

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL

Meeting of Wednesday, July 11, 2012

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Henry I. Bowditch Public Health Council Room, 2nd Floor
250 Washington Street, Boston MA**

Docket: Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 9:00 AM

1. ROUTINE ITEMS: No Floor Discussion

- a) Introduction **(No Vote)**
- b) Record of the Public Health Council Meeting of April 11, 2012 **(Approved)**

2. PRESENTATIONS: NO FLOOR DISCUSSION

"A Decade of Mortality"

3. PRESENTATIONS: NO FLOOR DISCUSSION

"An Overview of the Massachusetts Early Intervention Program"

The Commissioner and the Public Health Council are defined by law as constituting the Department of Public Health. The Council has one regular meeting per month. These meetings are open to public attendance except when the Council meets in Executive Session. The Council's meetings are not hearings, nor do members of the public have a right to speak or address the Council. The docket will indicate whether or not floor discussions are anticipated. For purposes of fairness since the regular meeting is not a hearing and is not advertised as such, presentations from the floor may require delaying a decision until a subsequent meeting.

Public Health Council

Presented below is a summary of the meeting, including time-keeping, attendance and votes cast.

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Beginning Time: 9:15 AM

Ending Time: 10:37 AM

Attendance and Summary of votes

Board Member	Attended	Item 1b
		Record of the Public Health Council Meeting of April 11, 2012
John Auerbach	Yes	Yes
Helen Caulton - Harris	No	-----
Harold Cox	No	-----
John Cunningham	No	-----
Michele David	Yes	Yes
Muriel Gillick	No	-----
Paul Lanzikos	Yes	Yes
Denis Leary	No	-----
Lucilia Prates Ramos	Yes	Yes
Jose Rafael Rivera	Yes	Yes
Meredith Rosenthal	Yes (9:40 am)	*
Albert Sherman	Yes	Yes (M)
Michael Wong	No	-----
Alan Woodward	Yes	Yes (2 nd)
Barry Zuckerman	Yes	Yes
Summary	9 members attended	Approved with 8 votes

(M): Made motion

(2nd): Seconded motion

*Member attended the meeting but was not present at time of vote (i.e. he/she stepped out of room, had not yet arrived, etc.)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Public Health Council (M.G.L. C17, §§ 1, 3) was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Henry I. Bowditch Public Health Council Room, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

Members present were Chair John Auerbach, Commissioner, Department of Public Health, Dr. Michele David, Mr. Paul Lanzikos, Ms. Lucilia Prates Ramos, Mr. Jose Rafael Rivera, Dr. Meredith Rosenthal, Mr. Albert Sherman, Dr. Alan Woodward, and Dr. Barry Zuckerman.

Members absent were Ms. Helen Caulton-Harris, Mr. Harold Cox, Dr. John Cunningham, Dr. Muriel Gillick, Mr. Denis Leary, and Dr. Michael Wong. Also in attendance was Attorney Donna Levin, General Counsel, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Chair Auerbach called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM and reviewed the agenda.

ITEM 1b: Record of the Public Health Council meeting of April 11, 2012

Chair Auerbach asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the Public Health Council meeting of April 11, 2012. Mr. Sherman made the motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011. After consideration, upon motion made and duly seconded by Dr. Woodward, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Voting in the affirmative were all 8 present members. There were no abstentions and no votes in opposition.

ITEM 2: PRESENTATION: "A DECADE OF MORTALITY" – JERRY O'KEEFE

[Note: For the record, Dr. Rosenthal arrived during the presentation of Item 2.]

Mr. Jerry O'Keefe, Director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Health Information, Statistics, Research and Evaluation provided an overview on statistics related to the mortality for the ten year period 2000 to 2010. He presented the most recent data available from the Registry of Vital Records. He also recognized staff members who contributed to the report.

Mr. O'Keefe provided details on trends for the leading causes of death, including for cancer, heart disease, injuries and infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Following the data presentation, Council members asked follow up questions on AIDS, motor vehicle deaths, heart disease and pneumonia deaths. Please see transcript for full discussion.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION: "AN OVERVIEW OF THE MASSACHUSETTS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM" – RON BENHAM & ROB SEYMOUR

Mr. Ron Benham, Director of the Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition and Mr. Robert Seymour, Administrative Director of the Early Intervention Program were introduced to give an overview of the Department's Early Intervention Program. Mr. Benham outlined what the program offers, who is eligible to receive services, a financial overview of the program and discussed specific topics related to Early Intervention including the rise in children with autism and the effect that has had on services. Mr. Benham ended the presentation with a video from the "Digital Voices" project which captures the experiences of families affected by Early Intervention services.

Following the presentation, Council members asked questions related to funding of EI, including from Medicaid and private insurance and Early Intervention.

Chair Auerbach adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE PHC FOR THIS MEETING:

1. Docket of the meeting
2. Copy of the meeting notices to the Executive Office of Administration and Finance and the Secretary of the Commonwealth
3. Public health Council Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2011
4. Determination of Need Pending Projects List

Chair John Auerbach