

Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting 15: Agenda

Date	February 3, 2021		
Time	3:00 - 5:00 pm		
Location	Zoom Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public are invited to participate in public comment during the Public Comment Period at the end of the meeting using the “Raise Hand” function to speak or can use the chat function for questions and comments. 		
Meeting Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss community outreach and engagement plans for 2021 		
HRS Project Team	Cristina Vega Kristina Vaculik Christine De Rosa Paul Simon Muntu Davis Charlene Contreras	CAG Support Team	Ann Newton Sara Katz Karen Franco Susan Harden
CAG Member Attendees	Andrew Krowne Brian Allen Bruce Hector, M.D. Craig Galanti	Jeff Hammond Lori Aivazian Mary Blair Melissa Messer Mihran Kalaydjian	Mike Benedetto Mike Kaiser, Ph.D. Patricia Glueck

<p>3:00 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roll Call ● Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda 	<p>Facilitator</p>
<p>3:15 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health Study, Community Engagement & Communications, and Process for 2021 ● Update on change in project staff 	<p>Dr. Davis</p>
<p>3:45 - 4:15 pm</p>	<p>Healthy Study Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health Research Study Phase Update ● SOC Meeting Schedule ● Goals & Priorities Draft Update 	<p>Public Health Study Team</p>
<p>4:15 – 4:45 pm</p>	<p>Q & A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunity for CAG to pose questions of the Health Study Team. <i>Please note that not all questions will be able to be answered during the meeting.</i> 	<p>Public Health Study Team</p>
<p>4:45 – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public comment will be received using the “Raise Hand” function. ● Each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes. 	<p>Facilitator</p>

Notes on Listed Agenda Items

Item 1: Welcome

Members joined the Zoom Meeting call at 3:00 PM. The meeting was opened by facilitator Susan Harden. Ms. Harden went over the meeting objectives and agenda items, and introduced Dr. Muntu Davis, the Health Study Executive Lead on the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study (ACDHRS).

Item 2: Opening Remarks

Dr. Davis thanked participants for joining the CAG meeting and advised that the project has moved into the research solicitation phase. This phase requires greater focus on the Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC) and the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP). During this phase, Public Health is increasing communications to the Neighborhood Councils with regular updates as well as outreach to other community stakeholders in response to their requests.

Regarding CAG meetings, Public Health will resume a quarterly meeting schedule and will continue to gather feedback and input from CAG members. CAG member sub-committees and CAG member participation in the Health Study Steering Committee will be on pause as Public Health focuses on contracting and procurement. The change is needed to ensure the RFP and contracting processes are fair and compliant with County legal and procedural requirements.

Additionally, Dr. Davis highlighted shifts in Public Health staffing and offered reassurance that community feedback and concerns are being heard and discussed. Dr. Davis also provided updates on some key issues that have been raised by the community and addressed by Public Health, as follows:

- Los Angeles County is requesting environmental health data from SoCalGas.
- The Community Air Monitoring Fund - a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) mandated by the Consent Decree - is being led by the Aliso Fund committee. Public Health is not involved in this initiative and therefore is not able to provide detailed updates on this SEP.
- With respect to the 31 bins of soil contaminated with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) that were removed and disposed of in 2016 as per the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1166, SCAQMD confirmed they do not have VOC readings or any further information on the contents of the 31 bins. Requests for additional information on the bins was also included in the Los Angeles County communications to SoCalGas.

- The community opinion survey reports are in the final stages of development and review. Public Health will be sharing the final draft of reports with the CAG members involved in the development of the survey prior to sharing with the public.
- CAG members are encouraged to continue providing input on the Health Study as the SOC continues to define the Health Study goals and priorities.

Finally, Dr. Davis clarified that establishing a SOC charter is standard practice in Health Studies such as this one. Also, given that the SOC is involved in developing the research solicitation, the charter is necessary to ensure the integrity of the research solicitation process so as to not unfairly advantage any potential vendor. Thirteen (13) of 15 SOC members signed the SOC charter and will continue to serve as SOC members. Dr. Davis also explained the purpose of having SOC members sign a Conflict-of-Interest form, which was signed by all thirteen SOC members.

Item 3: Health Study Updates

Kristina Vaculik, the Health Study Research Development Manager (RDM) provided an update on the research solicitation phase. Ms. Vaculik offered examples of how SOC members have advised Public Health on various components of the Study. As one of their key tasks, the SOC members created a goals and priorities draft document which will be available for public comment. Once the goals and priorities document is finalized, it will be incorporated into the RFP.

The SOC will meet four to five times this year, with a focus on shaping the scope of the Health Study, finalizing the Health Study goals and priorities, and establishing evaluation criteria for the proposals received. Public Health anticipates releasing the RFP in the late spring or early summer of 2021; it will be open to all interested researchers, organizations, and academic institutions.

Item 4: Community Advisory Group Q&A

Ms. Harden announced that CAG members would be able to participate in the Q&A by virtually raising their hand or informing her via the chat function. CAG members raised the following questions/comments during Q&A:

- Concern about Public Health members going to Neighborhood Council meetings to provide updates that include background information on the blowout that occurred in 2015.
- Concern about the CAG meeting format, frequency of CAG meetings, and the absence of CAG sub-committees.
- Thankfulness for community members' attendance at the CAG meeting.
- A request for an update on the radiation monitoring.
- A request for an update on the accounting for the Health Study.

- Suggestion for another town hall to take place to further discuss issues.
- A request for a meeting with the SOC to discuss the development of the Health Study goals and priorities draft document.
- Appreciation for Dr. Davis' restatement on the purpose of the Health Study from Public Health's perspective which is reasonably consistent with that of the community.
- A request that SOC members who have not signed the charter and Conflict of Interest remain on the SOC. Other CAG members echoed this comment.
- A request for permission to facilitate a vote of confidence amongst the CAG.
- A request for more information on the promotion plan for public comment period on the Health Study goals and priorities document.

Item 5: Public Comment

A board member made a statement on behalf of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council President. The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council statement encouraged expanded open channels with many entities to achieve their objectives for the community's safety. A community member expressed their appreciation for the CAG and recalled receiving a phone call from SoCalGas five years ago. A community member thanked everyone on the call, and echoed comments about how long the Health Study process has taken. Additionally, a question was raised regarding how Public Health has engaged with developers in the Porter Ranch community. A suggestion was made to elevate the Health Study to a national level by involving the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A Simi Valley Councilwoman expressed her opinion that there should be a distinct deadline for the Health Study.