



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

Tuesday, January 2, 2024,
3:00pm to 5:00pm
MEETING MINUTES




Seat#	District	Primary	Attendance		Notes	Presenters	HHSA Support
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2	D1	Afflalo, Suzanne, Dr.				Public Health Laboratory Procurements, Amendments, Jeremy Corrigan, DrPH, Public Health Laboratory Director, Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch. Authorize Acceptance of Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program Funding, Rhonda Freeman, MPH, Branch Chief, Maternal, Child, and Family Health Services Branch	Dr. Wilma Wooten, Public Health Officer, PHS
12	N/A	Alexiou, Dimitrios					
8	D4	Arroyo, Geysil	X				
5	D3	Correa, Linda					Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez, Director, PHS
18	D3	Hailey, Katelyn					
11	N/A	Hegyi, Paul	X				Dr. Anuj Bhatia, Deputy Director, PHS
4	D2	Jantz, Barry	X				
14	N/A	Franciscus, Joanne					
7	D4	Lepanto, James	X				Adrienne Yancey, Assistant Director, PHS
1	D1	Melgoza, Ana					
9	D5	Remington-Cisneros Therese					
16	N/A	Schultz, James, Dr.					
3	D2	Shaplin, Judith					Dr. Ankita Kadakia, Deputy Public Health Officer, PHS
13	N/A	Fraser, Tim					
6	D3	Walters, Todd	X				
		Yates, Judith				Dr. Maggie Santibanez, AMSA, TBCRH	
Alternate							
13	N/A	Abrams, Lauren	X				

11	N/A	Ohmstede, Jennipher				<p>Romina Morris, Departmental Budget Manager, PHS</p> <p>Danielle Dorrington, Administrative Analyst, PHS</p> <p>Michael, Wang Administrative Secretary, PHS</p> <p>Shannon Quailey Administrative Secretary, PHS</p> <p>Additional COSD Staff Present:</p> <p>Jamie Beam, Director, MCSD.</p>
16	N/A	Seldin, Harriet, Dr.	X			
12	N/A	Sumek, Caryn		X		
14	N/A	Neidenberg, Carol				
3	D2	Besma, Coda	X			
19	D3	Alverson Rodriguez, Lisa				
		Other Attendees:				

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Minutes	Lead	Follow- up Actions	Due

Agenda Item	Discussion
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<p>❖ Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>A. Remarks from the Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Barry Jantz called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM. b. Reach out to other members of the group to see if members are getting the emails being sent to them. We would like to know do the members plan on attending the meetings, should they be taken off the list or can someone be sent on their behalf. <p>B. Approval of January Agenda and November Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agenda: Moved by Paul Hegyi and seconded by Geysil Arroyo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roll Call: All other HSAB members in attendance voted Aye. b. Meeting Minutes Agenda: Moved by Paul Hegyi and seconded by James Lepanto <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roll Call: All other HSAB members in attendance voted Aye. ii. Tim Fraser: Sustain
<p>❖ Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment.
<p>III. Public Health Laboratory Procurements, Amendments, Jeremy Corrigan, DrPH, Public Health Laboratory Director, Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch.</p>	<p>Seeking for approval for a Board Letter to authorize single source contracts and amendments to exiting contract for the Public Health Lab.</p> <div data-bbox="577 812 1999 1529" style="background-color: #00a0a0; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <p>PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY</p>   </div> <p>Mission Statement: Providing quality laboratory services to protect community health and prevent the spread of disease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Public Health Laboratory (PHL) works in conjunction with public health clinics, local hospitals and healthcare providers, the Public Health Service’s Epidemiology Unit, Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Health Branch, and the Department of Environmental Health and Quality. ▪ By analyzing clinical and environmental samples, the PHL participates in the core activities of surveillance, assessment, and assurance. 

SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS – DETAILS



Abbott Laboratories

- Alinity Series Instrumentation, Maintenance, and Consumables
- Open system assay testing for items such as Syphilis, HIV, Hepatitis B and C, HPV, and STI among others

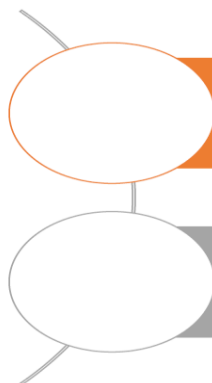
bioMérieux – BioFire Diagnostics

- BioFire Instrumentation, Maintenance, and Consumables
- Syndromic approach for detection and identification of respiratory, gastrointestinal, and other bacterial, viral, and fungal infections

Bio-Rad Laboratories

- QX Instrumentation, Maintenance, and Consumables
- Water testing droplet digital Polymerase Chain Reaction (ddPCR).
- ddPCR equipment to conduct wastewater surveillance

FUNDING



Recommendation #1: Single Source Contracts




\$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24

\$10,585,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2024-2028

Recommendation #2: Contract Amendments

\$1,160,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-2024

\$11,390,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2024-2028

	<p style="text-align: center;">Questions and Answers:</p> <p>Question: Geysi Arroyo – Where will the new lab be? Answer: Dr. Jeremy Corrigan – It is going to be at the COC Campus at 5570 Overland Comment: Paul Hegyi – He will recuse himself due to stocked invested.</p> <p>Vote: Moved by James Lepanto and seconded by Dr. Harriet Seldin Roll Call: All other HSAB members-in attendance voted Aye.</p>
<p>III.</p> <p>Authorize Acceptance of Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program Funding, Rhonda Freeman, MPH, Branch Chief, Maternal, Child, and Family Health Services Branch.</p> <p>Kirk Bloomfield, MPH, Health Planning and Program Specialist – Maternal, Child, and Family Health Services Branch.</p>	<p>– Requesting support on the California Justice Tobacco Grant Funds that were awarded to the county.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AWARD INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Award: \$1,279,771• Source: California Department of Justice• Funding period: December 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027• Project period: January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027• Project goal: To enhance the efforts of the County’s Tobacco Retail Licensing Program and to increase compliance with the County’s Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance regarding decreasing tobacco sales to minors.• Target population: Approximately 250 tobacco retailers in the unincorporated area of San Diego County. <p>SANDIEGOCOUNTY.GOV/HHSA</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>

FISCAL IMPACT



Total Award: \$1,279,771

FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
\$176,122	\$482,472	\$494,430	\$126,747

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses and Equipment	Administrative Costs
\$692,509	\$526,321	\$60,941

There will be no change to the net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

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PLANNED USE FOR FUNDS



- Continue minor decoy operations and enforcement
 - Identify, cite, and reduce the number of retailers that sell to minors
- The activities support the Health & Human Services Agency 2023-24 Operational Plan goal to:
 - Ensure 85% (221 of 260) of licensed tobacco retailers in the unincorporated area of San Diego County comply with youth access laws prohibiting sales to anyone under 21.

The efforts of this project align with the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional Live Well San Diego vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities.



Questions and Answers:

Question: Dr. Harriet Seldin - If you can explain why the existing policy needs to be waived? I have no problem accepting grant funds, but what's wrong with the existing policy?

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield - It's just because the health benefits outweigh the cost of program supplemental activities.

Comment: Barry Jantz – I guess you're wondering what is being weighed.

Answer: Paul Heygi – It's the full cost, the cost is a little higher than the grant. And that's what we're waiving.

Question: Todd Walters – There's a cannabis related product, called, I think, Delta 8 is the current one, and it's derived from hemp. So, it's not true THC, but it's a new synthetic product that's being sold and liquor stores. And some of these places where youth are getting their hands on it. Is this in any way going to be able to touch that or is it not tobacco?

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield - Unfortunately, that is not tobacco. But we are looking at the overlap between tobacco and cannabis. Because that's sort of a new frontier when it comes to addressing smoking.

Comment: Todd Walters – This this new product, this delta product is really potent, and a lot of kids are getting it at these liquor stores or licensed cannabis distributors that are very aware of their license and the and the ramifications of it. But these liquor store they're not. And it's really scary.

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield – That's something we're monitoring right now.

Comment: Dr. Wooten – While it makes sense, that we would have some jurisdiction over both tobacco and cannabis that's just not in the wheelhouse for us. We don't have the authority to do that. So, we have to work with other departments to look at these or an issue such as that nature and other issues. Unfortunately.

Question: Barry Jantz – And I just had a general question. I think it maybe came up last year, too. What is the how does collaboration? Data sharing? Or maybe just simple information sharing? How does that work between agencies? So, if the city, San Diego, or any of the smaller cities in the county are doing licensing, are doing in increased licensing, are doing any kind of decoy operations and enforcement are collecting Grant funds themselves. They may have in some cases they may have a different contract, or the county does so is there this collaboration ordination take place to see like, Hey, you know, this city is doing. It is enforcing at a much higher rate and getting way fewer retailers selling, you know. So that would be good information as for why, I'm just trying to understand how that works.

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield – Well, I'm glad you mentioned that because it's part of the current grant that we have with the California Department of Justice. We are developing a tobacco retail licensing network where we're going to, we're already in the process of contacting local jurisdictions that have their own ordinance or thinking about creating an ordinance and sort of working with them in terms of sharing information, seeing what they're doing. And so, we don't sort of step on each other's toes sort of handling this, and also just to see what the best practices are.

Question: James Lepanto – I appreciate what you're all doing. I think we were really excited about this last year presented to us and realize that it's an incremental process of getting this. And the new funding is going to get people are out of compliance twice, or there's repeat offenders for this. I didn't know if that affected their business license, or that affected a fine or a fee, what are the teeth? That if somebody is doing this repeatedly, I mean the numbers get

quite large for people not complying in some ways like thirty percent that for those repeat offenders, what do we do, what are the answers?

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield – Well, for sales to minors, what we're working on right now is that there'll be license suspensions for sales to minors. So, the first, the first one is 30 days, then 60 days and then 90 days. And then after that, their license is revoked. So, you won't be able to sell to tobacco products. And as you can imagine that major hit to-

Question: James Lepanto – That's all tobacco products?

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield – That's for tobacco products in terms of this grant. So in selling any tobacco products to minors.

Question: James Lepanto – Okay? I mean, I realize it's driven by money. Obviously, so it doesn't. It only impacts selling tobacco products to minors. It doesn't impact their business in any other way. Of not being able to sell any tobacco. It's only to minors.

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield – Well you don't limit your sales to minors for other attractions related to the ordinance like pack size, or selling the wrong type of tobacco or something, you'd get a fine for that.

Answer: James Lepanto – Has the County implemented that? Are the fees substantial enough to make them think twice? Or is it a nuisance for them.

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield – We're in the process of doing that now, we're at County Counsel to see what they can do.

Answer: James Lepanto – It would be interesting to track that I would assume, part of the deal would be to follow up to fine or regulate stores that are selling this. To follow up and make sure they're not selling again.

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield – Oh yes we're fining those stores to make sure they're complying, we have code enforcement officers who go out. They initially give warnings and education, and if we find there's still infractions, we start citations.

Answer: James Lepanto – And one more question, are the fees substantial enough for them to think twice? Or is it a nuisance?

Question: Kirk Bloomfield - Unfortunately, right now we're looking at fees that may not be substantial. But we're looking to see if we can add higher fees.

Answer: James Lepanto – Are you talking about the fees or the fines?

Question: Kirk Bloomfield – Well the fines.

Answer: James Lepanto - Again, I just am curious about what teeth this has, to make an impact. I know you're tracking that with data. So, I'll be interested in hearing about it.

Comment: Barry Jantz – Fine is one thing, losing the ability to sell tobacco products? For some of these retailers, that's what keeps them afloat, compared to everything else they sell. That's their income.

Question: Dr. Harriet Seldin – Question, follow up on education. Has there been any follow up on why some are so bad at this that are selling tobacco to kids when they know it's illegal. And what could be done to change that compliance rate, are they? You know I don't know what to say to give examples to why is this happening? And are there positive instead of punishment, positive ways to try to remedy that at the same time.

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield - We have not really looked into that. There are always some who are more willing to push the envelope. And some when you give them education, right away they'll comply. One thing we're looking at is, we're keeping a database of the type of stores that sell, like are the mom-and-pop shops more likely sell or the stores that are tied to industries such as 7/11. We are looking at that. To see if there are any trends we're looking at.

Question: Dr. Harriet Seldin - I just wondered why I mean, like it could be that maybe they're afraid of these customers, and they want to sell to them because they're afraid that they'll, you know. Have you known, some, you know. They'll shoot them, or something I don't know. But I'm just saying is that that? Is there a reason? Do they not know? Or they have different employees and high turnover. You know. What are? What are the factors to try to look at a more preventive medicine approach?

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield - It's hard to say we're looking at other jurisdictions that have tobacco and retailing license. We are looking at sales to minors. Often what happens from what I've seen is that the store owners tend to blame the clerk. Who they are responsible for training, which is kind of strange, but they tend to, "oh the clerk didn't know". One thing that that we noticed like when they're supposed to show their id, and you know when you're 18, your ID is portrait and not landscape. So right it tells you that you're not supposed to be selling.

Comment: James Lepanto – I would argue as well, that if someone says the clerk doesn't know, that would go back to their orientation and training.

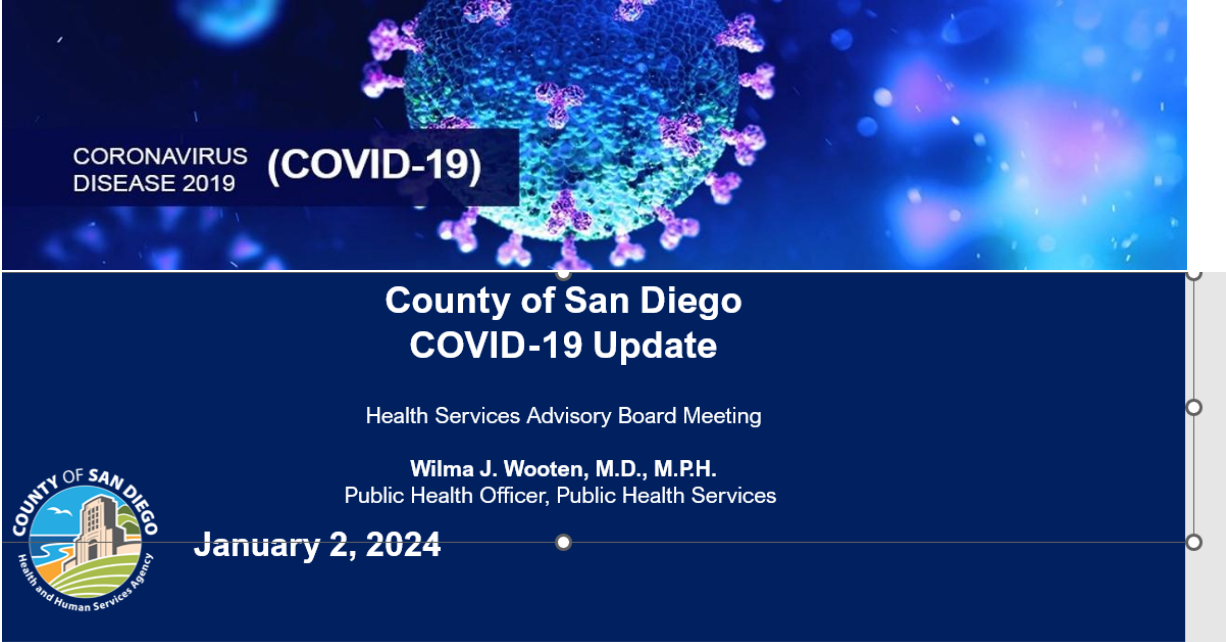
Question: Coda Besma – I have a question, so do your ordinances include the stores inside the casinos, that still sell menthol.

Answer: Kirk Bloomfield - no, those will be they're on Federal lands. We only cover the unincorporated areas of the County.

Comment: Dr. Wooten- Mister chair? We don't know all the details of why people don't follow the rules and regulations, but we know it's generated by income. So no matter, they may know what the policies and practices are, but their focus is on revenue generation. So that's why we have this program in place. And just as a reminder, the very first year. I think we are in year 3. The first year we focus on education. And then we focus on the whole process of the application fee of making sure that people were following the rules and regulations and identifying those that were not and allowing them to appeal if they didn't agree with what our focus or agree with what we put forward. So, this is the second year where we are in the full process of where we are accepting applications and the fees for with the applications and but it's a learning process. And as we go through the process. We do. QI. So, it's like a PDSA. You plan, do study, and then you act. and we're going through that process. Staff has done an extraordinarily excellent job in educating the community, I, as well as implementing the program and maintaining or developing or maintaining the policy. So, it has been a very laborious process. But and we utilize values and best practices that have been developed at the national level and probably are one of the strongest TRL programs in the county, for sure, compared to other jurisdictions.

Vote: Moved by Geysil Arroyo and seconded by Paul Heygi

Roll Call: All other HSAB members in attendance voted Aye.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORTS	A. Continuing Discussion and Input Regarding HSAB Bylaws Revisions B. Survey Evaluation before HSAB Advance C. HSAB Advance, 2024 (Doodle Poll) D. Youth Engagement-Progress Update E. Community Inspiration Awards
I. Round Table	<u>Questions & Comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Wooten is retiring this year in June
II. Informational Items	A. Subcommittee and Work Group Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policies & Program• Budget• Legislative Committee
III. Health Officer Report	<p style="text-align: right;">Dr. Wooten: PPT Presentation</p> 

IV. Public Comment (on agenda items)	<u>Questions & Comments:</u> None
V. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 4:19 PM.
VI. Next Meeting	HSAB Meeting: February 6, 2024, CAC Rm: 402A – Zoom In-Person