

California Public Health/Prevention Physician Leadership Forum  
Fifth Conference Call Meeting  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 8:15-9:45 am PDT**  
**Minutes**

**Call in: (712) 432-1212**

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The call got started late (around 8:30) due to some confusion as to the correct call-in number (the information in one of the documents was incorrect). As with previous meetings, Dr. Mark Horton chaired the meeting.

1. Attendance:

Roll-call was not accomplished. Participants self-identified. There were approximately 15 to 20 participants on the phone. Dr. Ron Hattis, our usual recorder, was not able to attend.

2. Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were briefly discussed. There were no suggested additions or modifications. As there is as yet no formal process for approving the minutes, they were accepted as representative of the input and conversation on the last call.

3. Brief Progress Reports from Schools of Medicine:

The chair reviewed the matrix detailing preventive medicine/public health training opportunities for medical students. Particular attention was given to the additional informational items being requested, including education being given to medical students on use of immunization registries, current HIV treatment guidelines, and nutrition and life style in the management of chronic disease. Participants were asked to review the matrix and to add to or refine the information provided for their respective institutions. A number of the participants mentioned that they were not able to open the excel document that had been sent along with the meeting announcement and agenda.

4. Teaching of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Interpretation of Studies, and Prevention to Medical Students and to Physicians in MPH Programs, Open Discussion:

As a number of the participants indicated that they needed to leave the call early, we jumped to item 8 on the agenda, the teaching of core concepts of preventive medicine and public health in the medical school curriculum.

- a. UC Davis: Steve McCurdy summarized the Doctoring 1/2/3 program that is used to introduce basic PM/PH concepts to the medical students at UC Davis School of Medicine. The format is primarily seminar style group discussions of cases and journal articles. The program is woven into the first three years of the medical school curriculum. The program is overseen by Dr. McCurdy at the Department of Public Health Sciences at UC Davis. A full range of PM/PH concepts is introduced to the medical students over the course of the three years.
- b. UCLA: Dr. Dick Jackson reported that there was little communication between the School of Public Health and the School of Medicine at UCLA regarding the teaching of basic PM/PH concepts to the medical students. He was not aware that they were being introduced to environmental health concepts.
- c. UCSF: Jim Seward and Stefano Bertozzi both reported that they were not familiar with how PM/PH concepts were being introduced to the medical students at UCSF. There was a general sense that further exploration of best practices for introducing medical students to PM/PH concepts at the various institutions would be a worthwhile endeavor for the Forum and of value to the participants.

5. CMA Resolution on Medi-Cal Reimbursement for Same-Day Appointments:

We next discussed agenda item #6, the CMA resolution 208-14, regarding Med-Cal reimbursement for same-day appointments, currently pending before the CMA House of Delegates. Dr. Neal Kohatsu reported that DHCS was aware of and considering addressing the issue, but stressed that the issue needed to be considered in the broader context of reimbursement policy for the program. He committed to having further information about the issue and what the Department was considering on the next call.

6. Other CMA Resolutions:

The other CMA resolutions on the agenda were mentioned, but, in the absence of key individuals on the call to address several of the other CMA resolutions on the agenda, discussion of those resolutions was brief. Dr. Kohatsu did comment on consideration of itemizing prevention funding reduced or eliminated in various programs in CDPH during the recession, and of restoring those funds needs to be done in the context the state's overall health care budget. He mentioned that the recent expansion of the Medi-Cal program under the ACA, and the recent calculation of the resources necessary to treat Hep C, have put extreme pressure on the state's health care budget, suggesting that finding resources to meet those health care mandates and restoring prevention funding

would be problematic. Dr. Horton countered that, health care commitments and mandates notwithstanding, we needed to find a way to reprioritize prevention in order to reduce the number of individuals needing to access the health care system. We agreed that there needed to be a balanced approach and that we would continue discussion on the topic on future calls.

7. Bylaws:

The draft by-laws were briefly discussed. Dr. Horton encouraged participants to review the draft and be prepared to discuss and hopefully vote on adopting the by-laws on our next call.

8. Next Call:

We will be in communication regarding the date and time for the next call.

Submitted by Mark Horton, MD, Chair