

# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016

### 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 – Melinda Avey, Dev Berger, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, Paula Green, Randy Hicks, Leslie Julianel, Raymond Kemp, Len Marowitz, Danette Rada, Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests – Sandra Jackson, Erin Maurie, Dr. Steven Orkand

### Absent Members:

- Paul Lake (Ex-Officio), Angelina Woodberry

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Approval of January 14, 2016 Minutes	Approval of January 14, 2016 Minutes: Randy moved to approve, Robert Silva Jr., Seconded, Dev Berger Abstained; Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair debriefed the January retreat.</li> <li>• HSCC members not in attendance at the retreat but at today's meeting were asked to choose a goal group they would like to join.</li> <li>• If time allows today, during the HSCC Goals agenda item, goal groups will have a chance to break out in to groups to work on their goals.</li> </ul>
Special Presentation: PHAB: Preliminary recommendations for a needle exchange program	<p>Dr. Steven Orkand, Chair of the Public Health Advisory Board presented. A handout titled "Recommendation from the Needle Exchange Research Committee" was distributed to the group. Dr. Orkand spoke to the topics listed in the handout and the discussion and recommendations of those topics by their research committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Harm Reduction</li> <li>• Methodology</li> <li>• Location and Hours of Operation</li> <li>• Distribution Model</li> <li>• Services Provided</li> <li>• Tracking Measures</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation Q &amp; A and discussion ensued with the group.</p> <p>Dr. Orkand shared that if they feel this is something that has a chance of moving forward he may come back in the future with a document for the group to sign on to (would be an action item). First, he does want to see what kind of timeline of the new opiate task force comes up with as they may have a more comprehensive approach to the issue.</p>
Department and First 5 Commission Updates	<p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> Sherri Z. Heller provided a report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 29 is the due date for department heads to turn their budgets into the CEO's office.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Gladys Deloney's provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Julie Gallelo provided a report included in the meeting packet. Erin Maurie Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angelina Woodberry has joined the commission.</li> <li>• The Regional Commissions Summit is a first and will help everyone to start thinking about a uniform approach to policy, advocacy and future sustainability of First 5 funding. Erin will be handling the policy and advocacy part, sustainability will be handled by the new person they just hired.</li> </ul>

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Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Dev Berger provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> Randy Hicks provided a verbal update report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Programs and Access Sub Committee is working on a project to take a comprehensive look at all the programs in the county to see how accessible they are. He talked about the criteria and details some of which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Notices – does it require public notices; contact information is it understandable and is accessible.</li> <li>○ Policies - to ensure that programmatic and communication accessibility.</li> <li>○ Reasonable modifications to policies, practices and procedures to make sure they are up to date for persons with disabilities</li> <li>○ Training – to have integrate ongoing relevant training on disability access issues for all staff.</li> <li>○ Contractors for the county must also operate under the same guidelines.</li> <li>○ Having an ADA navigator for each department.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> Paula Green provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p>
HSCC Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A representative from each of the goal group provided a brief update.</li> <li>• Due to time constraints, breakout time for the groups will happen at the March meeting.</li> </ul>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dev Berger announced: CA Budget &amp; Policy Center is having a conference on affordable housing in March.</li> <li>• Randy Hicks announced: State Budget Hearings are coming up next week and more in March.</li> <li>• Gladys Deloney announced: DHA is doing a lot of hiring right now and are looking for different avenues for outreach.</li> </ul>
Public Comments	None
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

-- We are pleased to announce the appointment of Debbi Thomson as the new chief of Senior and Adult Services. We will miss the passion and common sense and good humor of Debra Morrow, who retires this month from that leadership position. Debbi brings great experience managing policies and programs for seniors and vulnerable adults for the State of California and for Sacramento County. We expect a smooth transition, a stimulating addition to our Leadership Team, and a fresh vigorous new voice bringing attention to adult and aging issues in our County.

-- We are learning all that we can about the Zika virus. This infectious disease is not deadly like the Ebola virus, but it may be associated with serious birth defects when the virus is passed to a fetus by a pregnant woman. We are consulting with State and Federal public health officials on measures to protect the public, such as delaying blood donations from individuals who've traveled to the Caribbean and South/Central America, but we are not monitoring travelers. (Most infected people have no symptoms.) There has been no known transmission of Zika virus in California, and it is unlikely that it would be spread significantly in the State.

-- About 600 people have enrolled in Healthy Partners, our new primary care program for low-income adults who do not qualify for Medi-Cal because of their undocumented status. We expect to enroll about 3000 by Summer. So far, it's gone smoothly, with people getting medical appointments quickly and showing up reliably. We've not yet rolled out specialty procedures and we will no doubt experience some logistical challenges coordinating with the volunteer doctors for specialty services. It's proving difficult to figure out how to budget for the annualizing of this program for next fiscal year, since enrollment has been gradual, primary care has only been operating for about a month, and specialty care isn't yet operational, but our initial budget request for FY 2016-17 is due at the end of February.

-- Usually I focus my reports to you on the specifics of what we're doing, internal to the Department, but I do want to draw your attention to last month's very exciting news reports about scientists making significant discoveries about the biological underpinnings of schizophrenia. The researchers pieced together the steps by which genes can increase a person's risk of developing schizophrenia. There is a natural process, called synaptic pruning, in which the brain sheds weak or redundant connections between neurons as it matures. During adolescence and early adulthood, this takes place primarily in the part of the brain where thinking and planning skills are centered; some people carry genes that intensify the pruning, making a person at higher risk for developing schizophrenia. I guess it will be a long time before this new work leads to prevention or treatment innovations, but I am very excited about the findings. I hope we can all get in the habit of talking about the science behind mental illness, which will go a long way toward counter-acting the reflexive thinking of those who think it is a moral failing or something other than a medical condition.

Sherri

**DHA Report  
HSCC  
Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**ACA/Medi-Cal**

There have been 6.9 million 1095-B letters mailed to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in California. The 1095-B is proof of medical coverage that is now required when completing taxes.

**SNAP to Skills**

Sacramento County has been chosen to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, known as CalFresh in California) Employment and Training (E & T) initiative known as SNAP to Skills. DHA will convene a meeting of stakeholders to discuss the new program. The program was created to help CalFresh recipients gain skills, training, or experience and increase their ability to obtain regular employment.

**Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP & S)**

DHA is working on a project with Consumnes River College. Currently, DHA is working with Consumnes River College on a project that will allow college students to receive CalFresh while attending college. Currently, students have to be employed or in a work activity for at least 20 hours a week. The new project with Consumnes River College will allow students who are enrolled in EOPS to receive CalFresh while attending college. EOPS is a student support program for educationally and economically disadvantaged students funded by the State of California and the Los Rios Community College District. It is designed to provide opportunities in higher education for students with academic potential who historically would not have attended college.

**CalWORKs Service Center Re-Design**

DHA is undergoing a new Service Delivery Redesign of its CalWORKs program. The location on Florin Rd and Bowling Green (Bowling Green Office) is scheduled to become a Service Center like the 28<sup>th</sup> St and Arena locations. There will be more information coming out as we get closer to the new delivery of service. The first phase will be a look at all our lobbies and interview space. The lobbies will be designed for easier accessibility and quick drop off of information. DHA is hoping that more customers will utilize the ability to do interview for some programs and redeterminations over the phone and/or internet.

**Hiring**

DHA is currently hiring staff for its Eligibility Specialist and Human Service Specialist positions. We have changed our Human Service Specialist application to continuous file, so the list will be refreshed every six months. If you know of individuals who would like to work for Sacramento County, please direct to the county website. We are looking at different ways to recruit more applicants to apply for our Human Service Specialist position.

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION**  
**Human Services Coordinating Council**  
**February 2016**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – February 1, 2016**

1. Adoption of FY14/15 Financial Audit
2. Review and Comment on Recommended FY16/17 Annual Operating Budget
3. Approve Lease Amendment to Retain Current Building for 5 Additional Years
4. Approve Amendment with Golden State Water Company to Suspend Current Fluoridation Contract Until a Feasibility Study is Completed
5. Presentation by Sacramento County Office of Education on Project SOARS (Screening, Outreach, Assessment & Referral Services)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING – March 7, 2016**

1. Approval of WellSpace Health Contract for Cultural Broker Services to Reduce African American Child Deaths
2. Presentation: Updated Study on Utilization Rates of Dental Geographic Managed Care for Children ages 0-20
3. Appointment of Alyssa Hall to the First 5 Advisory Committee

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. First 5 Sacramento is co-hosting a Regional Commissioners Summit at the Sierra Health Foundation on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. Commissioners from 10 counties will gather to discuss leading through declining revenue and other relevant topics.
2. First 5 recently hired a Program Planner to focus on policy, advocacy and sustainability related to children's services. The Commission is facing a 25% budget reduction in 2018 and will be putting additional efforts toward lessening the impact of that reduction through policy work, seeking new revenue and co-funding programs with others including business, foundations, and local government.
3. First 5 will release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for oral health public awareness activities in February 2016. The RFQ will focus on grass roots outreach to high risk families.
4. Sac Healthy Baby (funded by First 5) is coordinating a *Pride and Joy Community Baby Shower* on Feb 27, 2016 from 11am-2pm at Florin Creak Recreation Center. Over 100 new and expectant moms are anticipated to attend this free event that includes giveaways and resources to promote healthy pregnancies and babies.
5. First 5 is contributing to the Sacramento District Dental Society's *Nugget* journal for the June 2016 edition. The journal has a regional distribution of several hundred dentists and oral health practitioners. The focus of this edition will be on the positive impact that First 5 investments have had for children in the region and will include a variety of strategies (treatment and policy work) that have improved oral health for young children.

## **Sacramento Adult and Aging Commission monthly report, Dev Berger, vice chair of AAC**

Will Tift, assistant director of the Area 4 Agency on Aging reported on the town hall meetings that will be held throughout the seven counties under Area 4. These town hall meetings are interactive with the public, family caregivers and concerned citizens who attend. They are meant to generate what Area 4 can do right now to make a difference in the lives of seniors, and to engage seniors to identify top unmet needs. The first town hall meeting is February 5 in Yuba County at the Yuba County Government Building from 10 am until noon. To find out where other town hall meetings will be held, call 916-486-1876 or e-mail [contactus@agencyonaging4.org](mailto:contactus@agencyonaging4.org)

Robert MacLaughlin, consultant for the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care had to cancel his speech before the Commission. It is unknown if he can reschedule.

The Commission approved Program of Work (POW) which addresses the mission, goals and objectives for 2016. The POWs were approved for the Executive Committee and for the PROD Committee. The Oversight Committee reported that it expects its POW to be approved at its February meeting.

It was reported that vacancies still exist for representation by commissioners on the Paratransit Board of Directors and for the Disability Advisory Commission. Commissioner Gordon Marshall reported on the IHHS Advisory Commission meeting he attended.

It was reported by Commissioners Bob Ingalls and David Feldstine that the by-laws have been completed. It was also reported that Debbie Thompson is the new head of the DHHS, Senior and Adult Services Division. She replaces Debra Morrow who is retiring.

**Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board  
Update Report for February HSCC Meeting**

- The Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board held elections at their last board meeting. Walter Wyniarczuk was elected chair. Jennifer Churchill and Sara Kahoalii were elected first vice-chair and second vice-chair, respectively.
- At our January meeting, Dr. Steven Orkand, incoming chair of the Public Health Advisory Board, presented preliminary recommendations on models for a county needle exchange program that were developed by the Public Health Advisory Board. Our board was generally supportive of the recommendations and offered a few suggestions.
- Both our prevention and treatment committees engaged in discussions regarding the newly formed Opiate Task Force and Coalition as well as the Strategic Plan Update being prepared for the Board of Supervisors.



## February 2016 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

### **Executive Committee**

Continuing Strategic Planning. Draft plan being reviewed by the Coalition. Sandra Jackson was officially appointed last month. Approval was received to move forward with having a Children's Coalition web page on the DHHS website. Draft website content was reviewed by Executive Committee and they gave approval to move forward with the suggested content.

### **Oversight Committee**

Developing the Annual Report. Oversight Committee Chair Gina Roberson resigned from the Oversight Committee and the Children's Coalition. Dr. Maynard Johnston was nominated by the Oversight Committee to take her place. He is currently applying to be a Children's Coalition member. He will participate on the Executive Committee as a non-voting member until he is officially appointed.

The Committee continues to review critical incidents.

### **Children's Trust Fund Committee**

The CTF Committee will begin meeting before the Children's Coalition General meeting at DHHS Plaza Del Paso. They will continue meeting on a quarterly basis, for now. They are reviewing the list of DHHS contracts and will identify contracts to request copies to determine any gaps in funding for issues which are identified in the strategic plan

### **Policy and Advocacy Committee**

The committee will begin meeting within the next month or so.

Ernie Brown

Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

**Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)  
Monthly Activity Report- Meeting from February 3, 2016**

Prepared for: Sacramento County  
Human Services Coordinating Council

I. Primary Health Division Update:

- Medi-Cal Managed Care; Sacramento Enrollment Data: Enrollment is down 1,648 from last month. The default rate is rising at 40%. The default rate is the number representative of enrollees who do not pick a preferred provider therefore are given a provider by default.
- Undocumented children under 19 years old and income eligible will soon be able to enroll in full scope Medi-Cal under SB75. Anticipate the date of implementation to be May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 1115 Waiver was approved December 30<sup>th</sup> and allows for 6.2 billion federal dollars over 5 years time to be used with some flexibility from the traditional restrictions that have been in place. Although it allows for some flexibility; restrictions will still exist.
- Guest speakers, Brian Jensen from Hospital Council and Dave Magnino from the EMS Agency will be presenting.
- As of 2/3/16, there are 590 undocumented residents enrolled in Healthy Partners. The goal is to have 3000 enrolled by the end of June. Working to educate community that this program is little to no cost primary and preventative health care with the possibility of some specialty services.

II. Public Health Division Update:

- World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the vector-borne illness, Zika, an epidemic. No reported cases in our region yet. Due to specificity and sensitivity of testing, patients must have both traveled to an infected area AND have symptoms to be tested.
- Dept. of Public Health is launching an Opioid Taskforce to include a variety of stakeholders including the medical community. First meeting is scheduled for Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-4:00pm.

III. STD Stakeholders Update:

- "California Healthy Youth Act" is State legislation that will help with the mandates to educate our students on STD's including high-risk behaviors and situations such as relationship abuse and trafficking.

IV. Needle Exchange Program Update:

- After presentation, the Drug and Alcohol Advisory board voted to support our proposals for a needle exchange program, however concerned about what communities will think of mobile units. On Feb. 11, the same presentation will be given to HSCC for consideration.

V. Executive Board:

- PHAB voted in a new structure for determining upcoming goals. There will be 3 areas of activity: 1) Action Items 2) Deep Research 3) Education. There are agenda items in each of the 3 areas for ongoing evaluation.