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January 6, 1999

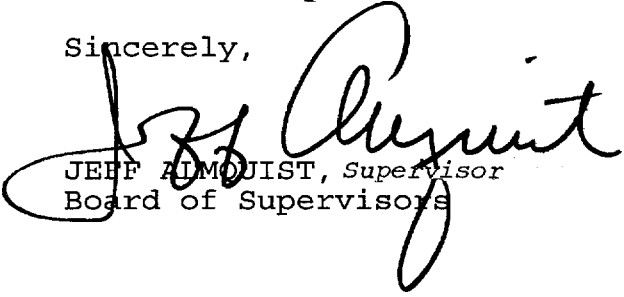
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Public Health Commission for calendar year 1999. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,


JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Public Health Commission

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Dear Board Members:

Attached, please find the Santa Cruz County Public Health Commission Annual Report for 1999.

As you can see from the report, the Commission has been unable to function for the majority of the year due to seat vacancies. It is the Commission's goal to fill the vacancies in district two and district three for the year 2000. We appreciate your efforts in appointing constituents in those positions.

Please contact me should you have further questions. I can be reached at Health Services Agency at x4490.

Sincerely,

BETSY MCCARTY, R.N., M.S.
Chief of Public Health/
Director of Nursing

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cc: Rama Khalsa, HSA Administrator

attachments



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

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YEAR END REPORT 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Role of the Board:

The Public Health Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on preventive health programs and other responsibilities of the HSA relating to public health and clinical services. The Commission is also charged with education of the public about health issues and to advocate for the health needs of the public.

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

The Public Health Commission meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Meetings take place at the 1080 Emeline Avenue Health Services Agency. The Commission usually adjourns in November or December and at least one month during the summer.

Board Structure for 1999:

Chairperson, Jean Poulos - Consumer Representative, 4th District
 Eleanor Littman - Consumer Representative, 1 st District (resigned 4/99)
 Vacant - Consumer Representative, 2nd District
 Sharon Green, Consumer Representative, 3rd District (resigned 9/99)
 Bernie Goldner - Consumer Representative, 5th District

Board Structure for 2000:

Chairperson, Jean Poulos - Consumer Representative, 1st District
 Barry S. Schneider - Consumer Representative, 4th District
 Vacant, 2nd District
 Vacant, 3rd District
 Bernie Goldner - Consumer Representative, 5th District

Board Staff:

Betsy McCarty, RN, MS
 Chief of Public Health/Director of Nursing, Health Services Agency

Leslie Scanagatta
 Typist Clerk III – Supervisor, Health Services Agency

Attendance: (See attached roster)



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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR JANUARY - DECEMBER 1999

During the earlier months of 1999, the County Public Health Commission continued their attention to a variety of issues that affect the health of the public. The Commission spoke out in support of prenatal care for all residents of California. They continued to oppose the State Health Department's regulations that would have stopped Medi-Cal reimbursement for prenatal care for undocumented women. The Commission pointed out the shortsightedness of this policy from a fiscal, as well as a health perspective. Members of the Commission talked to local decision-makers as well, to keep them aware of this problem and its possible impact locally, as challenges to the State regulations were mounted in the California courts. The Commission was gratified when the new Governor signed the 1999-2000 budget that restored funding for prenatal care.

The Commission continued to demonstrate their concerns about smoking and health. At the request of the County Board of Supervisors, the Commission made recommendations for allocation of the \$100,000 fund awarded to the County in the "Joe Camel" litigation settlement. The Commission recommended that a Youth Art Project for elementary students as the most favorable proposal. A smaller amount of funds were recommended for curriculum materials for middle school health education classes and a project to determine some of the local health costs of smoking. These recommendations were approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Commission continued to follow the progress of the art projects and was pleased to see photographs of the murals that were made by the selected schools. The first mural has now been reprinted and is featured on County buses. The Commission also heard a preliminary report by the County's Epidemiologist on the local cost and effect of smoking on health.

The Commission continued to speak out in favor of the California law that banned smoking in bars, taverns and gaming clubs. The Commission supported efforts to enforce the law and opposed legislative efforts to change the law.

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The Commission continued to follow the changing status of Watsonville Community Hospital and spoke out for maintaining the public service commitment that had been a legacy of the hospital under its long non-profit history. The new CEO of Watsonville Hospital attended the Commission meeting in May 1999 and gave a comprehensive report on the status of the hospital and his goals for the future.

The Commission contacted each of the hospitals in the County requesting information about their cleaning procedures for reusable equipment in response to a public concern. The hospitals did respond and the Commission was satisfied that the local procedures were adequate.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to advise the County and looks forward to continued service in the goal of improving the health of the community. The members are hopeful that appointments will be made to fill the recent vacancies that have hampered their work.

Santa Cruz County Public Health Commission

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Sharon Green	P	P	P	P	P	P	R					
Jean Poulos	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N O	N O	N O	N O	P
Eleanor Littman	P	P	A	P	R			M	M	M	M	
Bernie Goldner	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	E T	E T	E T	E T	P
2nd District Vacancy								I N G	I N G	I N G	I N G	
Barry Schneider												P

P = Present

A = Absent

R = Resigned

Public Health Commission

Goals and Objectives for 1999

1. Monitor health care delivery issues in Santa Cruz County including managed care, hospital services, and emergency services.
 - a. Invite SCCHO representative to give a report.
 - b. Onsite visits as appropriate.
2. Monitor and advocate for immunizations for all residents.
3. Continue to monitor and respond to a variety of Public Health issues such as MCAH, environmental health (air and water quality issues and restaurant issues), Jail medical care, HIV, tobacco education, domestic violence prevention, and cancer incidence.
4. Monitor public implications of State and National Welfare Reform.
5. Advocate for prenatal care for all residents.
6. Continue to monitor and support anti-tobacco efforts and work of Proposition 10.
7. Review community assessment data including updated United Way survey results.
8. Continue to respond to the Board of Supervisor requests and emerging issues.