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September 23, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS -- SUNSET REVIEW OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Extend the sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Public Health Commission to July 1, 2008.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

On December 1, 1994, the Audit Committee submitted its initial report in response to your Board's instruction to review the effectiveness of County commissions, committees and task forces defined under Chapters I and IV of the Los Angeles County Committee Book. Consistent with your Board's instructions, the Audit Committee is submitting the results of the following evaluation of the Los Angeles County Public Health Commission (Commission) performed by the Auditor-Controller, and recommendations from the Audit Committee for further action by your Board.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Commision advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and Director of Public Health Services on matters of public health, under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County, including those matters within cities in Los Angeles County which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health Services (DHS). The Commission's duties are wholly advisory. The Commission may initiate reports to the Board and to the Director of Health Services on such matters, and shall study and report on matters referred to its attention for review by the Board of Supervisors or the Director of Health Services.

During the evaluation period, accomplishments include the following:

- Directed the Medical Director and Administrator of the Juvenile Court Health services to provide the Commission a report every other month of medical and mental health services given to juveniles detained in probation facilities. These

reports have been essential in monitoring the quality and quantity of services given.

- Increased awareness about the growing trend of obesity among the County's children. As a result, the Child Obesity Taskforce (COT) was created. Subsequently, the Board addressed the Commission's concerns on obesity as it relates to diabetes and cancer in adults and ordered to expand the COT to include adults.
- Proposed to the Director of Health Services a Service Integration Implementation Plan to integrate primary care and preventive healthcare services. As a result, the Director of Health Services created a taskforce consisting of public and personal health individuals to address the Commission's concerns and recommendations
- Continued to serve as the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Council, which works with local school districts and community agencies on issues involving Children's Medical Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention programs including education and nutrition for children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As stipulated, $25 for each meeting attended, not to exceed 2 meetings per month, and reimbursement for actual traveling expense incurred performing Commission duties, including transportation, meals and lodging. The Commission held 79 meetings with an average attendance of 3.7 members from April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2004. The DHS estimates annual Commission expenditures of $77,171 for staff support, stipends and other expenses.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Commission was established and has been continued by Board Order pursuant to Chapter 3.54 of the Los Angeles County Code, Board Order No. 7 of September 28, 1993; Board Order No. 15 of May 21, 1996; and Board Order No. 19 of March 6, 2001.

The Commission has five members, consisting of a resident from each Supervisorial District and representing, the fields of medicine, education, business, a Woman's Group and Municipal Government.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The Commission's objectives for the next evaluation period are:

- Conduct site visits to every health center and other County health facility to the extent possible to assess the quality and effectiveness of public health.
- Work with the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV health Services to create an effective media campaign. Also, determine the effectiveness of the Department of Health Services HIV Partner Notification Program.
- Conduct annual hearings, review policy, and make assessments of the following DHS programs: Child Abuse Program, Public Health Laboratory, Toxics Epidemiology Program, Environmental Health Services, Lead Screening Program, California Children Services, Great Beginnings for Black Babies and Black Infant Mortality, Nutrition Program, Health Education Program, Tuberculosis Program, Immunizations, Dental Services, Violence Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and the Tobacco Control Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Louisa Ollague
Chairperson

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Attachment

cc: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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Director, Public Health Services
Chairperson, Public Health Commission

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J. TYLER McCAULEY
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

August 17, 2004

TO: Audit Committee

FROM: J. Tyler McCauley
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) to extend the Los Angeles County Public Health Commission's sunset review date to July 1, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The Public Health Commission (Commission) was created by the Board pursuant to Chapter 3.54 of the Los Angeles County Code. The most recent renewal was approved by the Board at its March 6, 2001 meeting.

The Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Board and the Director of Health Services on matters of public health under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County, including those matters within cities in Los Angeles County, which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health Services (DHS). The Commission may initiate reports to the Board and to the Director of Health Services on such matters, and shall study and report on matters referred to its attention for review by the Board or the Director of Health Services.

The Commission consists of five members, one resident from each Supervisorial district and representing, insofar as possible, the fields of medicine, education, business, a women's group and municipal government. The Commissioners meet at least monthly and are entitled to receive $25 per meeting, not to exceed two meetings per month. From April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2004 the Commission held 79 meetings with an average attendance of 3.7 (74%) members. The DHS estimates annual Commission expenditures of $77,141 for staff support, stipends, and other expenses.

JUSTIFICATION

The Commission advises, and makes recommendations to the Board and the Director of Health Services on all matters related to public health. During this review period, the Commission's accomplishments included the following:

- Directed the Medical Director and Administrator of the Juvenile Court Health Services to provide the Commission a report every other month of medical and mental health services given to juveniles detained in probation facilities. These reports have been essential in monitoring the quality and quantity of services given.

- Increased awareness about the growing trend of obesity among the County's children. As a result, the Child Obesity Taskforce (COT) was created. Subsequently, the Board addressed the Commission's concerns on obesity as it relates to diabetes and cancer in adults and ordered to expand the COT to include adults.

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- Continued to serve as the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Council, which works with local school districts and community agencies on issues involving Children's Medical Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention programs including education and nutrition for children.

The Commission's objectives for the coming period are to continue to:

- Conduct site visits to every health center and other County health facilities to the extent possible to assess the quality and effectiveness of public health.

- Work with the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Health Services to create an effective media campaign. Also, determine the effectiveness of the DHS HIV Partner Notification Program.

- Conduct annual hearings, review policy, and make assessments of the following DHS programs: Child Abuse Program, Public Health Laboratory, Toxics Epidemiology Program, Environmental Health Services, Lead Screening Program, California Children Services, Great Beginnings for Black Babies and Black Infant Mortality, Nutrition Program, Health Education Program, Tuberculosis Program, Immunizations, Dental Services, Violence Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and the Tobacco Control Program.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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Attachments

c: Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Robin A. Guerrero, Chief, Board Operations
Jim Corbett, Manager, Commission Services
Lawrence D. Roberts, Chair, Public Health Commission

COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
REVIEW COMMENTS

Mission. (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

Stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance creating the Commission. **CONCUR**

Section 1. Relevancy. (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Board and the Director of Health Services on matters of public health under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County, including those matters within cities in Los Angeles County, which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health Services (DHS). **RELEVANT**

Section 2. Meetings and Attendance. (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

The Commission meets at least monthly. From April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2004, the Commission's five members held 79 meetings with an average attendance of 3.7 (74%) members per meeting. **SATISFACTORY**

Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results. (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

During the evaluation period, the Commission's accomplishments included the following:

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- Increased awareness about the growing trend of obesity among the County's children. As a result, the Child Obesity Taskforce (COT) was created. Subsequently, the Board addressed the Commission's concerns on obesity as it relates to diabetes and cancer in adults and ordered to expand the COT to include adults.

- Proposed to the Director of Health Services a Service Integration Implementation Plan to integrate primary care and preventive healthcare services. As a result, the Director of Health Services created a taskforce

consisting of public and personal health individuals to address the Commission's concerns and recommendations.

- Recommended to the Los Angeles Police Department's Police Commission for greater collaboration with DHS' Injury and Violence Prevention Program on the proposed National Violent Death Reporting System and on a study of Gang Violence in the South Bureau.

- Continued to serve as the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Council, which works with local school districts and community agencies on issues involving Children's Medical Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention programs including education and nutrition for children. **SIGNIFICANT**

Section 5. Objectives. (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

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Section 6. Resources. (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

Commission members receive a $25 stipend for each meeting they attend. The DHS estimates annual Commission expenditures of $77,141 for staff support, stipends, and other expenses. **WARRANTED**

Section 7. Recommendation.

EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION TO JULY 1, 2008.

August 18, 2004

TO: Audit Committee

FROM: J. Tyler McCauley

SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION**

We failed to attach the attachment to the above subject memo dated August 17, 2004, which was distributed to you today. I apologize for any inconvenience.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE RECORD

Commissioner	Nominated By	6/30/00	9/30/00	12/31/00	3/31/01	6/30/01	9/30/01	12/31/01	3/31/02	6/30/02	9/30/02	12/31/02	3/31/03	6/30/03	9/30/03	12/31/03	3/31/04	Totals	% Attend
Number of Meetings per Quarter→		**6**	**5**	**4**	**6**	**6**	**5**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**6**	**5**	**5**	**4**	**6**	**79**	
Genevieve Lopez	1st District	6	5	4	6	6	3	3	4	4	0							**41**	82%
Dr. Nalaya Ramu	1st District															2	4	**6**	75%
Lawrence D. Roberts	2nd District	6	5	4	6	6	5	4	5	6	3	2	6	5	5	4	6	**78**	99%
Lester Breslow, M.D.	3rd District	5	5	2	5	5	3	2	5	5	2	3	6	5	5	2	6	**66**	84%
Patrick T. Dowling, M.D.	4th District	4	3	2	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	**50**	63%
Diana E. Ramos, M.D.	5th District														5	3	3	**11**	73%
Patricia S. Lachelt	5th District	5	4	4	3	2	3	3	5	4	2	2	5	2				**44**	71%
Totals		**26**	**22**	**16**	**24**	**22**	**17**	**15**	**21**	**22**	**9**	**10**	**21**	**16**	**19**	**14**	**22**	**296**	
															Average Attendance per Meeting →			**3.7**	