

Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015

Meeting Location

Dept. of Human Assistance
2700 Fulton Ave
Sacramento, CA. 95821
Conference Room 58

Facilitator: Addie Ellis – Chair

Staffed by: Jerri Thompson

Meeting Attendees:

- HSCC Members - Michael Ballance, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, Raymond Kemp, Len Marowitz, Robert Silva Jr., Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS), Mary Behnoud (DHA)
- Guests – Rosemary Covington, Erin Maurie

Absent Members:

- Melinda Avey, Tom Campbell, David Mana-ay. Paul Lake (Ex-Officio), Gary McDonald, Paul Tanner, Frank L.Topping

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Approval of April 09, 2015 Minutes	Approval of April 09, 2014 Minutes: Michael Ballance moved to approve, Ray Kemp seconded. Robert Silva Jr. abstained. Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ New membership orientation was held just prior to today's meeting. ➢ New applicant for the open community seat, Danette Rada was interviewed by the Chiefs of Staff and Executive Member-at large, Ernie Brown, last week. Ernie shared some of Danette's work experience from her application and said that the interview went very well with both he and the Chiefs of Staff being very impressed. • Future scheduled presenters were announced. • HSCC we will not be meeting in July - Summer break
Special Presentation: RT's effort to provide equity in the planning of transit service	<p>RoseMary Covington, representative for Regional Transit (RT) reintroduced herself, sharing her background. She then provided a PowerPoint presentation beginning with RT's mission and vision statements, transportation equity and their strategic plan.</p> <p>Members were provided with handouts to follow along with as RoseMary discussed information including RT's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title VI Demographic Analysis • Fare Survey Result for FY 2014 • Revenues <p>Q & A and discussion ensued with the group.</p> <p>Visit the Regional Transit website for detailed information. http://www.sacrt.com/</p>
Department and First 5 Commission Updates	<p>Health and Human Services: Sherri Z. Heller provided a report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an opportunity for the HSCC to review and comment on social service needs for an upcoming casino project so advisory boards may want to consider how to mitigate potential impacts such as on finances of elderly, alcohol issues, and problem gambling. The Community Planning and Development Department is working on this and asked if a presentation could take place at the next HSCC meeting. HSCC agreed they would like to have the opportunity to review and comment on the project and will reschedule the presenter currently booked for the June meeting. Members were asked to submit questions to the chair and staff so they can be provided to the presenters prior to the presentation. <p>Human Assistance: Gladys Deloney provided a report included in the meeting packet. Mary Behnoud added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State will continue to get the additional \$150 million for FY 2015-2016 that they received for FY 2014-2015 for Medi-Cal Administration. DHA will use some of the money to add additional Medi-Cal staff to help with

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	<p>outreach and continued Medi-Cal enrollment retention.</p> <p>First 5 Commission: Toni Moore provided a report included in the meeting packet. Erin Maurie added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 5's Executive Director Position is open. Details about the position may be found on the Sacramento County website at the following link. http://www.personnel.saccounty.net/Documents/ExecutiveDirectorFirst5CommissionBrochure.pdf
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p>Adult and Aging Commission: Gary McDonald provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board: Paul Tanner provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Children's Coalition: Ernie Brown provided report included a in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Disability Advisory Commission: Frank Topping provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Mental Health Advisory Board: No report.</p> <p>Public Health Advisory Board: No report.</p>
HSCC 2015 Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group was encouraged to continue gathering information from presenters. • Subcommittee "Break-Out" session time will be scheduled during the August meeting.
Announcements	None
Public Comments	None
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned

2015-16 Budget

The CEO's recommended budget for 2015-16 will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in early June. Budget hearings are scheduled for June 16, 17. The HSCC meets again on June 11, so we'll have a chance to examine the proposed budget in more detail at that time, but I wanted to give you a heads-up on what to look for in the recommended budget so that the advisory boards you each represent will be able to respond in time for the hearing.

The main thing to look for is how the proposed budget incorporates recommendations emerging from the series of workshops the Board has held on topics including reducing deaths of African-American children, services to homeless individuals and families, health services for undocumented residents, and the rebalancing of the mental health services continuum. For example, look for expansion of programs that address prenatal care and poor birth outcomes in the public health budget and additional investment in child protective services that address support for intact families (especially families where there is drug use by parents) and expanded efforts to place children with relatives, especially in neighborhoods identified by the Steering Committee as areas where African-American children are at heightened risk. Look to see whether the budget enhances access to health services for undocumented residents and how the County can begin to address this need while taking into account the Federal and State policies that are in flux. And notice whether the budget fully funds the aggressive action plan on prompt access to appropriate mental health treatment, including not only additional crisis residential facilities, but also enhanced support for outpatient service contractors.

The second thing to look for is follow-through on initiatives already begun. Does the budget provide additional investment in child protective services, to keep the momentum going on quality improvement? Does the budget provide continued support for adult protective services, responding to increased demand in our community after this year's re-establishing of the financial protection unit? Is there appropriate support for public health communicable disease efforts, given our community's struggles over the past year with ebola, measles, TB, STDs, etc.?

Other things to look for in May

- May 19: Board of Supervisors receives annual report from CPS Oversight Committee
- May 19: Board of Supervisors votes on funding enhanced payments to "kinship caregivers" (relatives who take responsibility for children in lieu of placing them in foster care homes)
- Late May: Adult Protective Services insert in local newspapers focusing on financial and other abuse risks to seniors in our community

**DHA Report to
HSCC
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- Housing Support Program (HSP) going very well. We have housed approximately 197 families to date. The Sacramento News & Review insert was very popular and we have received some calls from potential landlords. We are really in need of landlords who would like to collaborate with this program to open up more housing opportunities. DHA continues to partner with Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) and the Family Emergency Shelters to make this program a success.
- The Department has a growth request in for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for \$400,000 in General Fund for Rapid Rehousing and Homeless programs. This would allow for individuals not on CalWORKs to receive similar services to HSP. HSP allows for move in cost and subsidized rental cost.
- The Chief Deputy for Countywide Services, Paul Lake, Homeless Division Manager, Eduardo Ameneiro, SHRA Manager, Geoffrey Ross and Executive Director for SSF, Ryan Loofbourrow visited Los Angeles on Tuesday, May 12th to discuss homeless strategies with Los Angeles County. There has been a lot of work done recently in Los Angeles to clean up skid row and Sacramento County and the Homeless Continuum of Care (Coc) is very interested in those strategies.
- DHA and DHHS Annual Scholarship Awards event will be held on Friday, May 15th in the Board of Supervisors Chambers starting at 6pm. Supervisor Serna and Kennedy graciously matched our Scholarships. This is a great start for low income students who have been accepted into college.
- Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Board Letter scheduled for May 19th Board of Supervisors Meeting. ARC would allow for families who take in children who would otherwise be in Foster Care to receive the rate for Foster Care. Currently, some families only receive the CalWORKs grant for which is significantly lower than the Foster Care rate. The goal will be to help sustain those families who have relative children and to encourage more families to take in children for better outcomes.
- The Department continues to look for employers for its Direct Hiring program of Subsidized Employment. There will be a Request for Interest (RFI) in the Sacramento Bee on Sunday, May 17th. The program allows for employers who hire CalWORKs participants reimbursement for up to six months for wages.

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Human Services Coordinating Council
May 12, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – May 4, 2015

1. Approval of the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16
2. Annual Review of the Strategic Plan
3. Approval of Extended Agreement for DHHS HEARTS for Kids Program
4. Presentation on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
5. Approval of Extended Agreement with Applied Survey Research
6. Approval of Executive Director Selection Committee

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – June 1, 2015

1. Resolution honoring Debra Payne on the occasion of her retirement
2. Approval of extended service contracts:
 - Health – WellSpace Health for Cultural Broker Services
 - Community Connections – Community Link – 2-1-1 Call Center Services
3. Approval of evaluation contracts:
 - LPC Consulting for the Peri/Post Natal/Infant Sleep Study
 - Persimmony for First 5's data system
4. Approval of a consulting contract with Lyle Hoag related to fluoridation
5. Appointment of new Advisory Committee member – LeAnne Ruzzamenti

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. There is now an Alternate Commissioner vacancy behind Dr. Jones who was appointed to a Commissioner seat on April 14th.

ADULT & AGING COMMISSION REPORT TO HSCC
Abbreviated from April 22, 2015 AAC MINUTES

Agency Reports:

Area 4 Agency on Aging (A4AA) (Will Tift, Assistant Director)

- Will Tift reported:
 - Governing board met on 4/10/2015. The Community Link formally the Community Services Planning Council announced (earlier this year) that they would dissolve as an entity and their programs will be spinning off to other agencies. In March or April 2015, they came into an agreement with Goodwill Industries who will provide financial stability for Community Link, and they will continue operating as is with 211 Sacramento, volunteer programs, and a couple of others.
 - City of Sacramento Triple R Adult Day program has been funded by area A4AA for many years and the Governing Board decided not to continue to fund this program. Triple R Adult Day Program appealed this decision and the Board declined that appeal on April 10th, 2015. Since then A4AA is talking with them to see if there can be a transition for them.
 - A4AA is a 7 County agency and 6 of these have a commission for the aging. There is a launch for 2015 Senior Needs Assessment and would like to work with the commission to help promote individuals to participate in older adults survey. In May they will be promoting the survey and schedule launch events in June 2015. It will be an electronic survey and they want to encourage people to go online to encourage others to assist those individuals who do not have internet. We will launch the event in June, July, and August. In October we hope to have a Needs Assessment Report based on demographics analysis of the County of Sacramento as well as survey result information we can glean from other sources.
 - A focus for our agency is senior hunger and food security for senior adults. A4AA wants to work with the commission and identify priorities to bring value to the community. Affordable housing has been a concern for seniors.
 - California Senior Legislature (CSL) has a conference in October and it has been cancelled. The decision has been a financial one. CSL come up with a list of priorities bills and one that passed was the Silver Alert for those who have Alzheimer/Dementia. This funded through the California State Income Tax. On the Income Tax form you can make a contribution when you are filing your taxes. They don't have enough funding to continue.

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

- Debra Morrow reported:
 - The budget for 2015 has been submitted to the County Board of Supervisors.
 - Senior and Adult services has the following programs:
 1. Adult Protective Services
 2. In-Home Supportive Services
 3. Senior Volunteer Services
 4. Public Guardian/Conservative Office
 - The senior population has grown and we work with dependent adults. Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan has asked us to attend community meetings and inform what SAS does. The statistics used were taken from the County Public Health department. In the Sacramento County the senior population 80+ has increased in the last ten years almost by 50% and 60+ is also growing.
 - Request for assistance has increased because of growth of the older population. Adult Protective Services (APS) has a new National Office that represents APS agencies, at this time there is no funding. They are looking at a national data base which Federal monies may be able to fund this project. At this time APS cannot give statistics' (county by county). Sacramento County has a data base known as ADAM. The District Attorney Office did a report on the County Elder Death Review Team (EDRT).
 - Paul Durenberger (Chief Deputy) gave a report on the findings of 6 cases which they focused on. They reported the lack of information and misinformation that family members receive and they do not recognize the vulnerabilities faced by the aging. Dehydration or a urinary tract infection can turn into a situation where someone's life is at stake. There is a real gap in the community and family members are not well informed
 - Prior to the recession we had designated Law Enforcement officers who were able to assist in elder abuse issues. It is more fragmented now and the concern with the 51/50 (psychiatric) holds is of great concern.

Speaker: Carole Herman, Foundation Aiding The Elderly (FATE)

- Carole Herman is the founder of FATE and President. She established the foundation in 1982. FATE has served over 5,000 clients all over the country and has clients in every state. This foundation began because of a family member who died while in a nursing home.
- FATE is a Nonprofit Corporation (depends on volunteer contributions for funding) and a very aggressive advocate. FATE accepts no subsidy from the government which helps FATE to be a direct advocacy for families and patients.

- FATE provides information, counseling, advice, resources, and referrals (in home care and government agencies), file complaints with state regulators where there is abuse in the facilities as a public service at no charge to those who need assistance in dealing with care of the elderly. Provides onsite advocacy for clients and go into the nursing homes with the families members. FATE has filed with regulatory agencies responsible for overseeing medical practice and procedures in nursing homes with the State of California, Department of Public Health and Community Care Licensing (that licenses residential care homes and assistant living). Civil actions have been filed on behalf of patients and their families.
- Boarding houses are a big problem because they are not licensed; no one is overseeing them and no enforcement or regulations are required.
- The objective of FATE is to serve as a voice for patient's and to bring about national reforms and enforcement of the laws governing the nursing home industry and its regulatory agencies in order to assure proper care, civil rights and meaningful, dignified life for the elderly long-term facilities.
- A data base was created by FATE. It keeps track of all information including how long it takes the State to respond to complaints. Fate has filed a Public Interest law suit with the State of California, Department of Public Health (they are mandated by law to investigate nursing homes abuse cases) for failure of not investigating.
- Nursing homes problems is insufficient staffing of patients and that is automatic neglect. Causes bed sores, infections; overmedication of patients is also alarming and sometimes leads to death.
- Conservatorship of the elderly is a big problem. Private fiduciary is a big problem and resulted in legislation in California. Fiduciary Bureau in the State of California requires that Private Fiduciary needs to have a license.
- FATE goals is to bring awareness of the pattern of abuse frequently found in elderly care institution's. They promote actions to improve the care and supervision of the elderly. Violations, malpractice and criminal actions are reported to the appropriate federal and state authorities. Follow up to see the correction and redress occur. Provides tools, resources and leadership to other advocacy leaders and groups. FATE educates the public of their rights.

PROD committee is preparing for the presentation of the Outstanding Senior Awards at 9:30pm on May 19, 2015 to be held in the SAC County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

May Update from Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

- 1) Finalized the Board's three-year comprehensive alcohol and drug strategic plan and submitted it to the County Department of Behavioral Health's Alcohol and Drug Services.
- 2) At the May 13 Board meeting, will discuss implications of the new prevention provider contracts for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year, particularly on more effectively decreasing African-American health disparities.
- 3) On May 20, a Certified Recovery Peer Specialist from the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals will update our Treatment Committee on developments in this emerging professional specialty.

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Executive Committee

Members are contacting targeted potential members based on new priorities. One new potential member interviewed by COS.

CPS Oversight Committee

Oversight Committee Report presentation to Board of Supervisors delayed

Children's Trust Fund Committee

DHHS requesting supplemental funding as an ongoing boost to the Trust Fund

RFP timeline established and Proposal Instruction being updated to reflect the Coalition's goals.

Policy and Advocacy Committee

Committee is preparing a survey for providers: if funding was available, what would you most want to do?

Ernie Brown
Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition