

Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2013, Noon - 1:30 PM

Meeting Location

Dept. of Human Assistance

2700 Fulton Ave

Sacramento, CA. 95821

Conference Room 58

Facilitator: Chair David Ballard

Staffed by: Jerri Thompson

Meeting Attendees:

- HSCC Members - Melinda Avey (Secretary), David Ballard (Chair), Natasha Broadway, Ernie Brown (Vice-Chair), Addie Ellis, Kimberly Garth-James, David Mana-ay (Secretary), Gary McDonald, Matt Mengelkoch, Paul Tanner, Reginald Williams, Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests –Erin Maurie (First 5), Jessica Brandt, Kris Steward

Absent Members:

- Leoma Lee, Edward T. Lewis, Mike McCune, Frank L.Topping

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Approval of October 10, 2013 Minutes	Approval of October 10, 2013 Minutes: David Mana-ay moved to approve, Reggie Williams seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heroes Event: The 2013 Heroes of Human Services event was a great success with a record number of attendees so many that chairs had to be brought to the lobby area to accommodate the over flow from the completely filled chambers. From our group Toni Moore was recognized as an honoree and Gary McDonald's nominee Bernice Parker was recognized as an honoree. Both Paul Lake and Reggie Williams were recognized as honorable mentions. A great and inspired time was shared by all who attended. • Membership update: Mike McCune and David Ballard will be leaving at the end of December. • Potluck: December meeting will be a potluck meeting; everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. • Retreat: Date is in flex, staff will send out an email once date is confirmed and will be announced at next month's meeting.
Special Presentation: New Bridge Community Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Brandt, Planner with the County of Sacramento Department of Community Development Planning and Environmental Review provided a short introduction. • Kris Steward, of Phillips Land Law, provided a hand out of the "New Bridge Specific Plan". Kris explained in detail the information and maps included in the handout. (Copy of handout included with minutes on the HSCC website) • Q & A, input and discussion ensued with the group.
Presentation of Slate of Officer for 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Mana-ay, Chair of the Council Development Committee presented the Slate of Officers as follows: Melinda recommended as Chair; Gary McDonald recommended as Vice Chair; David Mana-ay recommended as Secretary. • Voting for the 2014 officers will take place at the December Council meeting. • Staff will follow up with County Counsel on proper procedure of open or closed ballots.
Department and First 5 Updates	<p>Health and Human Services: Sherri Z. Heller highlighted information from DHHS' report included in the meeting packet. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The December 10 date written in the DHHS report for the Casey Family Programs to present to the Board of Supervisors has been postponed until January 28. Sherri will confirm the date at next month's HSCC meeting. Sherri recommends members of the Children's Coalition and any other groups who participated or associated in the last decade with the family resource centers, early intervention family drug court to attend the Board hearings to encourage the Board members to continue fund these programs when the grant runs out as these programs are working and keeping families together. • Sherri showed a video of the News 10 follow up story for baby Sammy. Group discussion with Sherri ensued following the video. Link to view the video below. http://www.news10.net/news/article/262349/2/CPS-court-records-and-the-battle-for-baby-Sammy

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	<p>Human Assistance: Gladys Deloney highlighted information from DHA's report included in the meeting packet. First 5 Commission: Erin Maurie highlighted information from First 5's report provided in the meeting packet. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At their November meeting the approved over 2.5 million in funding for preventative programs. • No meeting for them in December.
<p>Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates</p>	<p>Adult and Aging Commission: No report. Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board: Melinda Avery reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had a great meeting last night and they talked a lot about ways to reach out into the community and involve other people. Their board is going to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to approach the Mental Health Advisory Board to work together on the impacts of the ACA. Focusing on people who wake up and say they need help but do not know where to go to get the help. <p>Children's Coalition: Ernie highlighted report included in meeting packet. Disability Advisory Committee: David Mana-ay reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly update report has been sent to HSCC staff and will be forwarded to the group via email and will be included in the monthly update reports posted on the HSCC website. • DAC's December meeting is on the first Tuesday of December at 5:30pm it will be one third work and two thirds festive food eating and everyone is invited. There has been intensive work continuity on the housing element with Lori Moss, Director for the Department of Community Development and Chris Jensen from the DAC's Housing Subcommittee and this will be discussed at the meeting. <p>Mental Health Advisory Board: Report included in meeting packet. Public Health Advisory Board: No report. Community Members: Addie Ellis shared a concern. The Wind Youth Center, the only youth center in the six county region that serves as a drop in center for homeless youth between the ages of 12-24, was going to have to close the drop in center due to its funding being drastically reduced but due to an outpouring of community support the doors will stay open through the holidays and then revisit the situation in January. There are only 12 available beds for respite but the need far exceeds this and the community needs to come together to help the situation.</p>
<p>Announcements/Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Maurie: There is a great article on Addie Ellis in this week's Sacramento Observer. • David Mana-ay: Provided a flyer to everyone entitled "VA Health Care and the Affordable Care Act" • Natasha Broadway: Assembly member Dr. Richard Pan along with the Sacramento Housing Alliance is hosting an enrollment and housing information event on November 20th from 4pm-7pm at Dr. Richard Pan's District Office.
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p>

**DHA Update to
Human Services Coordinating Council
Thursday, November 14, 2013**

CalFresh Outreach

- DHA received approval to contract with four local Food Banks to increase awareness of CalFresh program through outreach activities and program brochures distribution. The three Food Banks are :

○ Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services	\$94, 343.83
○ California Emergency FoodLink	\$94,343.83
○ South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership	\$16,968.51
○ River City Food Bank	\$94,343.83

North A Safety Concerns

- DHA is working with Loaves and Fishes to accept referrals for the Homeless Return to Residence program. This program allows homeless individuals to return to the former residence if the met certain program requirements.
- DHA has been working with of concerned community members concerning the continued problem o loitering along the North A corridor. The problem has escalated with individuals using the bathroom on and near the building on North A and the businesses in the area. The workgroup is looking for solutions to reduce the incidences of loitering and other visitors being accosted when visiting the area. There is discussion on putting a perimeter fence from the Quinn Cottages down to around the Men's Shelter on the grassy area.

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- DHA since October 1st (First date of Open Enrollment for ACA) has received 7,732 new Medi-Cal only applications, and 726 applications that will be eligible January 1, 2014.

Family Emergency Shelter Service Redesign

- DHA will host two stakeholder meetings that will focus on the redesign of the CalWORKs funding for the family emergency shelters. The three family emergency shelters that receive CalWORKs funding are St. John, Next Move (Formerly Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center), and Volunteers of America. The goal is to redesign to focus more on Rapid Rehousing and Employment. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 21 and the second will be held on December 17. DHA also has discussed the redesign in a number of Sacramento Steps Forward sponsored homeless services committees.

Gladys Deloney receives 30 year certificate from Sacramento County

- Gladys Deloney received her 30 year certificate and presentation in front of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

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BUDGET ACTIVITIES

No update.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – November 4, 2013

1. Approval of fiscal policies and procedures related to findings from the FY 2012-13 Audit.
2. Approval to extend contract with Roberts Family Development Center for effective parenting and school readiness services.
3. Approval of new contract(s) for services for children with developmental delays and/or disabilities.
4. Approval of new contracts to reduce African American child deaths associated with perinatal and sleep related conditions.
5. Cancellation of December meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – January 13, 2014

1. The January meeting will primarily be dedicated to the Commission's Strategic Planning process. The Commission will review initial recommendations from the Strategic Plan Workgroup including revisions to the vision, mission, principles and Strategic Plan Hierarchy, presentation of the updated Trend Report and results of the Community Survey.

OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES

1. The decision on two Alternate Commissioner appointments was continued by the Board of Supervisors from November 5th to December 10th.

Domestic Violence Trust Fund Work Group Report to HSCC November 14, 2013

Mike McCune, Community Representative and David Mana-ay, DAC representative reporting

BACKGROUND: The County Department of Human Assistance (DHA) administers funds intended for Domestic Violence (DV) shelters and supportive services for programs who meet the state criteria. The funds come from marriage license fees. The funds are also to be used to address the needs of underserved populations, including people with disabilities, non- or limited English speakers, cultural groups that may be isolated, members of the LGBTQ community, among others. The primary statewide funding comes from the CA Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The Welfare and Institutions Code requires that the allocation of the county's DV Trust Fund monies be determined by a group of community experts who will develop a process for recertification and funding allocation.

STATUS: The DV Trust Fund work group was convened on October 10 and October 29, 2013. Representatives included the Department of Human Assistance, the District Attorney's Office, the Disability Compliance Office, the Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC), Department of Health and Human Services Senior and Adult Services, and the three qualified Sacramento area DV providers WEAVE, My Sister's House, and A Community for Peace.

The group reviewed the legal requirements under the Welfare and Institutions Code. Although the funding allocation is divided between Core and Discretionary requirements, the DV providers pointed out that they are mandated to meet all of those requirements, so in the discussion they were all treated as Core Requirements. The total amount of funding to be distributed for FY 14/15 is \$230,704. The group weighed the options of dividing the funds equally amongst the three agencies, or by the number of beds provided. The two smaller agencies pointed out that per the establishing legislation, the funds were intended to be distributed equally because of the particular needs of those they served, such as transportation and cultural services, made their per capita costs higher. However, after doing the math, it was determined that dividing the funds equally would cut WEAVE's bed count nearly in half. While no one was entirely comfortable with the decision, the final determination was that the least harmful impact with regard to reduction of services would be achieved by allocating the funding by bed count. Unfortunately each agency still experienced a substantial reduction of funding. This is the recommendation that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration next month.

NEXT STEPS: The DV Workgroup unanimously concurred that the amount of allocated funding is deplorably insufficient to meet the needs of these agencies and the communities they serve. Because there was not even sufficient funding to maintain existing services, there was no opportunity to consider the needs of people with disabilities and the remaining identified underserved groups. Members agreed to reach out to their respective contacts and resources to identify possible additional funding streams. The Access and Functional Needs Community Advisory Group will consider making this a part of their 2014 work plan and the Disability Advisory Commission has reviewed this issue and will consider further action as well. There will be opportunity for public input at the upcoming Board of Supervisor's hearing. The DV Trust Fund Work group will reconvene in the future as warranted.

Minutes	Department of Human Assist (DHA) – Domestic Violence (DV) Trust Fund Work Group Date: October 10, 2013 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Place: Department of Human Assistance DHA 2433 Marconi Avenue – Large Conference Room
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Paul Lake, Department of Human Assistance (DHA)	Nilda Valmores, My Sister's House
Paul Durenberger Office of the District Attorney	Deborah Morrow Department of Health & Human Services
Beth Hassett, WEAVE	Debra Mack, DHA
Elaine White Feather, A Community for Peace	John Franklin/Cheryl Bennett Disability Advisory Committee
Mike McCune Community Representative	

	Item	Presented by
1.	Introductions	All
2.	Provided overview, objectives and timelines	Paul Lake
3.	Outlined County's responsibilities for distributing domestic violence Trust Funds that included the following: Core Requirements - **W&I 18293(e), 18293(d), 18244(d) 1. Consult with Experts 2. Identifying Criteria for Agencies 3. Criteria process for annual re-certificaiton Discretionary Requirments –W&I 18293,18305(b) &18295 1. Criteria For meeting needs of victims with disabilities 2. Criterial for funding services for underserved 3. Criteira for funding optional services	Debra Mack
4.	Discussed determining criteria for funding - options discussed included: A. Funding Options 1. Funding per capita involves reviewing the data of organizations, looking at demographics to include the language, age and ethnic group 2. Split funds three ways (equally or per size of agency) 3. Fund by number of beds	Work Group

	<p>4. Review the CA Dept of DV Standards</p> <p>B. Emerging issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Age</u>: Persons who are older many times suffer from dementia. Children exposed to DV have life long impact. 2. <u>Economics</u>: clients with fewer funds have less access and mobility, and require housing services. 3. <u>Minors</u> require prevention services, but there are limited funding. There are more complex issues when child is minor. Connect with CALORES to get more information. Teens see abusers daily at school. 4. <u>Disability</u> 20% disabled. There is a wide variation in review conducted by the state, and deaf community not highly represented. Speak to state reps to get their review process for disability standard reviews. 5. <u>Mental Health</u> Most vulnerable clients. On-going training and case management required. 6. <u>Undocumented</u> not likely to seek help for fear of law. And there is a stigma attached to DV for many cultures. 7. <u>Underserved</u>: Those with language barriers, most services for women, but there are male, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. 8. <u>Rural Areas</u>: There are areas that lack resources, requiring transportation. Vulnerable population because they are hard to reach 9. <u>Other Information areas</u>: Undisclosed and secure areas required. Staff requires specialized training. This training is outlined in W&I 18291, and 1037.1 Evidence Code. The CA Office Emergency Assistance Program Sets standards. 	
5.	Next Steps: DHA will summarize notes and provide recommendation. Do demographic gap analysis	All

Action Items

- 1) Domestic violence provider to send statistical data
- 2) Sacramento County will bring back recommendations

**Welfare and Institution Codes

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