



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: February 16, 2018

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*

From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services *rc*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Submittal of 2017 Board of Health and Human Services Annual Report

As required by Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.18.090, the Board of Health and Human Services for the City submits the attached Annual Report for calendar year 2017.

This report was approved by the Board of Health and Human Services at their regularly scheduled meeting of February 9, 2018.

Attachment

cc: CHARLES PARKIN, CITY ATTORNEY
LAURA DOUD, CITY AUDITOR
TOM MODICA, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
KEVIN JACKSON, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
REBECCA GARNER, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
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CITY OF LONG BEACH

BOARD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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2017 Annual Report for the City of Long Beach Board of Health and Human Services as outlined in the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) (Chapter 2.18 - ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES).

The Annual Report was presented on Friday, February 9, 2018 at the regularly scheduled Board of Health and Human Services meeting starting at 7:45 am at Miller Family Health Education (3820 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807).

Objectives and Functions

According to LBMC Chapter 2.24 (BOARD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES), "The Board shall act as an advisory body to consult with and advise the Department Director, the Council and City Manager on matters relating to public health in the City including community health safety issues concerning impacts of animals on matters related to disease and public health, to conduct hearings on matters pertaining to the public health and social service affairs of the City, and to report any findings or recommendations to the proper authorities for action."

Reports and recommendations presented to the City Council, including the number of subject matters referred by the City Council

The City Council did not refer any items to the Board of Health and Human Services in 2017.

The Board did make recommendations to the City Council around increasing general-fund support to the Department of Health and Human Services in the FY 18 budget through an email, in-person meetings, and public testimony. The Board was encouraged that \$100,000 was added to the Health Department's budget and that some of the General Fund revenue it was allocated for homeless services was unrestricted.

Additionally, at its April meeting, the Board voted to support the Healthy Drinks in Kids' Meals initiative, which the City Council adopted on October 17, 2017.

Number of meetings held: 12

Attendance records of all members:

Name	Present	Excused	Unexcused
Christine Petit, Chair	9	3	0
Christopher Robson, Vice Chair	9	3	0
Gisele Fong	4	1	0
Jody Rawles	11	0	1

Name	Present	Excused	Unexcused
Jose Carillo	4	3	5
Kelly Tenny	7	2	3
Lydia Vaias	3	0	0
Mel Marks	11	0	1
Menchie Caliboso	9	3	0
Milton Smith	10	2	0
Ralph Brooks	11	1	0
Reena Curtis	9	2	1
Renee Simon	9	2	1
Sabira Tejani	5	6	1
Silene St. Bernard	10	2	0
Troy Ha	5	2	5

The number of public hearings conducted: 0

The amount of money, if any, expended in support of body:

Minimal. Breakfast refreshments, copies, and staff time.

City personnel who regularly assist body:

- Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services
- Dennis Keith, Executive Assistant
- Anissa Davis, MD, City Health Officer

Recommendation as to whether the body should be abolished, modified, or continued:

We recommend that the body be continued and encourage the Department of Health and Human Services leadership as well as the Long Beach City Council, Mayor, and City Manager to utilize us as outlined in the body's objectives and functions above.

Additional Information:

Letter to Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners:

On March 10, 2017, the Board of Health and Human Services submitted a letter expressing support for the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Project with the following considerations related to the City's Multi-Service Center for homeless individuals, "The MSC is the closest facility to the Pier B Project of the sensitive receptors evaluated in the EIR Air Quality analysis

(3-2.13). Given this extreme proximity to the Project, we are concerned for the health and safety of our MSC clients and staff. We request that the Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners consider, and implement, additional mitigation measures for the Multi-Service Center which would protect the thousands of clients and staff who utilize and work at MSC.”

Presentations Received:

January 13 Received and filed report on homelessness - Teresa Chandler

March 10 Received and filed report on Brown Act - Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney

May 12 Received and filed a presentation on the Port of Long Beach Community Grants Program - Heather Tomley, Director of Environmental Planning for the Port of Long Beach (Port), and Morgan Caswell, Grants Program Manager for the Port

June 9 Recommendation to receive and file a report on the update of the Health Department Strategic Plan. Ginger Lee, Collective Impact and Operations Bureau Manager

Topics of Discussion:

- Affordable Care Act
- City's implementation of the legalization of marijuana
- City's efforts to reduce the rates of HIV and STDs
- Strengthening the role of the Board of Health and Human Services
- Hexavalent chromium emissions
- Homelessness; Measure H
- Emerging health trends and incidents, including Zika, Hepatitis A, and the impact of the opioid epidemic in Long Beach
- Funding: Health Department funding in City Budget; Financial impact of City Council requesting studies from Health Department; Ensuring Long Beach gets county funding and resources allocated to it; Health department funding in light of national political shifts

Public Comment

September 8 Alfred Mata, from Public Health Advocates, spoke briefly providing an update on the progress of the Healthy Default Drinks in Kids Meals initiative.

November 10 John Kindred and Sokha Ny, from the Long Beach Environmental Alliance, spoke, calling attention to previously undiscussed issues relating to the environmental impact of the litter created by the improper disposal of plastic medical marijuana containers, as well as the presence of pesticides in marijuana labeled “organic.”