

## **Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

September 11, 2014

### **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, Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner, Frank L. Topping, Reginald Williams, Angelina Woodberry
- HSCC Ex-officio Members – Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests – Robyn Boyer, Alan Lange, Leoma Lee, Janice Milligan, Toni Moore(First 5)

### **Absent Members:**

- Paul Lake (Ex-officio)

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Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Approval of August 14, 2014 Minutes	Approval of August 14, 2014 Minutes: David Mana-ay moved to approve, Gary McDonald seconded, and Robert Silva Jr. abstained. Ayes: Unanimous. Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<p><b>Melinda Avey - Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair attended the Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Budget Hearings meeting and took the opportunity to publically thank the Board on behalf of the HSCC for the repairs they made to Sacramento's Safety Net and encouraged them to keep it going.</li> <li>• Chair thanked Sherri Z. Heller for attending the September Recovery Happens On Sept 3 and presenting the Resolution on behalf of the Sacramento Board of Supervisors recognizing the month of September as Alcohol and/or Drug and Recovery month. Chair shared that Sherri actually wrote and performed a song at the event and the crowd loved her performance and appreciated her sincerity.</li> <li>• Membership Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Chair acknowledged and welcomed new Community seat member Robert Silva Jr. and asked him to tell the group a little about his background.</li> <li>➢ Chad Thompson, Mental Health Board representative has resigned from the HSCC.</li> <li>➢ Chair reminded the Member Advisory Representatives to inform their groups they have vacant seats on the HSCC.</li> <li>➢ Chair shared she recently attended the Mental Health Board meeting and a couple of their members expressed interest in becoming reps on the HSCC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Special Presentation: Saint John's Program for Real Change	<p>Robyn Boyer, Community Outreach Director, for Saint John's Program for Real Change provided a video presentation giving a comprehensive overview of the program.</p> <p>As part of the presentation she provided handouts including informational brochures about the program, wish list of donation needs and information of how people can get involved. Also included were two handouts of upcoming fund raising events, one being the October 25<sup>th</sup> Saint John's Party for Change being held at the Sacramento Executive Airport and the other being the Guest Chef Dinners which lists the dates where featured Chefs will be preparing a night of incredible food at the Saint John's Plates Café &amp; Catering location at 14 Business park Way.</p> <p>Following the presentation Q &amp; A and discussion ensued with the group.</p> <p>Visit the Saint John's Program for Real Change website for more information about the program and the upcoming fundraising events: <a href="http://saintjohnsprogram.org/">http://saintjohnsprogram.org/</a></p>
Heroes of Human Services Awards Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street</li> <li>• Reception will follow the awards ceremony.</li> </ul>

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Net Recommendations	<p>Advisory Boards) they spoke with when they were gathering input for the Board of Supervisors Safety Net Workshop. The HSCC representatives will provide the groups with a report back to show the outcome/funding that is being provided in the FY 14-15 County Budget for repairing the Safety Net in Sacramento County as a result of their input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri suggested using the <i>Key Safety Net Program Funding for FY 2014-15</i> charts that Gladys put together and Sherri added to as a handout to the groups. Everyone agreed that providing the charts as handouts would be a great idea.</li> </ul>
HSCC 2014 Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addie asked the volunteer group that worked together putting together the 2014 Goals following the January Retreat reconvene once again to draft the end of year summary for the 2014 Goals. The end of year summary could then be shared with the Chiefs of Staff at the HSCC Briefing meeting scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• It was decided the group will meet next month one hour prior to the Executive meeting.</li> <li>• Staff will book the meeting room to include the hour prior to the Executive meeting for convenience.</li> </ul>
Department and First 5 Updates	<p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Gladys Deloney provided a 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>• DHHS released the Health Status Report; this report comes out every five years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The report shows that STDs are going back up in Sacramento</li> <li>➤ Women under the age of 27 hardly ever getting to pre-natal care in first trimester</li> <li>➤ Chronic disease age changing</li> <li>➤ Action implications are clear and not very controversial</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion at the Board of Supervisors Tuesday's meeting about Prisoner Realignment and how it is going. The following are some of the questions that were brought up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Is the drug and alcohol treatment in custody and out of custody having an effect?</li> <li>➤ Why are so many people high at the time of arrest?</li> <li>➤ What are we doing that is working and not working?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Board of Supervisors have decided to have a workshop in January to discuss recidivism and offer treatment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DHHS Budget Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$10M in Budget to pay the final bills on the LIHP program Nov Dec. This money will not be in the DHHS Budget next year, it is County General Fund money.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Toni Moore highlighted information from the report she provided included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical dates of the RFP are on their website.</li> </ul>
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Gary McDonald provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown shared there is no report this month due to the Coalition not meeting in August.</p>

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	<p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> Dr. Robert Meagher did not have a report but wanted to comment on the Health Status Report. He said the summarized data mostly comes from the State and it is 3 or 4 years old before published because they have to validate that the statistics are correct. Also stating that there is a lot more data that did not end up in this report for Sacramento County. If there are specific questions that the group may have after scanning the report Dr. Meagher offered to contact the Sacramento County Epidemiologist to get more State data, as it is not available online and the Epidemiologist may also be able to get updated data next year without having to wait for the next five year report. Dr. Meagher shared that he is following up on a few discrepancies that he has found.</p> <p><b>Access and Functional Needs – Coordination Advisory Group (AFN-CAG):</b> Frank L. Topping shared there is no report at this time due to the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting being postponed to September 17th.</p> <p><b>Community Members:</b> Natasha Broadway shared the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute just took in 14 applications and Natasha was able to do some of the interviewing. The Institute is hosted by Sacramento Housing Alliance and this is the way that she became aware of the HSCC. Training starts for the students in October and when the students graduate in January and they will be looking at Boards to join. Many of the member advisory board representatives spoke up and asked Natasha to let the students know they have vacancies.</p>
Announcements/Public Comments	<p>Frank announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacramento Steps Forward will be having a kick-off meeting on Wednesday, September 17, from 3:00-4:00pm to move forward with their pilot project intended for Veteran service providers and the project will include those that are chronically homeless. Frank shared he will be attending the meeting.</li> </ul>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

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**Thursday, September 11, 2014**

- Received notification Friday, September 5, that DHA has been awarded 1.3 million dollars to be used for housing assistance. These funds are for people on CalWORKs who are Welfare to Work (WTW) and for those who have exceeded their time limits for WTW.
- DHA will participate in the Homeless Summit on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. This Summit will focus on the past 10 year plan and other previous initiatives to end homelessness in the Sacramento area.
- Published in Sacramento Sunday, September 7, 2014, Request for Proposal (RFP) for Subsidized Employment. DHA will be requesting proposals to expend over three million dollars in funding for Subsidized Employment. ep
- Final Budget Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Sacramento County has approved through proposed budget additions to Safety Net Programs. Most current chart attached for both DHA and DHHS.

**Key Safety Net Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2014-15***Homeless Programs*

Safety Net Need	Department	Proposed Initiative	Proposed Funding	Funding Source
Emergency Shelter	DHA	Funding of Homeless Family Shelters to 3 Providers (165 beds)	\$1,674,173 \$400,000	Federal/State (CalWORKs) County (General Fund)
		Salvation Army Men's Shelter (operational support)	\$75,000	County (General Fund)
		Winter Shelter	\$150,000	County (General Fund)
	DHA/DHHS	Grant to WIND Youth Services to assist with vulnerable homeless youth	\$25,000	Realignment
		Grant to WIND Youth Services for 3 shelter beds to provider alternatives to detention for low-risk youth offenders. This grant will be administered by DHA rather than DHHS as previously noted in the chart. Originally funded at \$125,000 additional funding of \$93,000 was added for a total of \$218,000.	*\$218,000	County (General Fund)
		Grant to Senior Safe House for abused and neglected seniors (6 beds)	\$100,000 *\$35,000	Realignment
Outreach and Navigation	DHA	Share of grant match to River District	*\$25,000	County (General Fund)
		Contract with CBO for navigation services targeting homeless youth and veterans	*\$75,000	County (General Fund)
	DHHS	Contracts for navigators sited at Main Jail, Loaves and Fishes, Emergency Room and Intake Stabilization Unit at MHTC	*\$1,309,729	MHSA
		Mobile Crisis Outreach to Mentally Ill – Partnership with law enforcement	*\$508,998	CHFFA Grant
Health Education and Screening	DHHS	Registered nurses at various locations	\$984,954	Federal
Homeless System	DHA	Grant to Sacramento Steps Forward	*\$25,000	County (General Fund)

Homeless Provider Cash Flow	DHA	Line of credit to Sacramento Steps Forward to provide gap cash flow to Continuum of Care operators until HUD funds come through	*\$750,000	County (General Fund)
Homeless Program Manager and Coordination of Homeless Services	DHA	This manager position will serve as a liaison to Sacramento Steps Forward and the Continuum of Care for Sacramento County. The position will work will collaborate with other Community Bases Organizations and cities on homeless issues that affect the Sacramento Region.	*\$191,828	County (General Fund)
Homeless Outreach	DHHS	An additional Public Health Nurse to augment services already provided by current PHNs in the Homeless Grant Program at Loaves & Fishes, correctional facilities, and other homeless program locations.	*\$105,000	County (General Fund)
Public Guardian Payee Service	DHHS	An additional 3.0 positions (2.0 Deputy Public Guardian/Conservators, 1.0 Accountant) and 1 vehicle to provide payee services for 100 vulnerable adults in Sacramento County. Referrals will be made by APS, Mental Health and ADS. The goal of the project is to prevent fiduciary abuse, homelessness, loss of income and livelihood. The project will utilize the Public Guardian Payee service to assist vulnerable seniors and adults in managing financial resources.	*\$313,417	County (General Fund)

\* denotes new program and/or services for FY 2014-15

**Key Safety Net Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2014-15**

*Additional Safety Net Programs*

Safety Net Need	Department	Proposed Initiative	Proposed Funding	Funding Source
Child Abuse	DHHS	Increase capacity of community based providers to	*\$675,000	County (Realignment Growth)

Prevention		serve the expanded age range population with focus on abuse prevention and strengthening families.	\$371,250 \$20,250	Federal State
Improving Permanency for Children in Foster Care	DHHS	Work on increasing number of successful permanent placements for foster care children in family reunification and adoptions	*\$300,000 \$165,000 \$9,000	County (Realignment Growth) Federal State
Financial Abuse Unit in Adult Protective Services	DHHS	Reinstate the financial abuse unit in APS, to protect vulnerable adults from elder and dependent financial crime.	*\$200,000 \$200,000	County (Realignment Growth) State
Rural County Services	DHA	Grant to South County Services	\$60,000	County (General Fund)

\* denotes new program and/or services for FY 2014-15



- As I write this, final touches are being put on County Executive Brad Hudson's presentation to the Board of Supervisors for the September 9 hearing on the final 2014-15 County budget. He is adding proposals for additional Safety Net items including: additional public health nurse for the Healthcare for the Homeless program; additional 3 positions for the public guardian office to establish payee services for vulnerable adults including elderly and homeless individuals. He's also adding additional recommended funding for work in DHA to coordinate homeless services. These proposed budget supplements are above and beyond what the Board of Supervisors added to this year's budget in their initial budget action in June, which included grants for homeless youth shelter, support of Senior Safe House, navigators for mentally ill persons in crisis, and other items that were recommended by various speakers at the Safety Net Workshop last spring. The items being added are consistent with the specific recommendations made by the Human Services Coordinating Council at the Workshop; for example, they focus on a coordination role for homeless services, and the healthcare-related services are mobile, with staff going out to locations at which the people needing help are rather than requiring them to figure out transportation. I think the HSCC can take some satisfaction in the substantive responses that the County Executive and Board of Supervisors are making to the recommendations submitted.
- The various events comprising the "Recovery Happens" celebration in the last two weeks were really effective and encouraging. At the Board of Supervisors meeting, I spoke alongside Chief of Probation Lee Seale on what makes treatment of addiction to alcohol and other drugs effective, and then a graduate of Drug Court who has turned his life around made some very moving and inspiring remarks, telling his story of recovery in a way that had everybody cheering. The unity of message was pretty compelling, with law enforcement/corrections and the human services department and a former addict/criminal all telling the same story, with a crowd of supportive family members echoing the tale. The huge celebration on the steps of the Capitol building was encouraging, too, with turn-out from several surrounding counties, from Drug Court, and a whole lot of folks in treatment celebrating their sobriety. I think it's critical that everybody stay focused on the value of treatment, even as we weather negative Drug Medi-Cal audits, the struggles of providers to adjust to electronic and Federal record-keeping demands, and other program changes.

See you Thursday.

Sherri

## **BUDGET ACTIVITIES**

**First 5 Budget** – The Commission approved the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 on August 4, 2014. The Budget totals \$28.5 million. The Fiscal Year is beginning with a fund balance of \$67.0 million and will end with a projected fund balance of \$54.2 million.

**County Budget** – Final Budget Hearings will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – August 4, 2014**

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Budget
2. Approval of the 2015 Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-16 through 2017-18
3. Approval of contract increase for DHHS – Smile Keepers Program (\$16,000)
4. Approval of new contract with Golden State Water Company (\$3.7 million)
5. Approval to terminate and existing contract, and execute a new contract with the California Black Health Network (\$325,000)
6. Appointment of Cid Van Koersel to the Advisory Committee as the representative for children with special needs
7. Cancellation of September Commission meeting

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – October 6, 2014**

1. Presentation: Local Child Care Planning Council
2. Public Hearing: Annual Audit and Report
3. Approval of the Evaluation Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-16 through 2017-18
4. Nominate and approve Vice Chair for 2015

## **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. On October 15<sup>th</sup> the Commission will release five Requests for Proposals. A draft timeline has been posted to our website.
2. The Commission is engaged in a great deal of media activities and public education campaigns:
  - Healthy Pregnancies – running now
  - Infant Safe Sleep – in final development stage
  - Family Resource Centers / Call 2-1-1 – in early development stage
  - Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest) – on going

Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) services. A4AA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for HICAP services on 8/26/14.

- In House Job Readiness Program has been restored (previously suspended); teaches people job readiness skills.

#### DHHS, Senior and Adult Services, Volunteer Services (Janine Brown)

- Senior Volunteer Services programs (Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion, and Retired Senior Volunteer) had 496 volunteers who did 189,505 hours of service to 30,398 clients for an estimated value of \$4.5 million during the 2013-14 fiscal year.
- Senior Companion Program now has 37 slots with 17 active volunteers working in homes. Actively recruiting for volunteers for the program.
- Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ken Rudolph from Good Day Sacramento will do a ride-a-long with a senior companion to air live from 9-9:30 a.m. on channel 31.

#### DHHS, Senior and Adult Services, IHSS and APS (Debra Morrow)

- County has lifted the hiring freeze and will be hiring positions for the APS Financial Abuse unit as well as other positions in IHSS to handle new overtime requirements that will begin January 1, 2015.
- New Ombudsman announced, Janet Robinson. Ombudsman works with the individual divisions to handle complaints and with any issues that arise within each program (other Ombudsman position handles nursing home complaints – Long Term Care Ombudsman).

#### **Speaker – Denise Davis, Program Director, Alzheimer’s Association**

National organization with over 70 chapters and 200 offices within the United States. Started in 1980. The Sacramento office oversees services in eight counties. Organization has over thirty different types of brochures on various topics from care giving to diabetes to legal financial planning. Provides a 24-hour help line for referrals, support groups on a monthly basis, care consultations, education programs, information on services for the safe return of patients who wander, Medic Alert bracelets, and the Project Lifesaver wrist transmitter program, among many others. Annual conference each year – this year the conference has moved to the Sacramento Convention Center due to increasing attendance –next conference is April 2, 2015. Sacramento Walk fundraiser is September 27<sup>th</sup>, will start at the Capitol. 90% of funding comes from private donations.

Meeting with the Board of Supervisors’ Chiefs of Staff – presented Adult & Aging Commission’s annual report, discussed recruitment of commissioners (5 vacant spots, especially in districts 4 &5), requested of Pat Braziel, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Nottoli, clarification on the request for information on the oversight of board and care facilities, and discussed the SIRUM program.

UC Davis Education Series next meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the MIND Institute and the speaker is Dr. Dan Mungas, topic is “Dementia, What is it?”. There is a meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00 pm at the Kaiser – Point West, topic is the basis of understanding memory loss, for information or to register contact the Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center. Del Oro Resource Center’s annual event, Cruise Around the World Cook-off will be September 18<sup>th</sup>, a fundraiser. Rods & Relics Vintage Car Show at the Roseville Care Center on August 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10-2. A new assisted living memory care facility in Rancho Cordova just opened called Northstar. Carmichael Care, skilled nursing facility and rehab center, has changed ownership and is now called Eagle Crest, is having an open house August 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

- SMUD –lighting workshop to be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Sacramento

In lieu of the regular August business meeting, the AOD Advisory Board held their annual spaghetti dinner/retreat at the Spaghetti Factory. The dinner was well attended by board members as well as representatives from the provider community and county Department of Health and Human Services. The advisory board treatment committee continues to focus on innovative treatment strategies and outcome measures, and the prevention committee continues to participate in strategic planning. Anticipating that marijuana legalization will appear on the November ballot, the committee will begin discussing the issue including risks and benefits of marijuana usage as well as lessons learned in Washington State and Colorado with the recent legalization of marijuana in those states.