient and Responsive Services. Focus areas were further defined through the identification of 11 Priorities including: Equity, Workforce Development, Data, Services, Collaboration, Physical & Mental Health, Communicable Disease Control, Promotion of Health Lifestyles, Homelessness, Improving Social and Economic Conditions, and Safety.

The Plan was created through input from 120 staff members who participated in the planning committees for each of the 11 priorities and through 8

community engagement meetings held with various community groups. The Plan is designed to align with other Health Department and City Plans. It is anticipated that the Plan will be finalized by the end of December 2020.

A brief discussion ensued regarding some of the specific goals of the Plan.

The Board requested a report back to the Board in six-months providing an update on the progress made towards each of the Plan's goals.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

5. [20-099BH](#)

Recommendation to receive an update regarding the Department's COVID-19 activities.

- Significant COVID-19 case increase both nationally, statewide and locally. City sites tested over 1,900 individuals in one day, the highest single day number of tests performed since the pandemic began.
- LA County revised its health order to non-essential and personal care businesses. Long Beach will be mirroring those orders, which include revised orders for outdoor gatherings. Bars, wineries and breweries are also required to shut down between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- The State also updated its masking order requiring individuals to wear masks at all times except under certain conditions and implemented a revised stay at home order requiring individuals to stay at home and not gather between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Pfizer has applied for FDA approval on their COVID-19 vaccine which as a 94% effective rate with no serious side-effects. There are significant logistical issues related to the storage and administration of the vaccine. The Moderna vaccine is also moving forward through the testing process.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

6. [20-100BH](#)

Recommendation to discuss Board goals and infrastructure.

There was no new information to provide on this item. Chair Smith requested that Board to be prepared to discuss this item at the December 2020 meeting.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

7. [20-101BH](#) Recommendation to discuss reimagining City support for the Health Department.

Chair Smith discussed identifying a strategic way to connect and build relationships with incoming Council members.

Boardmember Robson mentioned an upcoming 2nd District Bike Tour, where the Councilmember will be touring the community.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

ONGOING BUSINESS

8. [20-102BH](#) Recommendation to receive, discuss and file an update regarding the enforcement of the Health Order requiring the wearing of masks in public to combat COVID-19 transmission.

Boardmember Robson discussed a lack of support from the Council on this issue. A brief discussion ensued regarding concerns related to the enforcement of such an order by the Police. It was discussed focusing on making businesses accountable for enforcement of the masking order.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

9. [20-103BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on the status of the City's implementation of the legalization of cannabis.

Chair Smith inquired regarding an evaluation of the funding received by the Health Department through cannabis fees and taxes. A question also arose regarding any increases in Police responses including DUI's, accidents or other issues caused by increased cannabis use. The Board requested an update on where the City currently was two years after the legalization of cannabis.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

10. [20-104BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on Community Hospital.

There was no new information to provide on this item. The Board suggested reaching out to Senator Lena Gonzalez regarding a push to increase the momentum towards reopening this facility.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smith reminded the Board to encourage individuals to obtain their flu shots.

Chair Smith announced his resignation from the Board of Health. His final meeting will be on December 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:57 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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