



## LONG BEACH BOARD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Board of Health and Human Services

**DISCUSSION**

The Board of Health and Human Services (Board) was created by City ordinance and consists of 15 members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. An annual report of the activities of the Board is directed by Municipal Code Section 2.18.090. The following report covers the period of January through December 2003.

Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.24.020 states that the composition of the Board shall include at least three physicians, one dentist, one pharmacist, one veterinarian, one member of the Long Beach Unified School District and one nurse. Every effort should be made to appoint a Board that reflects the ethnic and gender composition of the City.

**1. BOARD MEMBERSHIP FOR 2003**

Following is a listing of the Board's 2003 membership, with an appropriate notation concerning areas of representation:

**MEMBERS APPOINTED BY AFFILIATION**

Lynn Fasnacht, D.D.S. (Dentist)  
Loren Eslinger, D.V.M. (Veterinarian)  
Karen T. Hilburn (LBUSD)  
John Sykora, Pharm.D. (Pharmacist)  
Song Tan, M.D. (Physician)  
Lorain Brault, R.N. (Nurse) - Chairperson  
Guadalupe Padilla-Robb, M.D. (Physician)  
Jud Schoendorf, M.D. (Physician)

MEMBERS APPOINTED AT-LARGE

Thomas M. Crowe, L.C.S.W.

Lauraine Barber

John S. Andrews

Annette Kashiwabara – Vice-Chairperson

Janet M. Molina-Watt

Joy Tyson, R.N.

Andrew Stanitsas, M.D. (resigned effective April 2003)

Tamara Kay Greet (appointed September 2003)

**2. OBJECTIVE AND FUNCTION**

The Board is an advisory body to the City Council, City Manager, and the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) on matters relating to: the annual funding of social services to community-based organizations; the public health of the City, including the health of victims of crimes and health services related to inmates of the City jail; community health and safety concerning the control and protection of all animals within the city; and matters connected with the administration of the Department.

The Board conducts hearings on matters pertaining to the public health and social service affairs of the City. Board findings and recommendations are reported to the City Council for its consideration and action.

**3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD (INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF SUBJECT MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL)**

The following issues/items were discussed by the Board:

- Health Care Budget Cuts
- Epidemic of Overweight and Unfit Children
- Smallpox Inoculation Program
- Homeland Security
- 2002 Statement of Economic Interests
- Community Challenge Grant/Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs
- City of Long Beach Health Statistics
- Housing Inspection Program
- Food Inspection Program
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
- West Nile Virus
- Bioterrorism Preparedness
- Southern California Public Health Association Annual Conference
- Little Hoover Commission Report on Public Health
- Homeless Count Report
- Annual Board Elections
- Miller Family Health Education Center
- HIV Education and Prevention Programs
- Emergency Shelter Housing Programs

- Social Services Grant Programs
- DHHS 2004 Budget
- Long Term Health Care Proposal
- Children in Los Angeles County Strategic Plan
- State Budget Impacts
- Child Health and Disability Prevention and Gateway Program
- Board Annual Calendar
- Mobile Dental Clinic
- Vehicle License Fees and Public Health Funding
- Influenza Morbidity and Availability of Vaccine
- Red Ribbon Week
- STARS Program
- Los Angeles County Health Service Reductions

The following motions/recommendations were referred to the City Council:

- Recommended to the City Council for funding agreements for fiscal years 2003-05 for Social Services Grant Program and Emergency Shelter Grant Program; and,
- Recommended to the City Council for funding agreements for fiscal year 2004 HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Program.

**4. NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD**

The Board held nine regular monthly meetings in 2003 at its usual meeting site: the Department of Health and Human Services, 2525 Grand Avenue, Room 204, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**5. 2003 ATTENDANCE RECORD OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Name	Number of Meetings Attended	Excused Absence	Absent
Lynn Fasnacht, D.D.S.	8	1	0
Loren Eslinger, D.V.M.	9	0	0
Karen T. Hilburn	7	1	1
John Sykora, Pharm.D.	9	0	0
Thomas M. Crowe, L.C.S.W.	8	1	0
Joy Tyson, R.N.	6	1	2
Song Tan, M.D.	6	2	1
Lauraine Barber	9	0	0
Lorain Brault, R.N.	8	1	0
John S. Andrews	9	0	0
Andrew Stanitsas, M.D.*	0	2	1
Annette Kashiwabara	6	2	1
Janet M. Molina-Watt	8	1	0
Guadalupe Padilla-Robb, M.D.	6	2	1
Jud Schoendorf, M.D.	8	1	0
Tamara Kaye Greet*	2	2	0

\* Partial year term only (See Section 1)

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED**

None.

**7. AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED IN SUPPORT OF BOARD**

Support costs for the Board, including staff time of the Department and City Clerk, and costs associated with meetings, public hearings, materials and postage, totaled \$24,920.

**8. CITY PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE BOARD**

The Board received assistance from the following City personnel:  
Ronald R. Arias, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Darryl Sexton, M.D., City Health Officer  
Corinne Schneider, Manager, Bureau of Human and Social Services  
Michael Johnson, Manager, Bureau of Support Services  
Bruce Fujikawa, Dr. P.H., Laboratory Services Officer  
Nettie DeAugustine, Manager, Bureau of Preventive Health  
Pamela Shaw, P.H.N., Nursing Services Officer  
Nancy Muth, Deputy City Clerk  
Theresa Marino, Manager, Bureau of Public Health  
Anissa Davis, M.D., Public Health Physician  
Nelson Kerr, Environmental Health Specialist/Food Program Supervisor  
David Honey, Financial Services Officer  
Hanan Obeidi, Epidemiology Analyst  
Stephen J. Goodwin, Executive Secretary  
Serafina Sarmiento, Secretary

**9. RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE BOARD SHOULD BE ABOLISHED, MODIFIED OR CONTINUED**

It is the consensus of the Board that the City Council be requested to continue the Board of Health and Human Services for the next calendar year.

The Board of Health and Human Services approved this report on June 11, 2004.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Receive and file the 2003 Annual Report of the Board of Health and Human Services, and continue the Board for the next calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

LORAIN BRAULT, R.N.  
CHAIRPERSON

By:



RONALD R. ARIAS  
DIRECTOR  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES