# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2020

Meeting Location:

Dept. of Human Assistance

2700 Fulton Ave

Sacramento, CA. 95821

Conference Room 58

Facilitator: Ernie Brown, Chair

**Staffed by:** Cindy Marks

Meeting Attendees:

* HSCC Members –Ernie Brown, Melinda Avey, Raymond Kemp, Robert Silva, Jr., Kula Koenig, Paul Tanner, Randy Hicks, Teresa Ogan, Steve Orkand, Caroline Lucas
* Ex-Officio Members – Julie Galello (First 5)

Absent Members:

* HSCC Members – Caroline Lucas, Paula Green
* Ex-Officio Members: Cindy Cavanaugh (Homeless Initiatives), Michelle Gorre for Peter Beilenson (OFCA), Aaron Chong (BOS), Eduardo Ameneyro (DHA), Bruce Wagstaff (CEO), Michelle Callejas (DCFAS), Caroline Lucas

**Public**: Patty Gainer, Stephanie Hopkins (Sacramento County), Afi Farrar (WellSpace Community Health Center), Howard Johnson (Liberty Towers, Kristi DeMaria (River City Medical Group), Cynthia Van Zant (CPS)

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| Call to Order | Vice Chair, Kula Koenig, welcomed everyone, introductions were made, and meeting called to informal order. | |
| Approval of April 9, 2020 Minutes | Approval of April 9, 2020 Minutes with corrections by Melinda Avey and Raymond Kemp seconded. | |
| Presentation-Alejandra Labrado with First 5 | Alejandra Labrado presented to the HSCC on the 2020 Census and Kids:   * What do you already know about the census? Conducted every 10 years. * Determines how to distribute funding for over $800 Billion for federal funding programs. * Determines the number of U.S. House of Representatives in your state. (CA currently has 53). * Helps with making decisions about our communities. * Government and community leaders from education, business, healthcare, and other community organizations come together to develop and implement a 2020 Census awareness campaign. * Includes subcommittees that represent each Hard to Count (HTC) Community. * The most undercounted- Newborn-Age 5 Kids! * Everyone Counts: Who are the “Hard to Count” Communities? In the 2020 Census: Counting everyone once which include young children, highly mobile persons, low income, homeless, etc. * HTC Tracks in Sacramento County: Includes, South Sacramento, Arden/Arcade, Northgate, Del Paso Heights, North Sacramento and Rancho Cordova * So, why are children being missed? There is a misunderstanding that kids don’t need to be counted, newborns are missed, kids live with grandparents or other relatives, kids live in complex households (i.e. “roommate’s kids”). Many of these households completed the census, but did NOT count the kids! * More Reasons HTC Populations are missed are fear that their information will be reported, an “I don’t matter” mentality, non-English speaking, no permanent address, simply state they don’t have the time * What’s at Stake is the amount of federal funding the state receives annually for programs that affect kids including Medicaid, Food Stamps (CalFresh), Section 8, etc. * Sacramento children age 0-5: In Sacramento County, more than 115 million in federal funding has been lost due to an undercount in the 2010 census and 8 million from the undercount of the 0-5 kids. * How much could we lose? The California Department of Finance estimated that the 2010 census failed to count 1.5 million state residents. For every resident not counted in the 2010 census, California lost more than $2,000 in federal funding. * What is First 5 Doing about 0-5 HTC? Dedicated Census staff, tool kits, partnering with WIC and Head Start, mini, grants, etc. * Parents are more likely to complete the 2020 Census based on the recommendation of a trusted messenger, which are churches, schools, community based organizations, and people from each individual’s community * Since COVID-19, self-response, group quarters, in person enumerators, service enumeration, people experiencing homelessness and delivery apportionments to the president timelines have all been significantly delayed * You may fill out the Census online, by phone, in person for non self-responders, or mail * Self-Response Rates-In 2010, California was 60 percent and this still holds at 60 percent as of May 2020 and Sacramento County as a whole was 70 percent in 2010 and now 66 percent of May 2020 * Important Messages to let others know: Everyone counts, If you don’t count them now, they may be in high school before they can be counted, Programs your family utilizes can be impacted (special education, WIC, Section 8, etc.), By law, the U.S Census Bureau cannot share information with others (landlords, immigration, IRS, etc.) * Important Messages…Since COVID-19: An accurate count is critical in times of crisis… like the one we’re in now! See the link on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpqQ2iPmypg> * Resources: To Complete the Census [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov/) or also Countallkids.org, Census.ca.gov, Norcalcensus.org     Questions from HSCC:   * Paul: There is a $2000 loss? Yes, this is per year, so this is $10,000 over a decade. |
| Budget Ideas Moving Forward Post COVID-19 (Q &A) | Kula asked the HSCC what services or needs we need to look at moving forward in regards to the Q and A that was submitted to the HSCC Executive Team and what the community would like to spend on their own community …..Are we placing together a meeting to discuss this?  Melinda: Just had the AOD meeting last night. Unfortunately, there has been a huge increase in concerns in the AOD community due to the current crisis. It is a great idea to write to the legislators, but we have to ask permission from Board of Supervisors.  Steve: It is difficult to know what public health will mean looking forward. They are anticipating nothing at this pint due to the fluidity of the current COVID situation. One of the deterrents with this will be the upcoming stimulus package. A focus could be that we could place together letters to the heads of our community to express the urgency of taking care of our communities. The discussion seems to be complex and we need to discuss more with our individual partners possibly before we move forward.  Randy: The president stated he will not touch CalWORKS programs, etc. For the DAC, we utilize “free talk” and can discuss this moving forward.  Raymond: We should push as the HSCC to be heard and to state why we would be a valuable asset. We would like to put together an Ad Hoc meeting to discuss ow we may broach the topic with the Board of Supervisors.  Ernie: We can place together a letter by the HSCC as a whole to push our concern as Budget time is right around the corner as we do not know how the 190 million dollar budget will be allocated over the next Fiscal year.  Julie: The County will just be moving the current budget into the next Fiscal year into the first three months There will not be any change for that time period since there is no way to know how the budget will be affected for 2021. This will be revisited in September 2020 to have more of a final budget moving forward into the 2021 fiscal year. She can get more information on the 0-5 side of the house.  Teresa: This is an opportunity for people to meet to discuss the budget as this is an opportunity for program development within our individual groups and discuss this further to see how we want to move forward | |
| Member Comments | Teresa and Steve will meet to discuss a uniform set of questions to present to the group. | |
| Public Comments | No public comments | |
| Announcements | No announcements | |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned | |