



County of San Diego  
**HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101-2417

Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
 3:00pm to 5:00pm  
 Microsoft Teams

**MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present		Members Absent/Excused		Presenters	HHSA Support
Seat 1 - District 1	Parker, Richard	Seat 6 – District 3 (Alternate)	Xu, Frank	<i>Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement Region I, VI Board Letter,</i> Robert Sills, Chief, Public Health Preparedness and Response Branch	Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez, Assistant Director, PHS  Dr. Anuj Bhatia, Deputy Director, PHS  Dr. Kelley Motadel, Child Health Officer, MCSD  Danielle Dorrington, AAllI, PHS  Hirsch, Pedro Administrative Secretary II, PHS
Seat 8 – District 4	Arroyo, Geysil	Seat 14 - Consumer Center for Health Education & Advocacy	Dailey, Jack (Alternate)		
Seat 4 - District 2 – Business Owner	Connelly, LaVonna	Seat 11 - San Diego County Medical Society	Ohmstede, Jennipher (Alternate)		
Seat 13 – Health Center Partners of Southern California; for Henry Tuttle	Fraser, Tim (Alternate)	Seat 13 – Health Center Partners of Southern California For Dimitrios Alexiou	Tuttle, Henry		
Seat 11 - San Diego County Medical Society	Hegy, Paul	Seat 15 - Behavioral Health Advisory Board	Wade, Lindsay		
Seat 7 - District 4 – James Lepanto Consulting	Lepanto, James	Seat 12 - Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties	Mendel, Jenifer (Alternate)		
Seat 16 - Healthy San Diego Professional Advisory Committee	Schultz, James		Alexiou, Dimitrios		
Seat 2 – District 1 – A Healthier Me	Afflalo, Suzanne				
Seat 14 - Consumer Center for Health	Knoll, Gregory				

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Education & Advocacy Seat 19, District 3 Seat 12 - Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties Seat 5 – District 3 – Cardiologist Seat 6 - District 3 Seat 12 - Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Seat 3 - District 2 – Mountain Health	Aguirre, Diana Sumek, Caryn (Alternate)	Seat 15 – Behavioral Health Advisory Board Seat 9 – District 5	Matthews, Michael  Remington-Cisneros, Therese Seldin, Harriet (Alternate)		<b>Additional HHSA Staff Present:</b>  Werth, Jackie Performance Improvement Manager, PHS  Ardee Apostol, Revenue & Budget Manager, HHSA
	Cohen, Stuart	Seat 16 - Healthy San Diego Professional Advisory Committee			Romina Morris, Departmental Budget Manager, PHS
	Effron, Harris Gregory				Danielle Dorrington, Admin. Analyst III, PHS
	Shaplin, Judith	<i>Acronyms:</i> HSDPA: Healthy San Diego Professional Advisory  SDCMS: San Diego County Medical Society  HCPSC: Health Center Partners of Southern California	HASDI: Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial  CCHE: Consumer Center for Health Education  BHAB: Behavioral Health Advisory Board  HSDCA: Healthy San Diego Advisory		<b>Other Attendees:</b>  Barbara Orozco-Valdivia, Stakeholder Engagement Manger, Blue Shield California  Brad Long, COSD DEH, Sup. Environmental Health Specialist

Minutes	Lead	Follow- up Actions	Due
9/1/2020	Anuj Bhatia	TCRP postponed to October.	October
9/1/2020	James Lepanto	Heart Association present at the next meeting.	October
9/1/2020	James Lepanto	Public Health Appreciation Letter run through Nick Macchione.	September
9/1/2020	James Lepanto	Meeting with Dr. Kornreich for Senior Oral Health	TBD
9/1/2020	James Lepanto	Surveys	9/4/2020
9/1/2020	Board/Pedro Hirsch	Pictures for Contact List	10/6/2020
9/1/2020	Anuj Bhatia	Public Health Officer's Report will be sent out.	TBA

**Next Meeting:** HSAB Meeting: Tuesday October 6, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 pm – Microsoft Teams

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>I. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p><b>A.</b> James Lepanto called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Roll call was taken by James Lepanto.</p> <p><b>C.</b> James Lepanto if anyone from the public or the County would like to introduce themselves.</p> <p><b>D.</b> James Lepanto reminded Board members to always be respectful, express opinions in a collegial way, and be thoughtful and aware of what its been said.</p> <p><b>E.</b> Board was informed that Stephen R. O’Kane, a former Board member, is now the national board chair for the American Lung Association.</p>
<b>II. Public Comment</b>	No public comment.
<b>III. Action Items</b>  <i>Presentation by Rob Sills, Chief, PPHR</i>	<p><b>A.</b> Approval of August Agenda and July Meeting Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moved by Judith Shaplin and seconded by Stuart Cohen</li> <li>2. Moved by Stuart Cohen and seconded by Judith Shaplin.</li> <li>3. All HSAB members in attendance voted Aye, with no oppositions or abstentions. The motions carried and the documents were approved.</li> </ol> <p><b>B.</b> Region I &amp; Mutual Aid Agreement</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The COSD HHSA is responsible for coordinating emergency medical response to the public health disasters or emergencies, like a pandemic, and has an integral role in responses to natural and other disasters, fires, floods, earthquakes, hazardous spills and other catastrophes that may occur in San Diego.</li><li>2. To maximize available resources and ensure the most effective response, the County enters into cooperative agreements with other jurisdictions in the Southern California region to provide mutual assistance and share resources, such as equipment, supplies, and response staff, during time of emergency response.</li><li>3. The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) is responsible for protecting the health and safety and preserving the lives and property of the people of the State of California. In order to more effectively apply, administer, and coordinate mutual aid and other emergency-related activities, CalOES organized the state into six mutual aid regions.</li><li>4. In January of 1997 the San Diego Board of Supervisors approved the Inter-region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency, Medical and Health Disaster Assistance.</li><li>5. The proposed Agreement adds definitions, insurance requirements, dispute procedures and further clarification of roles and responsibilities and will have the inclusion of Behavioral Health Services.</li><li>6. Request for Assistance Process: Region I &amp; IV county requests assistance thru the Medical Health Operational Area (MHOAC) program to the Region I &amp; “IV Regional Disasters Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC) program → Region I &amp; IV: Regional Disaster Medical Health program contact received the request, coordinates and sends along to Region I &amp; IV counties via the MHOAC program → The individual Region I &amp; IV County MHOAC’s work with their local government services to see if they can fill the request and notify the RDHMC program if they are able to assist.</li><li>7. Mutual Aid Response to Santa Barbara County Mudslides: In 2018 a mutual aid request via MHOAC program came through CDPH for assistance to Santa Barbara County with clean up of hazardous waste due to severe mudslides from recent rainstorms.</li><li>8. Action Request: Authorization to approve the new California Aid Region I &amp; VI, inter-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services.</li><li>9. Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact associated with executing the agreement.</li></ol> <p><b>C. Questions and Comments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b><u>Comment from Caryn Sumek:</u></b> Rob and his team have been phenomenal for us. I really appreciate all you are doing to get us through this. <b><u>Response from Rob Sills:</u></b> I really appreciate all your support—with the hospitals. All we were able to do with sending resources to Imperial County when their hospitals were beyond capacity. It’s kind of what we are looking to do beyond the region.</li><li>2. <b><u>Comment from Judith Shaplin:</u></b> I just wanted to say thank you. And I think it’s very timely since September is Disaster Preparedness Month. I really appreciate that you been productive, its much needed. Thank you.</li></ol>	
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	<p>3. <b><u>Question from James Lepanto:</u></b> When we are talking about reimbursement is that something that is negotiated between the counties, is the cost comparable, is their some agreement, or do you find that afterwards?</p> <p><b><u>Response from Rob Sills:</u></b> I am not sure there is a fee schedule, per say, but in the new agreement there is a sheet and it is spell out on the cost associated with the resources that its been requested.</p> <p>4. <b><u>Brad Long:</u></b> I just wanted to echo some of the previous comments. Glad to see that EMS is able to push this forward. We were one of the agencies that went to provide aid during the mudslides.</p> <p><b>D. Motion for Approval</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moved by Judith Shaplin and seconded by Geysil Arroyo.</li> <li>2. All HSAB members in attendance voted Aye, with no oppositions or abstentions. The motions carried and the motion was approved.</li> </ol> <p><b>E. Public Health Team Letter</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In our meeting it had been decided to draft a letter of appreciation for Public Health Services.</li> <li>2. It will be run as a courtesy through Nick to make sure we can send it.</li> <li>3. You will receive a copy of the letter as soon at is sent out.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>IV. Chair’s Report</b></p>	<p><b>F. Chair’s Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our priority of Senior Oral Health, our focus priority—I have a meeting schedule with Dr. Kornreich. I’ll have an update and possibly a new subcommittee chair, but I want to talk to Lenard first.</li> <li>2. We are initiating a Health Services Advisory Board Community Inspirational Awards. Director Macchione suggested that it should be part of the Live Well Advance. After discussing with Dr. Afflalo and Geysil, we met with Carey Riccitell, the Director of the Office of Strategy and Innovation, and Shelley, who handles the logistics for the Advance. We see this as an award that really looks at been organic, serving people in the neighborhood and the communities.</li> <li>3. Geysil Arroyo, Dr. Afflalo, LaVonna Connelly will meet as a workgroup next week and report back.</li> <li>4. Incorporating health disparities identified and health equity solutions into presentations.</li> <li>5. HSAB Advance is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> and will be virtual. An invite will be sent out. We will have workgroups and we are thinking of possibly even delivering lunch to you all.</li> <li>6. Breakout sessions will be most likely required to discuss the various topics.</li> <li>7. I will be reaching out to people if they would like to join the workgroup. You can also email us if you are interested.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions and Comments</u></b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Comment from Stuart Cohen:</u></b> It would be nice to have a conversation\interview from one of the supervisors—or even a representative. <b><u>Answer from James Lepanto:</u></b> That is a good suggestion. I will be meeting with Supervisor Fletcher later this month.</li> <li>• <b><u>Comment from Tim Fraser:</u></b> For clarification on eth advance, we present a long time—and in fact we continued to edit and edit, and we just finish the last round of edits two months. So, what is the purpose of the Advance? <b><u>Answer from James Lepanto:</u></b> The idea is not to come up with a new Strategic Plan. One of the ideas is fleshing out that plan and looking at tit and defining it more so. It also allows us to look at the Surveys and revisit committees.</li> <li>• <b><u>Question from Greg Knoll:</u></b> I heard you said you were speaking to Fletcher and maybe some other supervisors, I would encourage to take along with you the Advisory Board member who is their appointee. <b><u>Answer from James Lepanto:</u></b> Yeah, who had said that and I agree.</li> </ul> <p>8. The Annual report will be starting in late Fall to submit by March to the BOS and HHSA leadership.</p> <p>9. You have all received the Board Survey and we have asked to have it back by 9/4. Take the time to look at it, add comments—some of the best ideas come from the comments.</p> <p>10. Please submit your picture to Pedro Hirsch if you have not done so already.</p>	
<p><b>V. Informational Items</b></p>	<p><b>G. Updates on Subcommittees</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policies and Programs Committee: <i>None</i></li> <li>2. Legislative Committee:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. From Paul Heigy: Legislation ended sometime this morning, sometimes after midnight. One of our own State Senators, Brian Jones, got diagnosed COVID positive. All bills are moving to the Governor for resolution next month.</li> <li>b. From Greg Knoll: Last night at midnight, 3088 was passed. That is a response to eviction moratorium continuing in light of the pandemic to avoid another public health crises and homeless prevention. In addition, the HHSA came out with another eviction moratorium through December 21<sup>ST</sup>. There are about 60,000 trials that have been postponed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Budget: <i>None</i></li> </ol>	
<p><b>VI. Public Health Officer’s Report</b> By Dr. Anuj Bhatia</p>	<p><b>H. Public Health Officer’s Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning for the 2020-2021 Influenza Season is on the way. Plan for vaccinations to be administered this fall and winter.</li> <li>2. Regarding COVID-19, we ask that you continue to refer to the website on updates and numbers.</li> </ol>	

3. Today schools K -12 are officially been allowed to open. We have been off the State’s watch list for 14 days.
4. The State is now looking at two metrics: the number of cases per 100, 000 individuals and the test positivity rate. We are in the red, which is the second lowest.
5. A compliance line has been set up to look into complaints for individuals not following the Public Health Order.

**Question and Answers:**

- **Question from Judith Shaplin:** Is the Mexican Border open?
- **Answer from Anuj Bhatia:** I believe there is but there is testing center. Comment from Geysil
  
- **Comment from Arroyo:** I know that US citizens and permanent resident scan go back and forth but not foreigners.

*Note: The federal government implemented restrictions to close the border to all non-essential travel on March 21 and has extended this action every month. Currently, the restriction has been extended to October 21, 2020. Most of the essential travelers are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Others are essential workers.*

- **Answer from Anuj Bhatia:** I don’t know of any detail questioning or detail investigation going on. The compliance line is up to look into any complaints or concerns.

6. The Kresge Initiative grant was awarded to establish a relationship with the County health department and cities municipalities. Meetings with cities started prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and were completed (except two) in April 2020. Recently one of the goals was to establish a bi-directional communication system, for routine and urgent communication between the cities and the County health department. This was done in the middle of August 2020.
7. Our HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch is expected to receive close to \$2 million a year, in addition to the \$1 million received earlier, for HIV prevention, all with the focus to end the HIV epidemic.
8. We had new hires in relation to the CVOID-19 response, we have 435 new staff working at case investigators, 46 outbreak investigators and 280 working as contact tracers. Most of the hires having taken place in the last 30 days.

**Questions and Answers**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Question from Tim Fraser:</u></b> I am concerned that by allowing indoor dining we are going to begin seeing spikes again. How close will the County be monitoring this? And will they have a quicker shutdown process?  <b><u>Answer from Anuj Bhatia:</u></b> That a very valid point. It will require the cooperation of the entire public. In addition to slow reopening, the social distancing, masking, maintaining 25% capacity.</li>   <li>• <b><u>Question from James Lepanto:</u></b> How closely are we watching the spread at SDSU and the norms?  <b><u>Answer from Anuj Bhatia:</u></b> That’s going to be our Epidemiology investigating those cases. Looking into it to see how we can prevent further spread.</li>   <li>• <b><u>Question from James Lepanto:</u></b> Is the County working on an outreach effort to communicate the efficacy and safety for the vaccine?  <b><u>Answer from Anuj Bhatia:</u></b> In our MOC, that Rob Sills is leading, in addition to monitoring the progress vaccine, they are working to provide information to the community, business sectors and universities. San Diego County is tentatively scheduled to be accessing sites for the vaccine.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VII. Round Table</b></p>	<p><i>None.</i></p>	
<p><b>VIII. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>No public comment.</p>	
<p><b>IX. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.</p>	
<p><b>X. Supplemental Information</b></p>	<p>Next Meeting October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 5 pm via Microsoft Teams.</p>	