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Barbara Schwerin, Member  
Nasir Tejani, MD, FAAP, Member  
Susan Temple, Member  
Lydia Vaias, MD, Member

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

At 7:55 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Chair Smith presiding.

### ROLL CALL

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

**Present:** Jody Rawles, Barbara Schwerin, Silene St Bernard, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple, Lydia Vaias, Christopher Robson and Milton Smith

**Commissioners** Ralph Brooks and Reena Curtis

**Excused:**

Also present: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services; and Edwin Cockrell, resident.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [20-001BH](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board of Health and Human Services meetings held Friday, December 13, 2019.

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

**Yes:** 12 - Sylvia Betancourt, Manorama Gupta, Troy Ha, Miles McNeeley, Jody Rawles, Barbara Schwerin, Silene St Bernard, Nasir Tejani, Susan Temple, Lydia Vaias, Christopher Robson and Milton Smith

**Excused:** 2 - Ralph Brooks and Reena Curtis

**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.**

Edwin Cockrell spoke on HIV in Long Beach and the need for improvement in HIV services, as well as the need for increased immunization outreach.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

2. [20-002BH](#) 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 board with a brief update on the following:

- The first Flu death in Long Beach was recently reported. The individual was under 50 years of age, with underlying health conditions.
- The first HIV/STD Planning Group Meeting was held for 2020. As part of the 2020 budget process, the Mayor directed the Health Department to identify \$250,000 in the budget to focus on HIV/STD related work. The Department will be hiring an individual to lead the HIV/STD Strategy. Funding will also be used to maintain existing DIS staff and will fund an education/communications campaign.
- Shannon Parker, Homeless Services Officer, resigned. The Department will be posting for the position in the near future.
- Dr. Cliff Okada started with the Department has the new Public Health Physician working in the Department's HIV Programs.

- Youth Strategic Plan. Two youth from each council district have been trained and will be conducting focus groups throughout the City.
- The Mayor's State of the City will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.
- Nelson Kerr, Environmental Health Bureau Manager, is retiring in mid-February.
- FY 21 Budget Discussions have begun.

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

3. [20-003BH](#) Recommendation to receive, discuss and file a report from the City Health Officer on Communicable Disease Control activities.

There was no City Health Officer report this month.

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

#### REGULAR AGENDA

4. [20-004BH](#) Recommendation to discuss Board goals and infrastructure.

Members are moving forward with their individual subcommittees. They plan to reach out to each of the Council offices to have them understand that when discussing health ideas or policies they should reach out to the Board as the educational/advisory body on such subject matters. The intent is for the Board to maintain lines of communication in order to remind the Council Districts of the Board's presence and availability as a resource. Committees will provide updates at the February 2020 meeting.

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

5. [20-005BH](#) Recommendation to discuss the Board of Health and Human Services Annual Report.

Chair Smith shared a draft copy of the 2019 Board of Health Annual Report. The Board reviewed the document and provided input and edits. It was discussed that the report should contain a reminder that the Board of Health and Human Services is an appointed advisory body to provide input on matters of public

health; however, the Board had not been engaged on several items of note in 2019 that were moved forward without Board of Health input. The Board requested that their updated Bio's be included as part of the 2019 report. Chair Smith also requested that Boardmembers provide feedback to the rest of the Board whenever they have a meeting with a Council district, so that the information regarding that meeting can be captured. The Board will provide their final edits to Chair Smith by January 21 for incorporation into the final draft. The final draft will be reviewed and approved at the February 2020 meeting.

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

## ONGOING BUSINESS

6. [20-006BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update from the Toxic Tour Subcommittee.

Due to scheduling complications over the Holidays the subcommittee has update this month.

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

7. [20-007BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on the status of the City's implementation of the legalization of cannabis.

A brief discussion ensued regarding any funding received by the Department to perform the work it conducted related to the cannabis legalization process. The ongoing focus from a Health Department perspective continues to be prevention.

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

8. [20-008BH](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on Community Hospital.

Plans to reopen Community Hospital are ongoing and moving forward with an expectation that the facility be open in July 2020.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kelly Colopy announced that the Point in Time Homeless Count will be conducted the morning of January 23, 2020.
- The Department will be holding its 2020 Public Health Week Conference on April 9th, at the Long Beach Marriott.
- Boardmember Rawles announced the first Moonlight Mash Bicycle Ride will take place this evening. The events are held on the first full moon of every month and bring people together to strengthen our community, learn how to ride safely at night, and have fun.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:08 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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