

Department of Health and Human Services

Human Services Coordinating Council

May 2013

- Budget
 - Funding has been identified for several of the programs originally thought to be unfunded
 - Requests have been submitted for the items still being considered for funding
 - The new CFO is examining all funding sources to determine what funds lend themselves to shifting and what funds are categorically targeted.
 - To the extent that funding sources are fungible, some or all of the remaining items may be funded.
 - We are still at the beginning of the budget process for FY13-14

- HealthCare
 - Participated with CSAC in an interview with the Editorial Board of the Sacramento Bee
 - Participating in a workgroup to develop possible scenarios for the implementation of Healthcare Reform. Will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors

- Personnel
 - Hiring freeze impacting all Divisions in the Department
 - Tracy Bennett leaving Deputy Director of Administration position, Mike Tateishi Acting Deputy Director, DHA/DHHS pursuing the development of Assistant Director classification
 - Discussing with County CFO about relief, going forward, where no General Fund or general classifications

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- ✚ DHA has submitted preliminary budget information to the CEO. DHHS has re-alignment funding that will fill the gap for our Senior Volunteer Services.
- ✚ DHA still preparing for implementation of the Affordable Care Act in January 2014. Covered California website is a great source of information and you can register for upcoming webinars.
- ✚ Mary Behnoud selected as the new Deputy Director for DHA. Mary has worked for the Department for over 30 years.
- ✚ The Service Center located at 28th St has begun taking same day intakes for its Medi-Cal/CalFresh applications.
- ✚ Ken Cooley, Assemblyman from District 8 - discussion with DHA - Identified key issues with veterans populations and will continue the discussion on the needs of veterans.
- ✚ Community meeting held in North Highlands for BOS Roberta MacGlashan regarding community issues. DHA attended.
- ✚ DHA signed a contract with River Food Bank for outreach activities.
- ✚ Bus wraps will be coming for CalFresh/Veterans Outreach. Look for them they will be impressive. You should see them on RT buses in the next few weeks.
- ✚ DHA participated in the "Soar to Healthy Heights" , Senior Volunteer Fair in Citrus Heights, last Saturday, May 4th.. DHA distributed 75 QMB, 75 CalFresh, 75 Medi-Cal applications and Senior Volunteer information. The next outreach event will be at Carmichael Park for the Slavic Community.

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Membership

We continue to have applicants in the process to fill vacant seats. Continuing to get members active on committees.

CPS Oversight Committee

Committee is deciding the format for the annual report. Michelle Callejas will attend meetings on a quarterly basis.

Children's Trust Fund Committee

DHHS will include shortfall in budget submission. All necessary parties have been made aware of the problem.

Children's Report Card Committee

Community Link will update the Report Card and have it on the website by the end of June

Community Meetings

Planning a pilot for a series of meetings to engage residents of the 5 Supervisorial Districts

Other

Providing continuing support and input to the Blue Ribbon Commission, First 5 Advisory Committee and HSCC. Members are providing self-assessments which will be used to strengthen coalition and committee work.

Ernie Brown
Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

ADULT & AGING COMMISSION April 24, 2013

(Taken from meeting minutes provided by Kenneth Stanton – Edited by Gary McDonald)

Agency Reports:

Area 4 Agency on Aging (Will Tift):

- Sequestration update
 - 2% reduction (\$174,000) in funding
 - A4AA absorbed 34% of the cuts
 - Total reduction in Sacramento County is \$55,000
 - Congregate meal program was hit the hardest by the reduction
- Title 3(e) reductions
- If sequester remains in effect beyond October 1, an additional \$40,000 in additional cuts will become effective. Cuts will be spread out over nine months.
- Sequester may also impose a nine year cap on funding.
- The Board ratified Pam Millers appointment as Executive Director.

DHA, Senior Services (Janine Brown):

- Foster Grandparent program cut by 4%
- Senior companion program cut by 4%
- Additional cuts may affect homecare seniors or adult day care seniors
- There is a freeze on hiring new volunteers. Volunteers receive a small stipend for their service and that funding has been cut.

DHHS, Senior and Adult Services Division (Debra Morrow):

- Adult Protective Services (APS) receives 450 calls a month regarding seniors
- Hiring freeze in the County
- Sacramento County has the highest percentage of overdue renewals
 - Poor metrics result from a lack staff
- Currently hoping to approve a status quo budget
- IHSS caseload is about 19,000

Guest Speaker (Desmond Parrington from the Community Development Department (CDD) :

- The CDD is requests assistance from the AAC concerning review and comment on the housing element update and issues related to that effort.
- Desmond provided a summary of the housing element update
- Covers an eight year period
- Anticipates need by projecting housing and job rates in the County.
- 15% of new housing must be affordable for low income families
- Significant funding loss to affordable housing programs
- Concerns about attracting employers to the region

- Efforts made to provide assistance that allows the workforce to live in the city limits.
- Series of workshops in May on the housing element
- Next workshop is May 23 (information is posted to their webpage).
- <http://www.sacgp.org/HousingElement.html>

Older Americans Month (Alex Eng):

- Flyers available on AAC web
- Alex is working on a program
- Six honorees from five districts
- The BoS will provide a resolution to the AAC and certificates to the honorees

Annual Reports:

In Home Support Services (IHSS):

- Working on transitioning people to the new managed care program
- 3.6% cut in funds
- Additional cuts will bring total percentage of cuts to 8%

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BUDGET ACTIVITIES

On May 6th the Commission approved our \$26.8 million Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14. The County's budget hearings are scheduled for the week of June 10th.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – May 6, 2013

1. Public hearing – approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Recommended Budget and Ten Year Financial Plan.
2. Presentation – Annual Evaluation
3. Presentation – Reach Project
4. Approval of Catherine Johnson to the Advisory Committee for the foster care seat.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – June 3, 2013

1. Approval of a new two year contract with Sacramento Covered (formerly Cover the Kids) for \$710,100 in Fiscal Year 2013-14 and \$745,600 in Fiscal Year 2014-15.
2. Approval of implementation strategies related to the reduction of African American child deaths.
3. Approval of Strategic Plan process and appointment of ad hoc committee members.
4. Presentation – Overview of the Child Signature Program (school readiness).
5. Presentation – School Readiness Evaluation by Applied Survey Research.
5. Approval of Trihn Vu to the Advisory Committee – for the immigrant population seat.

OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES

1. Blue Ribbon Commission on the Reduction of African American Child Deaths
 - Recommendations were presented to and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 7th. The public testimony was very compelling and the support from the Board was clear and strong.
 - The next step involves the formation of a Steering Committee to guide implementation efforts, including the development of an evaluation plan.
2. The Advisory Committee is still in need of representatives from both the Alcohol and Drug and Mental Health Boards.