

Human Services Coordination Council

DHA Updates

March 14, 2013

- DHA in the process of gathering information for fiscal year 13/14 budget assumptions. The good news is that allocations for public assistance programs, CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal at this point do not show a decrease from last year. Foster Care is a re-aligned program and funding appears to remain at current amount or higher based on sales tax revenue.
- Sacramento County Strategic Plan for Family Justice Center finalized. On November 26-27, 2012, over 124 community stakeholders convened to craft the strategic plan which will be used to facilitate the successful launch and operation of the Family Justice Center in Sacramento County.
- DHA has started the Return to Residence program for homeless non-residents of Sacramento County. The program will operate on Tuesday and Thursday from the VOA location at North A Street. The individuals if meeting the requirements will be given a greyhound voucher for return to their residence.
- DHA collaborating with Code Enforcement to assist those who may be eligible for Homeless Assistance through the CalWORKs program.
- DHA has been authorized to create 59 new positions. Most of the new positions will be in the Medi-Cal/Fresh Service Center.
- DHA actively involved in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) with tentative enrollment scheduled to begin in October 2013 for implementation in January 2014. The new requirements will call for a warm handoff (person to person) exchange of the caller within about 30 seconds. Counties will be enhancing their technology and staffing if possible for the new requirements. New enrollees will be enrolled in the CalHEERS, California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment and Retention System. Applicants for the ACA will be allowed to walk in, call in and use the internet to apply for coverage. The new philosophy will be that when applicants apply for ACA, they will also be screened for other programs that they may be eligible for benefits/services. DHA is working on creating an internal team that will look at the implementation issues for Sacramento County.
- Veterans Stakeholder Meeting, March 28th. Focus is working with Veteran Service Providers to build a more robust delivery and support services model for veterans.
- The department continuing to work with local businesses to expand the Restaurant Meals Program. Business serving hot meals can apply to have an EBT device to transact food stamp benefits for "hot meals". Business must serve hot meals and participants must meet criteria, homeless, elderly, or disabled.
- Sacramento County achieved a 90.3% participation rate – second in large counties, fourth overall. "Nine out of ten Sacramento residents who are eligible to receive CalFresh benefits are on the program.
- We are working on a bus wrap to outreach in our communities of individuals that may be food deprived, and are unaware that CalFresh may assist with providing nutritious food to them and their families.
- The department received a Challenge award from CSAC for the service center. We will be doing a 5 minute video that can be viewed in multiple venues.

DHHS Update for Human Services Coordinating Council

3-14-13

- General Fund allocations and budget instructions for FY 13-14 were distributed to Departments.
 - GF allocation for Medical Treatment Account reduced by \$5 M
 - Personnel costs for DHHS increased \$5 M (Employer's share of retirement, group insurance)

- Health Care Reform
 - Board of Supervisors retreat 3-22-13
 - Simplified Medi-Cal eligibility for the majority of beneficiaries
 - Expanded eligibility for childless adults up to 138% FPL
 - Lots of unknowns make planning difficult

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
Human Services Coordinating Council Report
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BUDGET ACTIVITIES

A draft version of the Commission's \$26.7 million Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 was presented to the Commission for comment at their March 4th meeting. No changes were requested. After the budget is updated and submitted to the County Executive's Office, it will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for comment in April. The Budget will be approved by the Commission in May prior to the County's June budget hearings which are scheduled for the 10th through the 14th.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – March 4, 2013

1. The new First 5 California Executive Director, Camille Maben, introduced herself and spoke about her vision for enhancing the partnership between First 5 California and the county First 5 Commissions.
2. Public hearing - presentation on the First 5 California Annual Report.
3. Public hearing - review of the Strategic Plan.
4. Public hearing - review and comment on the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Recommended Budget.
5. Approval of new contracts with the Child Abuse Prevention Council for the Birth & Beyond program for the remaining strategic plan period – approximately \$7 million per year.
6. Approval of a contract extension with Child Action for a two year period - \$622,154 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and \$631,376 for Fiscal Year 2014-15.
7. Approval of a contract amendment with the Robla School District – adding \$10,615 each year for three years to expand services for homeless children.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS – May 6, 2013

1. Public hearing – approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Recommended Budget and Ten Year Financial Plan.
2. 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.
3. Presentation – evaluation on kindergarten readiness conducted by Applied Survey Research.
4. Presentation – activities to date on the Child Signature Program.

OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES

1. On February 27th the Board of Supervisors nominated Steve Wirtz to fill the Alternate Commissioner vacancy. Formal approval is pending.
2. Staff has begun outlining a proposed process for the development of the next Strategic Plan, which goes into effect July 1, 2015. We will begin with getting input from the Advisory Committee at their April meeting.
3. The regional school readiness publication titled "Your Child's First Teacher: You" was printed in February and distribution is underway.
4. Blue Ribbon Commission on the Reduction of African American Child Deaths
 - The next Commission meeting will be held on March 27th at 3:00 p.m. at 700 H Street.
 - A series of community meetings to gather comment on draft recommendations will be held during the week of April 1st.
 - Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 7th.

Adult and Aging Commission meeting notes from February 27th 2013

- Area 4 Agency on Aging held a public hearing Feb 21 discussing funding partners and grant funding; also asked everyone to contact legislators to voice opposition to sequestration. Feds are cutting 9.2% across the board in discretionary funding. They are not clear if cuts will be made retroactive or simply as they move forward. They noted that cut will hurt smaller agencies especially. The amount of paperwork may not be worth the smaller amount of funding they receive. \$294,000 will be cut in nutrition spending. This will affect Meals on wheels especially leading to a cut in units of service.
- Janine Brown, Program Manager for Senior Volunteer Services, also voiced concerns about across the board cuts for their agency (DHA Senior Services).
- Debra Morrow: DHHS stated that there were no sequestration cuts in their funding because very little of their funding comes from Sacramento County. She also stated that they received \$325,000 through realignment which was given to Senior and adult services. They are hiring 21 new people with the \$. They also want to bring criminal justice interns into Adult and Protective Services.
- Representatives from AAC will be meeting with the board of Supervisors staff on 3-7-13. A report will follow.
- There was a general discussion on seniors and people with disabilities will be cared for during a larger disaster. How will they be moved to a safe place if necessary, i.e. evacuation plan.

March 2013 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

Membership

We continue to have applicants in the process to fill vacant seats.

Officers elected: David Ballard-Chair, Rachel Raymond-Vice Chair, Trinetta Marquis - Secretary

CPS Oversight Committee

Critical Incident subcommittee will review a case and identify opportunities for intervention which could potentially change the outcome. This could highlight recurring issues and explore relationships within the system

Children's Trust Fund Committee

2013 contractors met with us regarding maximizing funding allocation in the two year contracts. We have requested impact statements and their recommended contract changes.

Children's Report Card Committee

Continuing to discuss content, impact and distribution of the next issue

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

Ernie Brown

Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

MH Board Report from Frank Topping

I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the Thursday HSCC Meeting.

I'll be at the National Healthcare for the Homeless Conference & Symposium in Washington DC representing the Respite Partnership Collaborative (RPC) -- I'll be leaving 3/12 and returning 3/16.

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The major event at the MHB 03/06/2013 Regular Meeting was a great presentation by Sacramento County Jail Psych Services.

I announced that the RPC was starting to prepare for Round Two of it's funding cycle with \$2M MHSA Innovation Component money available for the coming round. We're just about to start a bran new membership drive to recruit members to help guide the RPC also.more on that very soon.

During the Executive Meeting that followed we discussed a letter that had been prepared to be sent to the Board of Supervisors on AB 109 -- a very complicated issue, we decided to discuss further at our next meeting.

Wish me luck in Washington -- I've been in contact with Rep. Bera's Office about meeting involving RPC member recruitment and program awareness. ...when the time comes we need several more applicants for program funding. Rep. Matsui's office has been contacted as well and she sent a rep to the last RPC meeting.

Best,

Frank L. Topping, Secretary,
Sacramento County Mental Health Board

Behavioral Health Services

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1. The 2012 Ad Hoc Committee report on AB 1421, Laura's Law, was completed and presented to the Sacramento County Mental Health Board. In February 2013 the report conclusions and recommendations for Sacramento County were presented to the Board of Supervisors.
2. The Behavioral Health Services are working in coordination with Drug and Alcohol Services and Community Corrections and Sacramento Jail Psychiatric Services to provide appropriate resources and guidance for AB 109 recipients released from prisons.
3. Sacramento County Mental Health Board is working with the Sacramento County Drug and Alcohol Board to find resources and solutions for AB 109 clients with coexisting disorders in order to reduce recidivism and address problems with no housing funding provided. TLCS may become overwhelmed by the number of severely mentally ill clients needing housing.
4. The Intake Stabilization Unit (ISU) was opened for 23 hour intervention of medically cleared patients in mental health crisis in area emergency rooms and the jail. It was opened slowly in September 2012 for area hospitals' need for mental health stabilization care and evaluation for further inpatient or outpatient care. According to Dorian Kittrell, Executive Director of the Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center, the unit has been appropriately used by the medical community and has seen approximately 1200 children and adults in the time that it has been available.