



## City of Long Beach

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## Memorandum

Date: March 21, 2019

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

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

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject: Submittal of 2018 Board of Health and Human Services Annual Report**

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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 2018.

This report was approved by the Board of Health and Human Services at their regularly scheduled meeting of March 8, 2019.

Attachment

cc: CHARLES PARKIN, CITY ATTORNEY  
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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

BOARD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## **2018 annual report for the City of Long Beach Board of Health and Human Services as outlined in the Long Beach Municipal Code (Chapter 2.18 - ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES).**

Report presented on Friday, February 8, 2019 at the regularly scheduled Board of Health and Human Services meeting starting at 7:45 am at Miller Family Health Education (3820 Cherry Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807).

### **Objectives and Functions:**

According to Chapter 2.24 (BOARD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES) of the Long Beach Municipal Code, "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 2018.

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 19 budget through email, in-person meetings, and public testimony. The Board was encouraged by the \$80,000 one-time increase in funding for the Language Access Program.

**Number of meetings held: 12**

**Attendance records of all members:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Unexcused</i>
Christopher Robson, Chair	6	6	0
Milton Smith, Vice Chair	11	1	0
Barbara Schwerin	4	0	0
Darshi Balasuriya (Joined July 2018)	4	2	0
Jody Rawles	10	2	0
Jose Carillo	3	4	5
Kelly Tenny (Vacated Seat Feb. 2018)	0	0	2
Lydia Vaias	8	4	0
Menchie Caliboso	7	4	1
Nasir Tejani (Joined Aug. 2018)	4	1	0
Ralph Brooks	12	0	0
Reena Curtis	8	4	0
Silene St. Bernard	9	3	0
Susan Temple (Joined Dec. 2018)	1	0	0
Sylvia Betancourt	10	1	1
Troy Ha	7	2	3

**Board Engagement with Council District Offices**

There was limited board engagement with individual council districts during this reporting period. The board made it a priority to reach out to individual Council offices to learn how they could create a stronger relationship with the individual Council offices and the Department as a whole. Additionally, all Council districts were invited to attend a listening session with the Board. One Council member (Roberto Uranga) attended the meeting and only three Council districts sent staff on their behalf. The only Council district office that sends staff regularly to Board of Health and Human Services meetings is Council District 2.

**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, MPH - 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 our combined expertise as outlined in the body’s objectives and functions above.

**Additional Information:**

Several members of the Board attended the Department’s Public Health Week Conference. Additionally, Board members reported an increase in information sharing as it related to Department events and prevention activities. Board members shared info via their personal emails and their various social media networks.

**Presentations Received:**

- January 12 ..... No presentation
- February 9 ..... Recommendation to receive and file presentation of the Board of Health and Human Services Annual Report
- March 9 ..... No presentation
- April 13 ..... No presentation
- May 11 ..... Recommendation to receive and file presentation of the Marijuana Education Program
- June 8 ..... Recommendation to receive and file presentation of the 1) Office of Equity 2) Cannabis Equity
- July 13 ..... Recommendation to receive and file presentation of the Public Health Emergency Management Program (PHEM)
- August 9 ..... No presentation
- September 4 ..... No presentation
- October 12 ..... No presentation
- November 9 ..... Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the Oral Health Program.
- December 14 ..... Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the Early Childhood Education Program.

**Topics of Discussion:**

- Community Hospital updates.
- City's implementation of the legalization of cannabis.
- Port Rail Project update.
- HIV/STD reduction efforts.
- Sustainability: Health Department funding in City budget; financial impact of City Council requesting studies from the Health Department; ensuring Long Beach gets County funding and resources allocated to it; Health Department funding in light of the federal administration's political shifts.
- Board and City leadership relationship building.
- Increased visibility and value of the Health Department's contribution to improved health outcomes in Long Beach.
- Emerging health trends and incidents, including Zika, Hepatitis A, HIV/STD, and the impact of the opioid dependency epidemic in Long Beach.

**Public Participation:**

- January ..... There was no public comment.
- February ..... There was no public comment.
- March ..... There was no public comment.
- April..... John Kindred, Long Beach Environmental Alliance
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- June ..... There was no public comment.
- July ..... There was no public comment.
- August..... There was no public comment.
- September ..... John Kindred, Long Beach Environmental Alliance  
Ed Cockrell, Co-Chair of the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, California Planning Group
- October ..... There was no public comment.
- November ..... There was no public comment.
- December ..... Ed Cockrell, Co-Chair, of the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, California Planning Group

**Board Recommendations for 2019-2010:**

- Increase funding level for the Language Access Program to ensure there is at least one dedicated full-time staff person. The City of Long Beach is home to a diverse population that speaks multiple foreign languages. According to the US Census, 26 percent of our population is foreign born, demonstrating a need for communications in languages that reach more of our residents. Latinos make up the largest group in Long Beach at 42 percent. Asians make up 12 percent of the population, with Filipinos and Cambodians reflecting the largest subgroups.
- The Board requests regular visits from Councilmembers and/or their designated staff at board meetings because Councilmembers don't have their own health deputies.
- The Board requests that Council district offices regularly update their constituents of community health risks via the Health Department's Weekly Public Health Situation Report.
- The Board would like to survey Councilmembers to understand needs and gaps in knowledge and communication as it relates to the Board of Health and Human Services.
- The Board would like for the City to develop a more equitable system for the public to submit public comments to our meetings without having to be physically present. This could be similar to the system used for City Council meetings.
- The Board would like to see more Health Department collaborations with other City Departments, especially where there is City funding allocated for activities that are health related. Examples of possible collaboration include funding associated with the Long Beach Police Department for issues related to public safety that can be connected to prevention work taking place within the Health Department. Another example could be finding ways for Parks, Recreation and Marine to work closer with the Health Department as it relates to youth and senior related issues.