

# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes

March 10, 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, Randy Hicks, Leslie Julianel, Len Marowitz, Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests – Jenny Estrada (River City Medical Group), Erin Maurie (First 5)

### Absent Members:

- Paula Green, Raymond Kemp, Paul Lake (Ex-Officio), Danette Rada, Angelina Woodberry

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Approval of February 11, 2016 Minutes	Approval of February 11, 2016 Minutes: Melinda Avey moved to approve, Paul Tanner Seconded; Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the Executive Committee will meet with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chiefs of Staff later for their Qtrly Briefing.</li> <li>• Upcoming special presentations:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ April: Uma Zykofsky, from the Department of Health and Human Services' Behavioral Health Division will present on the "Mental Health Navigator Program"</li> <li>○ May: Public Information Officers (PIO's) from Departments (Tentative)</li> <li>○ June: Ryan Loofbourrow, Director from Sacramento Steps Forward to provide a follow up update from the topics presented last September:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Status update on the End Reach System</li> <li>❖ Status update on the Functional Zero Plan</li> <li>❖ Count of how many Veterans were housed during the second half of 2015.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ July: No presentation - Summer Break</li> <li>○ Last Qtr of the year - group discussed presenters to invite one included Peter Tateishi, President &amp; CEO of Sacramento Metro Chamber, to provide a status report on the issues his group would be working on as shared during his November presentation:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Homeless issue/lack of housing available</li> <li>❖ Transit</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public guest Jenny Estrada from the River City Medical will be sharing information during the Public Comments agenda item and will be happy to answer any questions.</li> </ul>
Department and First 5 Commission Updates	<p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> Sherri Z. Heller highlighted information from the report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Gladys Deloney highlighted information from the report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget – Growth request for additional funding for vehicles for homeless programs.</li> <li>• Recruitment – Serious hiring mode. DHA is down 94 positions in the Eligibility Specialist classification and close to that many in the Human Service Specialist classification as well. Gladys encouraged group to share with anyone they know that might be looking for employment that DHA is hiring.</li> </ul> <p>❖ Chair and group discussed the Seavey Circle public housing projects issue.</p>

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	<p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Julie Gallelo provided a report included in the meeting packet. Erin Maurie highlighted information from the report and Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results from the 5 year comparison can be found on the website: <a href="http://first5sacental.org/">http://first5sacental.org/</a></li> <li>• The <i>Pride and Joy Community Baby Shower</i> was a huge success. Supervisor Phil Serna attended and was very interactive at all the booths. The event had great coverage Channel 3 and 31 were in attendance and the Sacramento Bee did a great story.</li> <li>• First 5 is funded from tobacco tax and they are watching closely as there are significant changes regarding two tobacco legislation bills. The Senate passed two bills today, one to increase the smoking age from 18 to 21 and the other is to treat e-cigarettes like traditional tobacco; both are on the Governor’s desk.</li> </ul> <p>❖ Chair inquired about the status of the Reduction of African American Child Death Steering Committee. Gladys Deloney shared they are in the implementation phase. One of the phases is the cultural brokers. The Department of Health and Human Services is working on their community Request of Interest (RFI), community “Round Table” discussions have been held, a Request for Proposal (RFP) has gone out for individuals who want to serve as Community Incubator Leads, and \$750,000 was received from the City of Sacramento to compliment the gap missing from the money received from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Committee will meet next Wednesday to go over where they stand on all of the projects.</p>
<p>Member Advisory Boards &amp; Community Member’s Updates</p>	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Dev Berger highlighted information from the report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee met with the Chiefs and they shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commission is going in a new more enterprising direction.</li> <li>○ Ad hoc committee has produced a room and board report at the request of Supervisor Don Nottoli, and they are waiting to see when he will be providing feedback.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Area 4 Town Hall meeting in Carmichael is scheduled for March 15; the chair of the AAC, Lisa Risdal, will be presenting. Dev was not sure of the time and suggested the group contact Area for to get information on this and the other upcoming Town Hall meetings. Website: <a href="http://agencyonaging4.org">http://agencyonaging4.org</a></li> <li>• AAC is working with Debbi Thomson, the new head of Senior and Adult Services (SAS). SAS has four programs and each plan to present to the AAC Oversight Committee to share fundamental information and respond to the committee as to how they can help. Adult Protective Services (APS) and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) have presented, copies of the POWERPOINT presentations will be available on the AAC website: <a href="http://www.sacramentoadultandaging.org">www.sacramentoadultandaging.org</a>. Next month they will hear from the other two programs: Senior Volunteer Services and the Public Administrator/Guardian/Conservator.</li> </ul> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey highlighted information from the report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Children’s Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown provided a report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change to the report - Oversight Committee will present their Annual Report in July not in May or June.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> Randy Hicks provided a verbal update report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-Laws Revisions were approved and will be sent to the County.</li> <li>• Members have provided suggestions for work plan topics to the Chair for the coming year.</li> <li>• Chris Jensen stated he will propose for the Housing Subcommittee to consider reviewing the Housing Trust Fund Annual report and evaluating Seattle's homeless programs for possible local recommendations as work plan items for the coming year.</li> <li>• Programs and Services Access Subcommittee continues to work with the Disability Compliance Office to develop a program accessibility review process which will continue through this year.</li> <li>• Physical Access Subcommittee will be focusing on updates on polling place accessible sample ballot as voting access will be a significant part of the subcommittee's work plan in this election year, reviewing the Zoning Code documents, and meeting the new access coordinator for the airport.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> Len Marowitz highlighted information in the report included in the meeting packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board has always had a concern as to what is the right balance and how assertive they should be. This year the members are being more proactive so there may be more action this year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> Paula Green provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p>
HSCC 2016 Goals: Progress Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A representative from each of the goal groups provided a progress update.</li> <li>• Addie suggested the Safety Net the Housing groups may want to combine as it seems there is some overlap.</li> <li>• Group discussion ensued during the updates.</li> </ul>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Melinda Avey announced:</b> The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is having A Community Forum on human trafficking in the Sacramento Region tonight at 7:00pm St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way.</li> <li>• <b>Randy Hicks announced:</b> ENACT Day 2016 will be on Wednesday, March 30 in Sacramento, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at St John's Lutheran Church - 1701 L Street.</li> <li>• <b>Dev Berger announced:</b> Assembly Consultant, Robert MacLaughlin, will be holding a planning meeting at the State Capital tomorrow from 1:30pm-3:00pm for the Senior Rally that will be held in May.</li> </ul>
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenny Estrada shared she wanted to give an advance announcement to the HSCC before it goes live, informing the group that the River City Medical Group has acquired Sac Family Medical Clinic. Both The River City Medical Group and Sac Family Medical Clinic are trying to combine resources to enhance and grow capacity to build medical homes and meet growing demands. There will be an upcoming open house.</li> <li>• Jenny answered a few questions and a short group discussion ensued.</li> </ul>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

- On the Board of Supervisors agenda for March 8 is our request for approval to apply for State grants to add two more crisis response teams that pair mental health clinicians with law enforcement officers. The two we have operating (Sac PD/City and Sheriff/South Sac) have proven highly effective. Since April, the City team served 61 people and the South Sac team served 137 people, for a total of 551 encounters. About 30% of these individuals were already known to our outpatient mental health providers. Only 24% of the Sac PD and 6% of the South Sac encounters resulted in involuntary hospitalization actions -- most of the time, alternatives to involuntary hospitalization were found.
- Upcoming Board of Supervisors agenda items include:
  - March 8 – Public Health Officer final report on ebola monitoring
  - March 22 – Update on mental health services rebalancing initiative
  - March 22 – Approval of MHSA multi-year service plan
  - March 22 – authorization to continue mental health respite programs
  - April 5 – report on controlled evaluation of Birth and Beyond home visiting program, including very impressive impact on preventing subsequent involvement with CPS
  - April 5 – proposed rate changes for specific community-based CPS residential programs
  - April 26 – Status report on comprehensive plan for addressing alcohol and other drugs
- Department budgets were submitted to the County’s CEO and CFO February 29. Considering our “base” budget (the cost of continuing existing services, with no expansion or new services) and the specific funding designated for those services, DHHS is \$19 million short, before the County Exec makes decisions on how to allocate discretionary funds (General Fund and State funds projected to be available to the County for “realigned” health and human services programs.) A \$19M gap just to fund existing services makes it extremely difficult to fund any proposals for growth. We’ll meet with CEO/CFO staff in mid-March to discuss options. In mid-April, we’ll find out how much realignment and General Fund money will be allocated to fill our gap. We’ll revise our submission accordingly and resubmit in mid-May. The CEO will release the proposed budget for FY 2016-17 in early June, and there will be public hearings June 14-16. Meanwhile, we’ll perfect projections of current-year actual spending, so it becomes clear what the starting balance will be for the new budget year.
- I’m dismayed by the remarks of candidates for President who show contempt for the work of government employees. I’m proud of the knowledge my colleagues and staff have accumulated about how to make government effective, and appalled that some who want to lead our nation don’t recognize the skills that produce results in a government agency. Policy and program implementation require astonishing levels of consultation and consensus among stakeholders. Hiring the right person is a real challenge in a system designed not for efficiency, but to prevent patronage. It takes years of experience to get good at producing results. We value the members of our advisory boards, who can help the public learn and understand what it takes.

Sherri

**DHA Report  
To HSCC  
Thursday, March 10, 2016**

- DHA submitted budget for FY 2016-17 to the CEO office. There was little growth in our budget. We are anticipating for FY 16-17 that our CalWORKs allocation may be reduced to declining caseloads in the program. The CalFresh Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Waiver is being phased out over the next five years. The CalFresh allocation may be reduced as a result of the phase out of the waiver. The department has requested additional General Fund to access more of the CalFresh allocation.
- Our CalFresh/Medi-Cal Service located at 2101 Arena Blvd may be moving to a new location due to lack of parking at the current site. We are in negotiations for a different location in the same area, and it will remain a closed Service Center location.
- We are holding our first stakeholder meeting for SNAP To Skills – an expansion of the CalFresh Employment and Training program. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. We have invited potential partners who will need to provide third party match to participate in the program. The goal of the program is to collaborate with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) focused on employment programs.
- Representatives from DHA attended a CalFresh Collaborative in Ontario, CA on best practices for customer service in the CalFresh program. DHA plans to implement Telephonic Signature (TS) within the next few months. The goal of TS would allow customers after doing a phone interview to over the phone authorize the application. The interview or a portion of the interview would capture the customer agreeing to the rights and responsibilities, and the information contained in the application. We are working with other counties that have implemented the process.
- DHA has started a recruitment team to attend employment fairs/workshops to recruit individuals for our positions. At our location located in the arcade area (Fulton Avenue Bureau) we have had difficulty recruiting individuals that speak and write Arabic.
- The Chief of our Program Integrity Unit, Dave Hyde, has retired and the new Chief of Program Integrity started on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Shawn Loehr.
- In May 2016 through our automated systems, there will be a process to move children who are on restricted aid codes for Medi-Cal to full scope benefits. DHA is looking to ensure children who would be eligible to restricted benefits are put into the automated system so they will convert to full scope.

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION**  
**Human Services Coordinating Council**  
**March 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 (RAACD)
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
4. Appointment of Robert Silva to the First 5 Advisory Committee

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. Staff are working with the Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC) and the Board's Safety Net Committee to determine specific goals for improving dental utilization for children. These goals, accompanied by prioritized activities and recommended staffing, will be shared with the Safety Net Committee later this spring.
2. First 5 will release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for oral health public awareness activities in March 2016. The RFQ will focus on grass roots outreach to high risk families. We delayed the release of the RFQ to ensure synergy with MCDAC's recommendations for implementing the recommendations outlined in the 5 Year Updated Dental Utilization Study.
3. Sac Healthy Baby (funded by First 5) hosted a *Pride and Joy Community Baby Shower* on Feb 27, 2016 at Florin Creak Recreation Center. Over 150 new and expectant moms attended the event that included giveaways and resources to promote healthy pregnancies and babies.
4. 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.
5. Staff are working with both evaluation consultants to review outcomes from our RAACD, general First 5 and School Readiness programs. Program impact will be shared with Commissioners in April and May.

## **Sacramento Adult and Aging Commission (AAC)**

At the February 24 meeting, a summary of major actions were as follows:

- 1) Commissioner Reggie Williams's resignation was announced;
- 2) Debbi Thomson, the new head of DHHS, Senior and Adult Services Division, introduced herself to AAC. She takes the place of Debra Morrow, who is retiring;
- 3) AAC learned that Adult Protective Services will not be adding new social workers because of budget constraints;
- 4) AAC learned about federal changes impacting IHHS, including changes in the Fair Labor Standards regulations impacting work hours of IHSS workers;
- 5) AAC heard committee reports from Oversight, PROD, ROC, and Executive;
- 6) Area 4 Agency announced its schedule of Town Hall meetings that allow the public to be part of planning efforts and share priorities pertaining to aging issues;
- 7) Michelle Watts, from Sacramento Steps Forward, provided a report and data on SSF followed by a question and answer period. AAC chair Lisa Risdal asked if SSF would meet to address additional questions in the near future, and Watts agreed.

## **Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Update Report for HSCC March Meeting**

At the last general meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, Uma Zykofsky, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Services, presented details of the proposed Drug Medi-Cal waiver, which, if adopted, will have a profound effect on delivery of treatment services in Sacramento County.

Availability of residential treatment is becoming of greater concern as we continue to have more and more people who assess to that treatment option. Our Treatment Committee has been spending some time exploring strategies to increase the number of treatment beds for this important service.

The Prevention Committee is working on a data sheet on substance use/misuse in our youth and how that affects families and communities. The newly formed Prevention Coalition is developing goals for the upcoming year.

Several board members attended the first meeting of the Opiate Task Force, which was very well attended by a good cross-section of stakeholders. The group will meet again in March.

Alcohol and Drug Services are developing the strategic plan update to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Our board looks forward to the opportunity to provide input.

## **March 2016 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council**

### **Executive Committee and Coalition Meetings**

SCCC members approved the officers for 2016 officers: Chair Mel Knox, ViceChair Melinda Geiser, Secretary Kimberly McDaniel. The new Children's Coalition webpage is now live. The list of Sacramento area organizations that currently provide life skills classes to youth (ages 14-21) developed by SCCC members was reviewed.

### **Oversight Committee**

Work on the 2015 Annual Report continues, with each of the subcommittees authoring one component. The Oversight Committee will submit the report to the SCCC Executive Committee for review once a draft is completed. The target date to present the Annual Report to the BOS is May or June of 2016

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

The CTF committee is currently in the process of conducting an assessment of services currently funded by Sacramento County DHHS to identify gaps. Their deadline to complete their review of the list of DHHS contracts is the end of February. The agencies with contracts the CTF identifies for further review will be added to the SCCC's 2016 Work Plan resource list.

### **Policy and Advocacy Committee**

The Policy and Advocacy Committee will begin meeting on the last Monday of each month, beginning this month. The committee's first task will be to review the 2016 Work Plan resource list developed by SCCC members and start brainstorming interview questions.

Ernie Brown

Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

Sacramento County Mental Health Board Activities  
Report to the HSCC for March 2016

- Held public hearing presentation of draft of Sacramento County's Mental Health Services Act Plan Annual Update
  - Adopted eleven goals for 2016, which include the following for Sacramento County:
    - The redesign of the continuum of mental health services
    - The existing mental health system of care for children and youth
    - The system of care for the homeless mentally ill
    - The mental health services in the criminal justice system
    - The appropriateness of Assisted Outpatient Treatment,
- as well as:
- Developing a dashboard to monitor the quality and effectiveness of mental health programs
  - Reviewing the on-going appropriateness of the MHB's 2012 feasibility study of treatment alternatives
  - Providing monthly mental health provider site visits for MHB members
  - Expanding active participation in key countywide and community stakeholder committees
  - Collaborating with DBHS and the California Mental Health Planning Council to utilize robust data on the performance of the public mental health system
  - Recruiting full and diverse membership for the MHB.

**Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)  
Monthly Activity Report- Meeting from March 2, 2016**

Prepared for: Sacramento County  
Human Services Coordinating Council

I. Guest Speakers: Two guests were asked to come speak at the March PHAB meeting on specific data points regarding the Emergency Medical Care Delivery System in Sacramento County which encompasses both Pre-Hospital Emergency Care as well as Emergency Department Care of patients. The following is a summary of the questions presented and the data provided by each speaker.

- **Brian Jensen Regional VP, Hospital Council**

- We realize that Sacramento emergency departments are often very, very busy. Does the Hospital Council have data on the degree of overcrowding? How often is there a need to go on diversion or to close an ER? Short of closing an ER, does the Hospital Council have data on ambulance wait times in the last year? Do you have examples of adverse consequences that may have resulted from this? What processes are in place to monitor this problem?
- Sacramento County ERs are obviously not immune from the problems that have been plaguing EDs throughout the country: overcrowding, long lengths-of-stay, boarding, staff recruitment and retention issues, workplace violence, increased mental health patients, lack of primary and specialty care providers, and many others. Is there data that shows how our eight Sacramento County EDs have been impacted by these issues? Are there plans to address these problems, and how is this being monitored by the Hospital Council?
- We have heard repeatedly about the impact mental health patients have had on some of our EDs. There were budget increases last June to enhance mental health treatment in Sacramento County. Did the results of the approved budget meet your expected outcomes? Are there plans to further address ED utilization and the holding of mental health patients?

### Key Points of Presentation:

Emergency Medical Care and the Mental Health Population are currently 2 of Hospital Council's top 4 concerns for Northern and Central California. These identified problems are not isolated to Sacramento County as they are issues countrywide. In a study done between 2006-20011, it was found that the volume of Emergency Department visits in Sacramento County increased by 33%. In addition, there was a disproportionate increase of mental health patients frequenting the ER by 91% in Sacramento County in comparison to the rest of the State of California. The situation was further stressed by budget cuts to mental health in the same time frame resulting in a decrease of resources available. Now, with the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Medi-cal, the emergency medical care delivery system has been adversely impacted by another spike in ED visits as a result of patients seeking primary care who cannot get timely appointments with a primary care provider. Many seek primary care providers without success due to the lack of primary care providers available or willing to accept Medi-cal patients.

Hospital Council has two local workgroups that provide a forum to bring stakeholders together to connect and work on specific issues.

The money that was approved last year to assist with our Mental Health Population has allowed for physical capacity improvement within facilities. Some of the planned increases in mental health beds are pending and should be in place soon. In spite of the increase and pending increase in capacity beds, there are still issues with which patients are eligible to occupy these beds.

- **Dave Magnino EMS Administrator, Sacramento County EMS Agency**

- Does the EMS Agency have monthly or quarterly data regarding response time for single-casualty incidents? For multi-casualty incidents? Have there been reports identifying opportunities for improvement and evidence of progress? From your perspective as EMS Administrator, what are the top needs in the County to manage incidents with multiple casualties?
- Does the EMS Agency have data on utilization of licensed emergency beds? We've all experienced or are aware of extended lengths of stay in emergency departments. Do you have data on (1) the numbers of boarding patients, (2) psychiatric holds, (3) wall time in the ERs, (4) number of patients waiting to be "roomed" either in hallways or in the waiting rooms?
- We know many ERs gather data on specific quality measures. Does our EMS Agency measure patient care quality indicators with regard to (1)

trauma, (2) STEMI, (3) stroke, (4) pediatrics, (5) people who leave AMA either on scene or upon arrival at the ER, or (6) mental health patients? Have there been efforts at quality improvement? Can you tell us how that is tracked?

## **Key Points of Presentation:**

In the last two years, there has been a 100% turnover of EMS Agency personnel. Dave and his staff have been working diligently to put processes in place that will begin collecting data on isolated 911 calls, responses, treatment and transports as well as multi-casualty incidents. Currently, there is no data available. By the end of 2016, all EMS providers are required to be compliant with a statewide data collection process. Although the providers have not been participating in submitting data to the EMS Agency, it is expected that the EMS Agency will have access to multiple data points as a result of the mandated requirement at the end of the year.

The first countywide MCI review was done in September 2015 with a recognized need to examine the service we provide in incidents with multiple patients. It is recognized that the two top needs of the agency are 1) Implementation of a MCI review process and 2) MCI policy update. Currently the policy that is in place is dated from 1998 and is no longer relevant or applicable with the system changes experienced over time. It is expected to have a new policy in place by the end of the year.

The agency is also working to make better use of a software program that will allow for data collection from the hospitals regarding the holding of psychiatric patients and the boarding of admitted patients.

The agency has initiated a TAG group, which is a committee of pre-selected stakeholders that will meet regularly to evaluate the Continuous Quality Improvement process for Emergency Care in Sacramento County. Because this group has just recently been established, there is no data on the quality of care available to report.

## **II. Opioid Task Force**

- The Opioid Task Force was convened on February 29 by Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services, Alcohol and Drug Services, and Public Health. The group is very large, consisting of local substance abuse and mental health treatment providers, members of the health community, people in recovery, and family members of those struggling with addiction. Dr. Kasirye provided background information about the scope of the problem, how the opioid task force as developed, prevention strategies, a description of local treatment resources and collaborations, a description of current challenges, and finally a call to action. Those present broke up into smaller groups for more detailed discussion of our concerns. There were initial efforts to form working subcommittees. The follow-up meeting will be on March 21.

**“Housing” – California Budget & Policy Center  
List of hearings for the next couple of weeks  
From Community Seat Member Danette Rada**

Hearings are also frequently available streaming through the Live Webcast on California Channel.

<http://www.calchannel.com/>

**Senate Informational Hearing: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Investigator Turnover**

Tuesday, March 8th

9:30am

State Capitol, Room 4203

**Senate Joint Hearing: Public Safety, Health & Human Services, Corrections**

Tuesday, March 8th

10:00am

State Capitol, Room 3191

*Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD): Safer and Healthier Communities*

**Senate Veterans Affairs Oversight Hearing**

Tuesday, March 8th

1:30pm

State Capitol, Room 2040

*Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program: Program Goals and Reporting Standards*

**Senate Joint Hearing: Health Committee, and Healthcare Workforce Access to Care  
Subcommittee**

Wednesday, March 9th

1:30pm

State Capitol, Room 3191

*Ensuring access to care under the Affordable Care Act: Mental Health Providers*

**Assembly Health and Human Services Subcommittee**

Wednesday, March 9th

1:30pm

State Capitol, Room 4202

*Department of Social Services (In-Home Supportive Services Program, Supplemental Security Income)*

**Assembly Public Safety Subcommittee**

Wednesday, March 9th

State Capitol, Room 437

*Board of State and Community Corrections (Prop 47 implementations, Strengthening law enforcement and community relations grant program, \$250 million (General Fund) jail construction proposal, Community Based Organization Grand Program Recap (Recidivism Reduction Fund), and Office of Emergency Services (Human Trafficking Grant Program)*

**Senate Informational Hearing: Transportation and Housing**

Wednesday, March 9th

2:30pm

State Capitol, Room 2040

*Innovative Solutions to Build Affordable Housing*

**Senate Subcommittee on Health and Human Services**

Thursday, March 10th

9:30am

State Capitol, Room 4203

*Health & Human Services Agency (CWS, CMIPS II, and ACMS proposals), Department of Child Support Services, Department of Social Services (CalWORKS, CalFresh, State Hearings, and Automation systems)*

**Assembly Health and Human Services Subcommittee**

Monday, March 14th

1:30pm

State Capitol, Room 127

*Department of Health Care Services (Medi-Cal, Family Health Programs)*

**Senate Informational Hearing: Health Committee**

Wednesday, March 16th

1:30pm

State Capitol, 4203

*Health Care Market Consolidations: Impacts on Cost, Quality, and Access*