

# MINUTES

Public Health Alliance Data Committee  
August 6, 2013



## Call Attendees:

| Participant            | Organization                                  |
|------------------------|---|
| Matthew Feaster        | Pasadena                                      |
| Dan Gallagher          | SANDAG  |
| Danyte Mockus          | Riverside                                     |
| Manal Aboelata         | Prevention Institute                          |
| Mina Brown             | PHA   |
| Patty Ochoa            | Coalition for Clean Air                       |
| Ping Chang             | SCAG  |
| Rye Baerg              | Safe Routes to School National Partnership    |
| Susan Klein-Rothschild | Santa Barbara                                 |
| Trav Ichninose         | Orange County                                 |
| Carla Blackmar         | Public Health Alliance of Southern California |
| Tracy Delaney          | Public Health Alliance of Southern California |

## Minutes:

1. **Welcome/ Introductions**— Danyte Mockus
  2. **Alliance Updates**
    - **SANDAG RTP Process:** Alliance participation in SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan update process white paper underlines need for better data representing:
      - cost impacts of chronic disease at local level.
      - data linking specific built environment changes with impact on Chronic Disease Group agrees that these could be helpful topics to work on in the future.
    - **Other Member Updates:** Danyte provided an update about the CCLHDM July meeting which featured a presentation about neighborhood-level CHIS data. Presentation can be viewed here:  
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/OB0HaSCoHrhxzUTJiQ3EOWIVfLW8/edit?usp=sharing>
- **NEXT STEPS:**
- *After HCI project, transition towards developing some region Chronic Disease indicators*

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- *Consider inviting CHIS to the Data Committee for a presentation on the new neighborhood-level data*

### 3. HCI Updates: Dulce provided updates on the progress for the indicators selected by the group.

- **Access to Parks:** Though the 'Access to Parks' indicator was not specifically chosen by the group as one they would work on, Dan from SANDAG reiterated importance of this indicator. Discussed tradeoffs between air quality and park access. Members of the group suggested that the *use* of the parks was an important nuance to consider when looking at this, as the presence of a park at an accessible distance does not provide information about its usability. The Access to Parks indicator will be part of the broader HCI Scope of work.
- **Indicator 4:** *Percent of residents mode of transportation to work*—ready for review, will be discussed further today.
- **Indicator 3:** *Number and rate of collisions by severity and mode of transport*—in progress—90% complete, narrative is in progress. This is groundbreaking work, Neil and Dulce talked to Dr. Bingham at SAFETREC, who said that this is probably the first time this indicator has been produced.
- **Indicator 5:** *Public Transit Access*—in progress.
- **Indicator 8:** Miles traveled per capita by mode—in progress—review at next meeting
  
- **Longer term:** *Neighborhood Completeness Index and Percent of households within ½ mile of a full-service grocery store, fresh produce market, or store with fresh produce*—**may address these later, still working with BOE**
- **Indicator 7:** CDC has published a Retail Food Environment index using 2009 data—now re-labeled so it can be aggregated. May be ready by next meeting—but more likely will be ready in October. CDC does not have plans to update this data in the near future.
- **Indicator 9:** Percent of population aged 16 years or older by time walking and biking to work (e.g. ≥10 minutes/day). Based on NHTS survey data, which includes walking times, but not bicycle.
- **Indicator 1 + 2 (Neighborhood Completeness Index and % of Households within ½ mile of grocery store):** Both depend on BOE data, no status update yet on whether geocoded information is available. Barring a breakthrough with BOE, these indicators are unlikely to be completed within the timeline of the Alliance's work.

#### ➤ **NEXT STEPS:**

- *Though the Access to Parks indicator (Percent of residents within ½ mile of park, beach, open space, or coastline) was not specifically chosen for review by the Alliance, this indicator is being developed as part of the broader project. Perhaps the nuance regarding park use (and not just access) could be built into the 'limitations' of the indicator.*
- *Review Miles traveled per capita by mode at next meeting.*

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4. **Indicator 4 “Mode of Travel to Work” Discussion:** Members had the following comments about this indicator:

- **Comments on Narrative**

- Move reference to the end
- Add the website of other projects using the indicator
- Include a brief summary of what works to address change, best practices, next steps
- Include discussion of shortcomings of the dataset: availability and resolvability
- Consider including a “data map” of what is available in the Excel dataset, in the narrative
- Consider including information on how to interpret the RSE and examples on how to do analysis comparing geographies, years, etc.
  - Different users require different details. It is necessary to make decision on what information is reliable prior to present it to the audience.

- **Comments on Maps/ Graphs**

- improve titles (too long)
- improve font size in legends (too small)
- order of magnitude (start with the “red” category)

➤ **NEXT STEPS:**

- *Dulce will work on revising the narrative and graphs to incorporate member suggestions.*

5. **Wrap Up/ Next Call:** Our next call is scheduled on 9/3 from 2-3pm