



**County of San Diego
HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting | Zoom | CAC Rm 302**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES**

SEAT	DISTRICT	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	ATTEND	PRESENTERS	HHSA SUPPORT
1	1				PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES LEADERSHIP REPORT - County Health Status Profiles 2025 by Seema Shah, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director , Public Health Services, Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch	Elizabeth Hernandez, Ph.D. , Director, PHS, HHSA Jennifer Tuteur, M.D., FAAFP , Chief Medical Officer, MCS, HHSA Jamie Beam, M.P.A. , Director, MCS, HHSA Adrienne Yancey, M.P.H. , Assistant Director, PHS, HHSA (Zoom) Anuj Bhatia, DrP.H. , Deputy Director, PHS, HHSA Joshua Beidler, M.S. , Admin Sec II, PHS Admin, HHSA Susan Callies , Admin Sec IV, PHS Admin, HHSA Talq Tera , Information Technology Analyst, PHS Admin, HHSA Seema Shah, M.D., M.P.H. , Medical Director, PHS EISB, HHSA (Zoom)
2	1	Dr. Suzanne Afflalo	Samhita Ilango IP	✓		
3	2	Barry Jantz, CHAIR IP		✓		
4	2	Victoria Floyd IP		✓		
5	3	Todd Walters				
6	3	Deanna Alexander-Myers				
7	4	James Lepanto IP		✓		
8	4	Geysil Arroyo, VICE CHAIR IP		✓		
9	5					
10	5					
11	SDC Med Soc	Paul Hegyi IP	Jennipher Ohmstede	✓		
12	HASDIC	Dimitrios Alexiou	Caryn Sumek Z	✓		
13	HC Partners	Tim Fraser IP	Lauren Abrams	✓		
14	Consumer Center	Joanne Franciscus IP	Kris Jacobs	✓		
15	BHAB	Judith Yates IP		✓		
16	Healthy SD-PRO	Dr. Harriet Seldin IP		✓		
17	Healthy SD-Con	Jack Dailey IP	Alexander Perez	✓		
18	3		Dorothy Greene			
19	3		Aida Galindez			
20	2		Besma Coda			

Attendance Key: **IP** = In person, **Z** = Zoom

<p>I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Roll Call B. Remarks from the Chairperson C. Approval of August Agenda D. Approval of July Meeting Minutes E. HSAB Attendance Confirmation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Barry Jantz called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. b. Roll Call: Barry Jantz, James Lepanto, Dr. Harriet Seldin, Geysil Arroyo, Tim Fraser, Joanne Franciscus, Samhita Ilango, Paul Hegyi, Judith Yates, Victoria Floyd, Caryn Sumek (Zoom) B. Remarks from the Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The agenda that was sent out has been revised under the Chairs Report - Item C: 2026 County Legislative Program Feedback to seek annual feedback on the legislative program. This is not Bill specific; it is high level efforts from the county which may turn into sponsored legislation. We will discuss; however, we will not act today. b. Next Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting is 8/26/25. There will be a recommendation/request from Supervisor Desmond's office to fill one of his vacancies on this Board. Her name is Kelsey Sly; she works in the home health arena probably contracted with Scripps. c. Caryn Sumek to address the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) opportunity. Once everyone hears this, we can send an email about weighing in on that process. C. Approval of August Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The motion to approve the agenda was made by James Lepanto and seconded by Tim Fraser. b. Roll Call: All members in attendance voted Aye. D. Approval of July Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Harriet Seldin and seconded by Joanne Franciscus. b. Roll Call: All members in attendance voted Aye. E. HSAB Attendance Confirmation
<p>II. PUBLIC COMMENT (not related to agenda items)</p>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>
<p>III. CONSENT ITEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Authorization to Accept Funding for Tuberculosis Control and Treatment, and Authorization to Apply for Additional Funding Opportunities, Jeffrey Percak, MD, Medical Director, Tuberculosis Prevention & Care Branch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Authorization to Accept Funding for Tuberculosis Control and Treatment, and Authorization to Apply for Additional Funding Opportunities, Jeffrey Percak, MD, Medical Director, Tuberculosis Prevention & Care Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The motion to approve the consent item was made by Joanne Franciscus and seconded by Dr. Harriet Seldin. b. Roll Call: All members in attendance voted Aye. B. Discussion: Attendance Expectations for Consent Report Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Email inquiry/discussion from Dr. Anuj Bhatia – do we expect those Community Partners related to consent items to attend in person? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Response from Barry Jantz: We have made good judgment calls on which items are consent items; no need to make others attend in person. We wanted more community-based partners involved; will consider. We don't want to set the expectation that a long discussion will take place over a consent item.

IV. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES LEADERSHIP REPORT

Dr. Seema Shah, Medical Director,
Public Health Services, Epidemiology
and Immunization Services Branch



Health Services Advisory Board Meeting Public Health Services Report

July 15, 2025



Public Health Officer (PHO) Update: Dr. Seema Shah

- **County Health Status Profiles 2025:**
 - San Diego ranked among the top 20%, which is the lowest average of 58 counties in the following categories: Deaths due to - influenza and pneumonia, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, and motor vehicle traffic crashes.
 - San Diego's reported average was lower than California's reported average for the following County Health Statistics Profiles: Deaths due to - all causes, colorectal cancer, female breast cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, coronary heart disease, influenza, pneumonia, chronic lower respiratory disease, chronic liver disease, motor vehicle crashes, homicide, and firearm related deaths.
 - San Diego's reported average was higher than California's reported average in the following County Health Status Profiles: Deaths Due to – All cancers, lung cancer, prostate cancer, cerebrovascular disease (stroke), accidents (unintentional injuries), suicide, and drug overdose deaths.
 - San Diego ranked among the bottom 20% (highest average): Reported prevalence of persons living with HIV/AIDS among ages 13 years and older (2020-2022), reported incidences of chlamydia (2021-2023), gonorrhea among males 15 – 44 years old (2021-2023), and tuberculosis (2021-2023).
 - San Diego's reported average was lower than California for the following County Health Status Profiles:
 - Ranked 3-year average birth cohort infant death rate (2020-2022) – infant mortality in all race/ethnic groups, Hispanic infant mortality, White infant mortality
 - Ranked by 3-year average low birthweight percentage (2021-2023) – low birthweight infants
 - Ranked by 3-year age-specific birth rate (2021-2023) – births to adolescent mothers 15-19 years old
 - Ranked by percentage of 3-year average first trimester prenatal care (2021-2023) – Adequate/Adequate plus prenatal care (Adequacy of prenatal care utilization index)
 - Ranked by percentage of population under 18 years in poverty (2022)
- **Wild Bat** found outside in Oceanside tested positive for rabies. 8 bats found so far with rabies. We put out a County

News Center story and we have a website on rabies notifying the public if they encounter a bat to seek healthcare.

- **TB: High incidence in San Diego County**
 - Another exposure at Southwest High School – Our TB Branch in collaboration with Sweetwater Union High School District notified students and staff who were potentially exposed to TB at Southwest High School between 2/1/25 – 5/20/25. We notified those at highest risk and there was no cost for screening. Public notification done through County News Center story on 7/31/25.
- **Tribal Brief and Dashboard** is on our website that summarizes tribal health and well-being of our American Indian and Alaska native residents living in San Diego County. The dashboard includes demographic social determinants of health status and behaviors as well as aggregated data from a 4-year period of the California Health Interview Survey. In the healthcare access and utilization section, there is information on health insurance, doctor's appointments, dental visits, and dental insurance.
- **Highlights:**
 - Dr. Tweeten and Dr. Tilghman were recognized as contributing authors in a publication highlighting collaborative work on Hepatitis C in our region.
 - Dr. Shah and Dr. Beatty supported CDC and CDPH on a MMWR regarding the Salmonella outbreak from raw milk that started in San Diego County.

Director's Update: Dr. Seema Shah

- **Board Letter Forecast:** 9/9/25 – Accept FY Funding for TB Program. 9/30/25: Authorize acceptance of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Allocation including the Perinatal Equity Initiative Allocation from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
- **Media/Community Events:**
 - Ongoing: Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) radio ad runs on local radio stations Z90 and Magic 92.5 as well as digital banners on high traffic websites that will redirect listeners and viewers to the Black Legacy Now website.
 - Ongoing: PEI Creatives (brochures, door hangers, postcards) are distributed in the community to educate African American mothers on advocating for equitable health care for themselves and their babies.
 - 9/10/25 from 8:30am-1pm in person at COC/virtual via Teams: 21st Annual San Diego Immunization Coalition Kick the Flu +2 Summit.
 - September 2025 – October 2025: Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Immunization Media Campaign in partnership with iHeart Media Inc. which aims to increase vaccination coverage and to reduce health inequities.
- **CHEAC Meeting 10/1/25-10/3/25 in Palm Springs:** Theme is Standing Strong for all – Opportunity to network with local health partners, local leadership and staff; 3 PHS abstracts accepted.
- **APACE:** Jose Mallari elected as Director for the Asian Alliance of County Employees (APACE).
- **Question (Dr. Harriet Seldin): Will there be an updated COVID vaccine in September/October 2025?**
 - Answer (Dr. Seema Shah): Yes. The formula has been updated to match circulating strains and there is a planned shipment in September 2025.
- **Question (Tim Fraser): Regarding the Immunization Event on 9/10/25, is it open to all populations including the undocumented population? If so, are there contingencies?**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Answer (Dr. Seema Shah): We are waiting on guidance from the State for the insured/not insured. The State is planning to share guidance. The vaccination event is open to all, and anyone can get a flu shot. ○ (Tim Fraser) Encourage County to comment by 8/13/25 on the Peoria issue. Recommendation: Have a contingency plan in case we cannot serve certain populations. ○ (Dr. Jennifer Tuteur, Chief Medical Officer): We have an Incident Command Structure set up and are aware of these issues. We are waiting for guidance from state/different legislation. • Question (James Lepanto): Is the County monitoring a trend in which immunizations are decreasing in children and adults? What is the plan on how to deal with this trend and how will this be communicated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Answer (Dr. Seema Shah): The County is monitoring; however, it is too early to see the effect. MMR rates have been decreasing over time which has been occurring throughout the United States. There are several California mandates that help prevent declines in immunizations. We have to stay strong with our messaging, which is critical.
V. CHAIR'S REPORT 3:30 pm A. Youth Engagement B. Community Inspiration Awards C. 2026 County Legislative Program Feedback	A. Youth Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Positive feedback from Terra Lawson-Remer b. Agreed will send communication about this to the Supervisor before we take the next steps which would include County Council on the age issue and the Office of Strategy and Innovation. B. Community Inspiration Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No updates. Working on setting up a meeting for James Lepanto and other involved members. We will provide updates and will discuss them in the next meeting. C. 2026 County Legislative Program Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Went out from Economic Development & Government Affairs (EDGA); request for input came out within the past couple of days and is due 8/29/25. All should have a 2025 sponsorship proposal document. This is not bill specific but rather high-level strategies the county wants to pursue in these areas which may turn into sponsored legislation from the county. b. Last year, Dr. Harriet Seldin had a very specific dental item that was incorporated in the final effort. c. No action will be taken today; however, the request is for all of you to review it. d. There is a great level of flexibility in what EDGA is willing to receive – Comments, insertion of sentences, tracked changes. Please send them to Barry Jantz by 8/22/25 even if you are doing tracked changes. e. Would like to see additional language that supports the safety net as a whole and access to healthcare and oppose any legislation that would undo the safety net.
VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS A. Subcommittee and Work Group Updates	A. Subcommittee and Work Group Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No updates.

<p>VII. ROUNDTABLE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) (Caryn Sumek): Every 3 years, hospitals come together for community engagement with several partners including Legal Aid Society and health care partners. Our next CHNA is a virtual event on 8/19/25 from 1-2pm. • Health Fairs: Dr. Suzanne Afflalo usually announces her health fairs. The Health Fair flyers are appropriate to send out. • Live Well Newsletter: If anyone has a suggestion such as an event for inclusion for newsletter, please use link. • County News Emails: Can receive emails/updates from County departments that contain a lot of health-related information and are very useful. • County Budget/Public Health Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential Public Health Funding Cuts (CalFresh, etc.): It is important that we be proactive and strategic as things change daily now affecting every area of health care. ○ Realignment usually falls into 3 pots: Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Public Health. Suggest we invite Amy Thompson from HHSA AEO Fiscal to understand more about realignment funding in our County. How are decisions made regarding realignment funding? We may need to supplement funding with changes coming. Is/how is Public Health involvement in decisions in identifying needs that realignment may be able to assist? ○ Staff have mentioned that things have not moved along from the federal to the state level ○ Department Involvement with Fiscal: How departments are involved in communicating information to Fiscal regarding funding depends on what the priorities are ○ County budget and individual department budgets: COVID funds are being eliminated. Need to figure out how to build up Public Health funds. It starts with Romina as she is Budget Manager for Public Health, then she communicates to Amy, then to the CFO for the County; Based on needs assessments and data. Romina would be able to speak to the budget for Public Health Services. ○ The County has a balanced budget for this year; however, it does not include federal/state changes that are occurring. How do we implement redetermination? The County put out a great report on 7/22/25 regarding the impacts of HR1. What are we looking at as a County (SNAP, work requirements, etc.)? ○ In September 2025, Public Health Services will be doing an update to the Board of Supervisors through EDGA, Matthew Parr, as a Board Letter. ○ The percentage of realignment dollars is determined by HHSA AEO CFO, Amy Thompson. We will work with Amy and her staff to see if they are available for the next meeting. ○ Item from the last Board of Supervisors meeting regarding an analysis to offset dollars from general funds. Reserves may be used to offset dollars.
<p>VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)</p>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>
<p>IX. ADJOURN</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>HSAB Monthly Meeting: September 16, 2025 CAC: 1600 Pacific Hwy San Diego, CA 92101, Room 402A, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm</p>