

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022
TELECONFERENCE, 7:45 AM**

Silene St. Bernard, DVM, Chair
Sylvia Betancourt, Member
Ralph Brooks, RN, Member
Reena Curtis, PharmD, Member
Abraam Girgis, DDS, Member
Manorama Gupta, Member
Troy Ha, DDS, Member



Miles McNeeley, LCSW, Member
Christopher Robson, Member
Sabrina Sanders, Member
Barbara Schwerin, Member
Nasir Tejani, MD, FAAP, Member
Lydia Vaias, MD, Member
Lauren Walton, MD, Member

FINISHED AGENDA AND APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:49 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Chair St. Bernard presiding.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Sylvia Betancourt, Manorama Gupta, Troy Ha, Miles McNeeley,

Present: Christopher Robson, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Lydia Vaias, Lauren Walton and Silene St Bernard

Commissioners Reena Curtis and Abraam Girgis

Excused:

Commissioners Ralph Brooks and Sabrina Sanders

Absent:

Also present: Kelly Colopy - Director of Health & Human Services; Dr. Anissa Davis - City Health Officer; Dr. Jessica Schumer - Deputy Director; Paul Duncan - Homeless Services Bureau Manager; and Dennis Keith - Executive Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [22-037BH](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board of Health and Human Services meeting held May 13, 2022.

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

Yes: 10 - Sylvia Betancourt, Manorama Gupta, Troy Ha, Miles McNeeley, Christopher Robson, Barbara Schwerin, Nasir Tejani, Lydia Vaias, Lauren Walton and Silene St Bernard

Excused: 2 - Reena Curtis and Abraam Girgis

Absent: 2 - Ralph Brooks and Sabrina Sanders

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. [22-038BH](#) Recommendation to receive 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 Health Department received a \$3.9 million grant award from the California Violence Prevention Intervention Grant Program to expand violence prevention activities to reduce gun violence and deaths.
 - The State budget include \$200 million for local public health jurisdictions to support public health workforce and infrastructure. It is estimated Long Beach HHS will receive approximately \$2.8 million to support local public health efforts.
 - The State budget recommendation includes the Public Health HEROES funding, which will provide one-time funding for workforce retention and training. The mechanism for distributing these funds is still unknown.
 - Ongoing work the Department is undertaking to assist families with infants during the formula shortage.

- Ongoing conversations regarding street vending/food carts and food safety. A Council study session on this subject is scheduled for July 12, 2022.

This BH-Agenda Item was received and filed.

3. [22-039BH](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report from the City Health Officer on Communicable Disease Control activities.

Dr. Anissa Davis, City Health Officer, provided the following information to the Board:

- A current Monkeypox outbreak affecting over 1,000 individuals in 46 countries to date.
- As part of the City's HIV/STD Strategy, in partnership with AltaMed, Positive Prevention plus Sex Health Education was provided to 2,899 students in the Long Beach Unified School District.
- Working on a needs assessment to gather information about community awareness and knowledge of sexual health resources in Long Beach.
- Revamping the Department's Veterinary Public Health Programming and partnering with Los Angeles County.
- The 2020 Communicable Disease Annual Report will be released later today.

This BH-Agenda Item was received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. [22-040BH](#)

Recommendation to receive a presentation on homeless services in Long Beach.

Ms. Colopy, and Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, provided a presentation on addressing homelessness in Long Beach, a copy of which was received and filed as part of the permanent record, and responded to questions from the Board.

This BH-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

ONGOING DISCUSSION

5. [22-041BH](#) Recommendation to discuss mental health and substance abuse issues.

This BH-Agenda Item was laid over.

6. [22-042BH](#) Recommendation to discuss environmental justice issues.

This BH-Agenda Item was laid over.

7. [22-043BH](#) Recommendation to discuss Board Goals and Infrastructure, including:
- Staff Reports on City Council communications
 - Focus areas for 2022
 - Recruitment efforts

This BH-Agenda Item was laid over.

8. [22-044BH](#) Recommendation to discuss the current status of COVID-19 in the City.

This BH-Agenda Item was laid over.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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