

# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes

May 08, 2014, Noon - 1:30 PM

### Meeting Location

Dept. of Human Assistance

2700 Fulton Ave

Sacramento, CA. 95821

Conference Room 58

**Facilitator:** Melinda Avey - Chair

**Staffed by:** Jerri Thompson

### Meeting Attendees:

- HSCC Members - Melinda Avey (Chair), Natasha Broadway, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, David Mana-ay (Secretary), Gary McDonald (Vice Chair), Robert Meagher, Matt Mengelkoch, Paul Tanner, Chad Thompson, Frank L. Topping, Reginald Williams
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Paul Lake (CSA), Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests – Tammy Montgomery (First 5), Alan Lange (Community Link), Jennifer Ellis (Capitol Health Network)

### Absent Members:

- Angelina Woodberry

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Approval of April 10, 2014 Minutes	Approval of April 10, 2014 Minutes: David Mana-ay moved to approve, Gary McDonald seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<p><b>Melinda Avey - Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership update:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Leoma Lee, Disability Advisory Commission representative has resigned from the HSCC.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The 2014 Heroes of Human Services Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 9:30am. Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street.</li> <li>• Chair inquired with the Departments to see if they would be holding any budget workshops this year and they responded they would not.</li> <li>• Chair Avey and group congratulated Paul Lake on his promotion to the position of Chief Deputy County Executive, Countywide Services.</li> </ul>
Special Presentation: Introduction to 2-1-1 Sacramento	<p>Alan Lange, Vice President of Community Link, presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a comprehensive overview of 2-1-1 Sacramento. As part of the overview Alan shared that Sacramento 2-1-1 is a 24 hours a day, seven days a week operation that is able to refer callers to more than 2,400 community services in the Sacramento area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Housing Information</li> <li>❖ Financial Assistance</li> <li>❖ Children's Services</li> <li>❖ Senior Services</li> <li>❖ Food Programs</li> <li>❖ Health Care Services</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation Q &amp; A ensued with the group.</p> <p>Visit 2-1-1 Sacramento's website for more info: <a href="http://211sacramento.org/">http://211sacramento.org/</a>            Visit Community Link's website to learn what other programs they provide: <a href="http://communitylinkcr.org/">http://communitylinkcr.org/</a></p>
Discussion on Next Steps – Safety Net Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Avey shared that she along with Steve Heath and Alan Lange from Community Link met with the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and discussed Safety Net Services in Sacramento.</li> <li>• Group thought that joint communication between the HSCC and the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce could be a very positive.</li> <li>• Group made and discussed suggestions for next steps.</li> <li>• Group agreed that this is an opportunity for the HSCC to really make an effort to be active with the Board of Supervisors and the Chiefs of Staff. Focusing long-term, keeping the message on producing outcomes and standing firm on outcomes.</li> </ul>

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Review HSCC 2014 Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addie Ellis led the discussion with the group as the HSCC 2014 Goals were reviewed.</li> <li>• Addie will revise the HSCC 2014 Goals document and bring forward a new draft for the group to review.</li> </ul>
Department and First 5 Updates	<p><b>Countywide Services:</b> Paul Lake reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departments have been given their budget allocations.</li> <li>• Budget Hearings will begin in the afternoon of Tuesday, June 17.</li> <li>• Ann Edwards will be coming back to work for Sacramento County as the Director for the Department of Human Assistance. Her start date will be June 9.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Gladys Deloney highlighted information from DHHS' report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> Sherri Z. Heller provided report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorian Kittrell, Director of Behavioral Health Services, has taken on a position in Butte County and Uma Zykofsky has been promoted as the new Director.</li> <li>• Vicky Deane, DHHS Ombudsman, has retired and Janet Robinson has been promoted to the position.</li> </ul> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Tammy Montgomery highlighted information from First 5's report included in the meeting packet.</p>
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Gary McDonald provided report included in meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> David Mana-ay reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Franklin, Sacramento's Chief of Disability Compliance, is retiring on June 6.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p>
Announcements/Public Comments	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

- During Open Enrollment – DHA received 102,000 applications. The department has been able to process 51,000. There are still some issues with applications requiring verifications and moving from the CalHEERS (California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment and Retention System) into our CalWIN (CalWORKs Information Network) our automated eligibility system. We are working diligently to resolve all issues and disposition the cases.
- Ann Edwards former Director of DHHS will start June 9, 2014 for DHA. Paul is currently serving in both capacities as the new Chief Deputy for Countywide Services and the Director for DHA. We are excited and feel very fortunate to have Ann Edwards come back as the leader for DHA.
- The Department is working on its budget for the June Budget Hearing. There is currently a hiring moratorium for Sacramento County.
- DHA will be rolling out its new Family Stabilization program which will assist individuals who need intensive case management in the areas of Domestic Violence and Homelessness. These individuals will be exempt from Welfare To Work requirements during the time they are in the Family Stabilization program.

We are focused on solving the central dilemma arising for the 2014-15 budget year: the State's take-back of 'public health' realignment funding from counties. In FY 2012-13, Sacramento County received about \$42 million from this funding source. For FY 2013-14 (current year), this was reduced to about \$35 million. For the coming budget year 2014-15, we'll receive only \$13 million.

Of course, the theory is that these funds won't be needed, because the vast majority of people whose health care the County was providing or funding are not eligible for Medi-Cal. Indeed, we think it will be fairly easy to reduce our spending on indigent health care by \$10-12 million because of the new Medi-Cal eligibility for so many residents. But that still leaves a substantial gap. And, during FY 2014-15, we will have to pay the final bills for health care provided under the Low-Income Health Program which ended January 1, 2014; we estimate that we will have to pay \$10 million in County funds to wrap up that program in the coming year.

So we are engaged now in trying to project what our actual spending for indigent health care will be during the first full budget year following ACA implementation. And we are trying to untangle the complicated history of how services have been funded historically. Just as an example, consider our pharmacy. It's certainly true that the demands on our pharmacy will be sharply reduced in the coming year because of Medi-Cal eligibility for many clients who can now go to CVS or Walgreen's or WalMart and use Medi-Cal coverage to purchase medicines that their physicians prescribe. But the CMISP program isn't the only one that depends on our pharmacy. Clients in our Mental Health Treatment Center depend on the pharmacy, too, and the "chest clinic" (our tuberculosis treatment program) use the pharmacy every day for "directly observed therapy." So we are working on how to manage the reduced use by CMISP without having sharp cost increases to the other programs.

When the CEO presents his recommended budget to the Board of Supervisors, I'll be able to go over it with you, with an eye toward ensuring that clients use their new Medi-Cal eligibility so that reducing our County expenditures at the Clinic will not actually affect access to care.

Sherri

## **BUDGET ACTIVITIES**

**County Budget** – The Commission will approve the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 on June 2, 2014. The Budget totals \$26.4 million.

**State Budget** – We are looking forward to seeing if the Governor's May Revise Budget includes any funding for the expansion of transition kindergarten for four year olds. The Budget is typically released on May 10<sup>th</sup> of each year.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – April 7, 2014**

1. Continuation - Reconsideration of prior funding decision for cultural broker services
2. Review and comment on the 2015 Strategic Plan
3. Presentation – Child Abuse Prevention Month & Effective Parenting Services
4. Public Hearing – First 5 California's Annual Report

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – June 2, 2014**

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget - \$26.4 million
2. Presentation – Vision to Learn
3. Presentation – Kindergarten Readiness Fall 2013 Results
4. Approval of the 2015 Strategic Plan

## **OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES**

1. Commission staff is currently working with the Evaluation Committee to finalize a Community/Evaluation Report pertaining to Fiscal Year 2012-13.
2. Following the Commission's approval of the 2015 Strategic Plan, Commission staff will begin developing the Implementation Plan and the Evaluation Plan.
3. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Commission staff will participate in the Infant Health Coalition Leadership Summit. At the summit, participants will learn about what First 5 Sacramento partners are doing to reduce African American infant deaths. In addition, First 5 Sacramento's media consultant, RSE, will provide a preview of the public education campaign which will launch at the end of May.

## Agency Reports:

Area 4 Agency on Aging (Will Tift): Update given on Request for Proposals (RFP): process has concluded and the governing board has approved awards. Agency covers a seven-county region. In Sacramento County many current service providers were approved, however some providers will not continue. New policy on "one time only money", money not used is allocated out proportionately to all providers. Agency can no longer provide money for Focal Points because agency cannot allocate money to entities if they are not in a contract. Changes made to Area plan to be shared at a later time. Most of the sequestered funds for nutrition services have been restored. Senior Corp issue is being followed (changes dependent upon President's budget currently with Congress). California Senior Legislature funding threatened, funds come from tax return donations but minimum amount needed is not being raised.

DHHS, Senior Volunteer Services (Janine Brown): Senior Volunteer Services received a reduction in funding (anticipated) equal to about half of normal from Area 4 and a reduction in volunteers from seventeen to nine. Still waiting for Congress to approve the President's Budget to see what other changes or reductions may occur. Joint Access Revert Commute funds (JARC) funds reimburse to senior volunteers for mileage, to be removed as early as 2015. Janine is discussing restructuring of volunteers in programs to meet the needs of the low income volunteers with the needs of the most critical seniors – those that are isolated and homebound.

DHHS, Senior and Adult Services (Debra Morrow): Statewide, Adult Protective Services (APS) programs have concerns about the lack of training funds for APS staff. Assembly Member Yamada has introduced legislation for additional funding to cover training for APS staff (the current training budget for the program is only \$125,000.00). In addition, Assembly Member Yamada is requesting funding for a dedicated staff person at the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to collect APS data and act as the State spokesperson when there are requests for APS data.

IHSS overtime requirements are still being researched and discussed statewide. Concerns with the quality of care and introducing non-family/new people into home to care for disabled children/adults/seniors, especially with high-hour cases (high need).

Speaker – Rosanne Bernardy, Director, Hart Multipurpose Senior Center: Ethyl Macleod Hart Senior Center is a City of Sacramento operation and part of the Older Adult Services unit. Ms. Bernardy provided information about the Multipurpose Center plus several other programs supported by the Older Adult Services unit. The center experienced financial difficulty in the last few years which impacted programs. Measure U passed in 2013 for a half cent sales tax increase, most of which goes to fire and police departments, has allowed a few programs to be reinstated: 1) Assistance Referrals and More for Seniors (ARMS) social worker was reinstated to staff the program, 2) hours at the center previous cut were reinstated and the center is now open till 5 p.m., and 3) Caring Neighborhoods program. The center is located in mid-town Sacramento, is 53 years old, and was originally designed for

## Committee Reports

Oversight- Leoma Lee commented on how committee discussed Regional Transit having only 2 wheelchair spots on buses, which is insufficient, and how the committee can seek improvements in this area. Also working on how Paratransit can get their coupons and passes to be usable in local taxi cabs. Agenda for June 11th meeting (case oversight) will be sent out to all members so that members can attend, if so desired.

PROD- Gary McDonald gave update on Outstanding Senior Volunteer awards. Have 10 applications for the 6 awards (one for each of the 5 districts and 1 overall award). Committee will be selecting awardees for the May 13th ceremony to be held in Hearing Room 1 and resolution to winners will be distributed at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Awards will be given in the Board Chambers and then celebration will move to the Hearing Room afterwards. Awards will be from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

ROC – Lisa Risdal gave comment on the first new commissioner orientation held earlier in the day – had two of the three new commissioners attend, event went well. Have a new applicant for the commission, Silvia Molina (present), who has received her interview date in May. Also have a quarterly meeting coming up on May 5th to discuss recommendations for next year's chair and vice chair positions.

## Focal Point reports

Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center (Robert Ingols) – distributed handout about the center; organization has been around for 75 years, provides assistance to all age groups, staff of 3, is located on north side of Sacramento, have over 300 people per month, transport about 55-70 daily to the center, major concern is lack of funding.



