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Supervisor Ron Roberts, Chairman
Supervisor Dianne Jacob, Vice Chairwoman
Supervisor Greg Cox
Supervisor Dave Roberts
Supervisor Bill Horn

RE: Health Services Advisory Board 2015 Annual Report

Dear Board Members:

HSAB serves as an advisory board on public health, to provide input to the Board of Supervisors, the Chief Administrative Office, and the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, regarding programs, issues and budget items pertaining to HHSA as defined in Section 861.8 of the *County Administrative Code*. Pursuant to Section 861.9 of the *County of San Diego Administrative Code*, the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) is required to submit an annual report of its recommendations concerning the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Membership is set forth in Section 710 of the *County Charter* and Section 861.1. of the *County of San Diego Administrative Code*. HSAB consists of 17 members (see [Appendix X – Membership Roster](#)). Each Board of Supervisor appoints two members and the remaining should include physicians who represent traditional health care providers serving low income and indigent populations, academic institutions, businesses, organized-labor groups, rural health organizations, minority health organizations, and legal services organizations.

In accordance with the above requirements, this letter constitutes HSAB's annual report and is submitted for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. During this period, HSAB leadership and HHSA staff planned nine meetings; however, two meetings (August 20th and September 17th) were canceled due to lack of a quorum. HSAB met on January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, and July 16th.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) provides critical services to San Diego residents through its many programs and strategic initiatives that treat physical and mental health to reduce

dependency on public resources; assist families and vulnerable adults to lead safe and healthy lives and become self-sufficient; protect children, families and vulnerable adults from dangerous conditions; and prevent illnesses to maximize the health, safety and well-being of our community. All services related to these efforts assist to advance Live Well San Diego vision to achieve healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

The HSAB is pleased to make the following recommendation for programs and projects within the scope of the Health and Human Services Agency:

1. Health San Diego (March)
2. Alzheimer's Project (April)
3. Changes within the San Diego system of care (April)
4. The future of behavioral health (April)
5. The future of public health (April)
6. Implementation of behavioral health urgent care centers (April)
7. Recommendation regarding increased engagement of HSAB to provide input on the legislative agenda (April)
8. Encourage HHSA leadership to identify strategic options for the HSAB to be more involved in a timely process to discuss and identify priorities earlier in the budget cycle process for the public good. (May minutes)
9. San Diego Health Connect, the Health Information Exchange system (May, BL presented)
10. California Children Services pilot project (July 2015)
11. Foster care (November 2015)

RECOMMENDATIONS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF PHS DIVISION

1. Ensure HSAB has meeting **quorums** by appointing alternates for seats that are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. At the February meeting, HSAB members were requested to appoint an alternate person to attend the meeting on their behalf in case the elected member is unable to attend. Those members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, are asked to obtain agreement from their appointing Supervisor. **(FEB, AUG & SEPT MTS)**

APPENDIX

Summary of Public Health Services Accomplishment for Calendar Year 2015

From January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, Public Health Services achieved the following accomplishments and contributions to the Health and Human Services Agency to prevent disease and disability, promote health and wellness, and protect the public's health from emergencies and threats. The following are accomplishments for this period.

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2. Explore strategies to improve the management of adults in San Diego County with sickle cell disease. (FEB MTG)

In closing, the members of HSAB are delighted to fulfil its duties to assist HHS in its vision and mission to improve the lives of the residents of San Diego County. The Agency has exemplified fiscal responsibility, assertive leadership, and operational excellence.

This report was discussed and unanimously approved at the HSAB Meeting held on Month XX, 2016. I am available to discuss the contents of the report or answer any questions. If needed, please contact me at [XXX.XXX.XXXX](tel:XXX.XXX.XXXX) or james.lepanto@cox.net.

Sincerely,

JAMES LEPANTO, Chairman
Health Services Advisory Board

Attachments: HSAB Roster

cc: Health Services Advisory Board Members
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Nick Macchione, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dr. Wilma J. Wooten, Director, Public Health Service and Health Officer