



County of Santa Cruz
Public Health Commission Meeting Minutes
4/26/07

Motions passed
Action Item

Commissioners Present: Jean Poulos (Chair), Bernie Goldner, Vera Sarkissian (2nd)
Matt Farrell

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Dena Loijos (Health Education), Celia Barry (EMS), Michela Barcus (Care Team/EIP) and Denise Parodi (PH Admin)

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order at 12: 20
2. **Announcements-** Matt Farrell announced that he will be taking a job with the San Jose Transportation Department and will be resigning his position on the Commission
3. **Approval of 10/26/06, 1/25/07 minutes - Bernie 1st, Matt 2nd all approved**
4. **Approval 2006 Year End Report-Matt 1st, Bernie 2nd all approved**
5. **The following communications were reviewed by the Committee:**
 - Letters of Support-Water Fluoridation, SC Sentinel, Watsonville Pajaronian
 - Board Letters: Approval to Submit Proposal To CA Healthcare Foundation, Annual Report on Hospital Issues and Access To Care Services. Additional Information on Hospital Issues and Access To Care Services, Reappointments to Various County Advisory Bodies
 - Commission on Disabilities: Minutes 11/9/06, 1/11, 2007 Agendas, 2/8/07, 4/12/07
 - Human Services Commission: Agendas 1/17/07, 3/21/07-Minutes 9/20/06, 1/17/07
 - Women's Commission: Agendas 2/8/07, 3/8/07-Minutes 10/12/06, 11/9/06
6. **Addition or Deletions to agenda:**

Fluoridation pros/con brought up by Vera, discussion between members. Vera to bring info from her co-worker at KSCO to the next meeting in July. **Dena and Denise will research when the Commission originally came in to support of fluoridation and bring to the next meeting in July.-I have a Position Paper dated 2/26/98, reaffirmed 5/24/01**

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- 7. Care Team/EIP Program Update-Michela Barcus, PHN III-** Introductions by Commissioners -Michela gave an over view of both programs and how they are helping to provide care to HIV/AIDS patients throughout the county. She also gave a history of how the program was formed. Michela was one of the first nurses to be part of this program. During the mid 90's an MSW was added to the program The EIP program will take a referral for anyone that is HIV positive. Initially an in depth assessment is done to determine what their needs are. Anyone with HIV now can get medical care etc for small co-pay depending on his or her income. There was a brief discussion about funding. The EIP Federal program is Federally funded by the **Ryan White CARE Act**. The program's focus is on clinical care and auxiliary services. Nutritional services, dental, drug & alcohol support are also provided. There are four expert HIV physicians in Santa Cruz County and currently 105 cases.

- 8. Sewer Report Update-deferred**

- 9. Emergency Room/Nursing Shortage Update, EMS Appreciation Day-Celia Barry, Sr. Health Services Manager-EMS-**Celia talked about an EMS Appreciation Day at the Board of Supervisors May 22, 2007. There will be members of the EMS Community recognized for their excellent work and dedications. Celia also provided everyone with an update on Emergency Room status through the County

- 10. Next Meeting /Agenda Items:**

July 26, 2007
12:15-1:45
Tour of Hospice Facility