# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2021

Meeting Location:

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Meeting ID: 922 3881 4999   
Passcode: 675908  
  
Facilitator: Raymond Kemp, Chair

**Staffed by:** Gloria Bedford

Meeting Attendees:

* HSCC Members: Melinda Avey, Randy Hicks, Raymond Kemp, Reggie Nelson, Jessica Sankus, Loran Sheley, Paul Tanner, Angelina Woodberry
* Ex-Officio Members: Eduardo Ameneyro (for Ann Edwards, Human Assistance), Julie Gallelo (First 5), Martha Haas (for Michelle Callejas, DCFAS)
* Speakers: Ben Avey, WellSpace
* Guests/Public: Kat Wies

Absent Members:

* HSCC Members: Paula Green, Kula Koenig, Caroline Lucas, Teresa Ogan, Linda Ram
* Ex-Officio Members: Cindy Cavanaugh (Homeless Initiatives), Jim Hunt (Health Services), Bruce Wagstaff (Social Services)

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| **Call to Order** | Chair, Raymond Kemp, called meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. |
| **Approval of Dec. 10, 2020 Minutes** | Approval of Dec. 10, 2020, minutes moved and seconded. No corrections. No abstentions. |
| **SURE – Substance Abuse Respite & Engagement Program**  Ben Avey, WellSpace | The SURE Program of WellSpace Health provides an alternative to traditional sobering centers for people suffering from acute alcohol or drug intoxication. It is staffed 24/7 by healthcare professionals and provides medical monitoring, a comfortable space to rest/recover, substance use counseling, case management and peer support, and connections to supportive services.  SURE has served 157 patients via 282 separate referrals and has had an 83% sober/safe discharge rate in just under three months of operation. SURE clients are transported to and from the facility directly by authorized referral partners. It does not provide a walk-in option. SURE is located at the corner of 7th and H Streets in downtown, Sacramento. |
| **Alternate Response to 911 Calls – Recommendations from MABs** | The Council reviewed recommendations for alternate responses to 911 calls from the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board and the Mental Health Board. Recommendations include:   * Utilize SURE (Substance Use Respite & Engagement Program) * Provide medication and follow-up care for people exiting jail * Transitional Living for justice-involved individuals * Discuss funding levels dedicated to 911 alternative responses * Assemble a community advisory board to provide insight * Significant investment in community-led crisis response with organizations like Mental Health First. * Create a new three-digit number separate from 911   The Chair suggested that the HSCC develop and present to the Board of Supervisors a letter of recommendation for alternate responses to 911 calls that emphasizes and builds upon the recommendations from ADAB and MHB. |
| Member Comments | None |
| **Public Comments** | None |
| **Announcements** | None |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. |