



Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting 8: Summary

Date	May 26, 2020		
Time	4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.		
Location	Zoom Meeting		
Meeting Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Update CAG on Community Survey● Determine SOC meeting format and brainstorm framework● Feedback on virtual Town Hall format		
Reference Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finalized Communications Preferences Survey		
HRS Project Team	Katie Butler Cristina Vega Kristina Vaculik	CAG Support Team	Susan Harden Ann Newton Karen Franco Winnie Chen
CAG Members in Attendance	Andrew Krowne Brian Allen Bruce Hector, M.D. Craig Galanti	Jeff Hammond Lori Aivazian Mary Blair Melissa Messer	Mihran Kalaydjian Mike Kaiser, Ph.D. Patricia Glueck
Meeting Overview	<p>The meeting began with a public comment period for members to provide feedback; during this time three members expressed a need for increased representation and communication with regards to notifying the community on upcoming CAG meetings.</p> <p>Public Health provided a programmatic status update to discuss current Health Study planning activities.</p>		
Meeting Actions	<p>Public Health will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Provide a summary of Meeting 8● Share a recording of Meeting 8● Upload meeting materials to ACDHRS website● Send out Communications Preference Survey e-blast		



Notes on Listed Agenda Items

Item 1: Welcome & New Staff Introductions

Members joined the Zoom call at 4:00 PM. The meeting was opened by the facilitator, Susan Harden. New DPH staff members, Kristina Vaculik and Cristina Vega, were introduced.

Item 2: Public Comment

Members of the public expressed concern over the lack of communication between Public Health and the community. To address this concern, Public Health will send out a May e-newsletter, including a link to the Communications Preference Survey to determine how to most effectively communicate with the community, along with other updates such as an open invitation to upcoming CAG meetings.

Item 3: Health Study Planning

Public Health shared an update on the current ACDHRS framework and timeline to continue shaping a scope of work regardless of the delay due to COVID-19. Members of the community expressed a desire for full engagement from the SOC and requested transparency on all components of the planning process. The request for proposals is on track for release in Spring 2021.

Item 4: Scientific Oversight Committee

Public Health discussed recent action items, such as the planning framework around the SOC/CAG introductory meeting anticipated for early June, followed by the second meeting in July, which will be more CAG-driven.

CAG members expressed the importance of the SOC vocalizing interest in the Health Study, placing an emphasis on gas and oil research issues among other questions raised. They also expressed a need to bring the SOC up to speed on the Health Study and to identify strengths in each Committee members' background and experience.

Public Health will compile a list of questions for the SOC to address during the meeting in July.

Item 5: Community Engagement

The initial step of providing a Communications Preference Survey will identify communications preferences and barriers. The survey findings will inform Public Health's communications strategy to ensure broader reach and engagement capacity of the community. In addition, the suggestion of smaller group meetings was raised as an option to focus on specific issues and priority themes. In the preliminary Health Study planning stage, a second survey was discussed as a potential method to garner



additional input from a population sample that is representative of the Porter Ranch community.

Also discussed were tools and tactics to support the engagement capacity of the community. A communications and engagement plan will be developed and executed throughout the summer. Key findings will be shared with the SOC throughout the process.

Item 6: Town Hall Update

Public Health and CAG discussed the importance of themes and FAQs for Dr. Simon and Dr. Davis to address, including widespread acknowledgement of the health impacts and ways to improve emergency response and recovery.

Dr. Simon plans to discuss parameters, introduce the SOC and acknowledge significant contributions of the CAG in progressing the Health Study. There was discussion on the format of the Q&A session and several options were agreed upon, including submitting questions in advance and presenting live questions through a moderator. Methods of promoting the virtual Town Hall were also discussed. One member expressed the importance of Public Health presenting at Neighborhood Council meetings.

Item 7: Other Updates; Requested Updates & Next Steps

Dr. Simon provided an update on the Complete Blood Count assessment. He has been reviewing preliminary data and sent a follow-up data request from Public Health to Quest.

Public Health announced the County's decision not to issue a subpoena to compel Southern California Gas Company to disclose its data. CAG members expressed serious concern over this decision and underscored the importance of acquiring the complete chemical list from SoCalGas. Public Health agreed that compiling a list of available environmental data with links/citations to sources is a high priority, and could be completed before the first SOC meeting in June.

Public Health will continue to pursue as much environmental data as possible through non-legal avenues. Public Health's goal is to proceed with a Health Study that benefits from the most accurate and up-to-date data as possible.