

**Sacramento County
Human Services Coordinating Council**

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2014, Noon - 1:30 PM

Meeting Location

Dept. of Human Assistance

2700 Fulton Ave

Sacramento, CA. 95821

Conference Room 58

Facilitator: Melinda Avey - Chair

Staffed by: Jerri Thompson

Meeting Attendees:

- HSCC Members - Melinda Avey (Chair), Natasha Broadway, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, Kimberly Garth-James, Gary McDonald (Vice Chair), Matt Mengelkoch, Paul Tanner, Frank L. Topping, Reginald Williams, Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Paul Lake (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests –Debra Payne (First 5), Steve Heath & Alan Lange (Community Link)

Absent Members:

- David Mana-ay (Secretary), Leoma Lee

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Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Approval of January 23, 2014 Minutes	Approval of January 23, 2014 Minutes: Addie Ellis moved to approve, Ernie Brown seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<p>Melinda Avey - Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retreat went well, thank you Sherri for the energetic introduction, Jerri for making the arrangements, and Gary for facilitating. • Mental Health Board: Recommending Chad Thompson to fill one of their three open rep seats on the HSCC. • Meeting with Chiefs of Staff: Meeting scheduled for March. • PHAB is working on filling the vacancy for HSCC.
Retreat Debriefing	<p>Gary Mc Donald - Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special thanks to Sherri for her energetic introduction that helped set the mood for the event. • Great participation from the group made facilitation easy. • Looked at past priorities and shifted to looking at future priorities. • During the retreat we were able to draft our goals. • The next step is to take all the goals and delegate them to sub-committees. • Addie Ellis, Natasha Broadway, David Mana-ay, Leoma Lee, and Matt Mengelkoch have been selected to organize the goals.
2014 Work Plan	<p>Addie Ellis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the retreat, the brainstormed goals were organized into Smart Goals and broken down further into specific goals, measurable outcomes, achievable results, relevancy, and time-bound deadlines. • HSCC reviewed the draft of the 4 Smart Goals. Please see meeting packet for details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HSCC Goal #1: Identify Priority Outcomes for new safety net ○ HSCC Goal #2: Ensure the 3 A's of Housing (Accessibility, Accountability, Affordability) ○ HSCC Goal #3: Increase Truthful Communication to the community ○ HSCC Goal #4: Focus Attention on the role of treatment & prevention in public safety • Natasha shared that David Mana-ay suggested two edits needed for Goal # 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accountability should be changed to Availability ○ "Ensure the 3 A's of housing ADA plus the placement of transportation corridors are included throughout Sacramento County." • AFN = Access to Functional Needs • Time-bound deadlines have arbitrarily been set for December 31st 2014, but can be changed according to the goals of the HSCC. <p>Melinda Avey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having only 4 goals allows the HSCC to be realistic about accomplishing these goals by not getting overwhelmed as they have done in the past.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When assigning these goals to sub-committees, it is recommended to have a Chair for each sub-committee who is willing to organize and spearhead the group. <p>Sherri Z. Heller:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board of Supervisors would like to hold a workshop on April 9th to discuss improvements to the basic safety net (nutrition, housing, clothing, and personal safety from victimization). • The focus is on community based organizations and filling in the gaps that are left between them and existing government programs. • The County Executive and CFO were very impressed after an initial planning meeting with members of the HSCC Exec Committee and very pleased with initial ideas put forward. • The Board has asked the HSCC to play a significant role in the workshop, representing the service community's perspective and getting input from the various Advisory Boards. <p>Melinda Avey and Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSCC decided to accept the 4 Goals in draft form, break each of the goals into sub-committees, assign a Chair to each of the sub-committees, and have the sub-committees develop the goals into final draft form. • It was suggested that Goal #3 be edited to remove phrases like "increase truthful communication" and "truth telling". • It was agreed that HSCC will begin to work on Goal #1 to involve Advisory Boards as soon as possible, and then break Goals 2-4 into sub-committees. • HSCC created a steering committee to organize the presentations to the Advisory Boards. • Gary, Frank, Addie, Melinda, and Steve were selected to participate on the steering committee for Goal #1. • Sherri Z. Heller suggested the focus of the meeting with the BOS include: Services for Veterans, Drug and Alcohol, and not focused primarily on Downtown Sacramento only. She also suggested that HSCC look for creative ways to close the gap between community based organizations and government programs. • Steve Heath, President and CEO of Community Link shared Community Link can offer much data to help in the information gathering for the presentation by the HSCC to the Board of Supervisors. He also offered to have the meetings for the Safety Net Committee at his Community Link Office and have Alan Lange facilitate the staffing for the meetings and help with reaching out and gathering information from the community on their perspective.
Department and First 5 Updates	<p>First 5 Commission: Debra Payne highlighted information from First 5's report provided in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in Strategic Planning Process – Received feedback from community members, 11 community meetings scheduled. • Flyer advertising the meetings First 5 will hold in the community was provided to the group. <p>Health and Human Services: Sherri Z. Heller highlighted information from DHHS' report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOS approved \$100,00 annually for two years for Sacramento Senior Safe-House Funding • February 25th: CPS Oversight Committee is presenting their Annual Report.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacramento County awarded \$3.9 million over the next three years for triage/navigator services for persons with mental illness. • April 22nd BOS holding a workshop reviewing implementation of the Affordable Care Act. <p>Human Assistance: Paul Lake highlighted information from DHA's report included in the meeting packet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8,000 Medi-Cal Applications a month since the Affordable Care Act began compared to 6,200 a month. • Working with Covered CA to process applications.
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p>Adult and Aging Commission: Gary highlighted report included in meeting packet.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board: Paul Tanner highlighted report included in meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about marijuana legalization attempts on the ballot going beyond medical marijuana. <p>Children's Coalition: Ernie highlighted report included in meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition has a new representative for First 5. <p>Disability Advisory Committee: No report.</p> <p>Mental Health Advisory Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining community input to improve services. <p>Public Health Advisory Board: No report.</p> <p>Community Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addie Ellis: She will have an article in the Sacramento Bee on Issues with Homelessness.
Announcements/Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council reports other Cities have been finding solutions regarding Housing First.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

- Sacramento County will be hosting the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO) on Tuesday, February 11th at Red Lion Inn (formerly the Radisson). The purpose of the conference is to train veteran representatives to better meet the needs of veterans returning from Iraq, Afghanistan, and other military deployments, many of whom have a myriad of needs both physical and emotional. The quarterly conferences also provide CVSOs and VCRs the chance to test for accreditation from the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) so that they can provide the full extent of services available to veterans.
- The Department is looking at co-locating Veteran Claim Representatives at locations such as the County North Area Service Center at least one day a week. In the future there may be staff co-located at locations such as Mather Hospital and a couple of our Bureau offices.
- A new Request for Proposal (RFP) for CalWORKs funding in the Family Emergency Shelter should be issued in early March. DHA has conducted two stakeholder meetings to solicit input from homeless providers to craft the scope of services for the RFP.
- DHA continues to enroll applicants in the new Medi-Cal and Affordable Care Act programs. Covered California launched a new interface between the counties automated system and California Healthcare Eligibility and Enrollment Retention System (CalHEERS). The interface has reduced time for staff to enroll applicants into Health programs. There will be a Board of Supervisors workshop on April 22 to update them on implementation of the Affordable Care Act.
- The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been submitted successfully by Sacramento Steps Forward in collaboration with the Continuum of Care providers in Sacramento County. Typically, the Continuum of Care in Sacramento receives approximately 14 million dollars for homeless programs in Sacramento County.
- There will be a Board of Supervisors workshop on April 9 to discuss priority “safety net” issues. We are working with DHHS and the HSCC to prepare for this workshop.

I'm pleased to report that Sacramento County was awarded \$3.9M over the next three years for triage/navigator services to be provided to persons with mental illness. This will fund 20.8 clinicians and peers places in the County jail, at Loaves and Fishes, at the County intake stabilization unit, and at Kaiser, Dignity, Sutter and UC-D emergency rooms. These contracted personnel will provide coordination of care and linkage to services with the intent of preventing unneeded hospitalizations and reducing consequences of lack of engagement with treatment such as repeated incarcerations. We are waiting to hear whether our second application for \$3M for mobile crisis services will also be funded. If so, that will enable us to provide clinicians to work with police and sheriff personnel when there is a mental health crisis.

On February 11, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to act on our request to approve a contract for \$100,000 annually for two years to purchase emergency shelter services for elderly victim of abuse/neglect from the Sacramento Senior Safe House (a project of Volunteers of America.) We are participating in many conversations with supporters and donors and are hopeful that funding will be enough to keep this valuable service available.

On February 25, the CPS Oversight Committee (a committee of the Children's Coalition) will present its annual report to the Board of Supervisors. We look forward to the opportunity to review progress made and recurring issues that, if addressed, could make this a safer community for children at risk of abuse or neglect. I hope that there will be time for a good dialogue that helps to raise the level of discourse about child abuse.

On April 9, the Board of Supervisors plans a workshop on the state of the safety net in Sacramento County. The focus will be on homelessness/housing, hunger/nutrition, and safety from victimization (e.g., domestic violence), not on medical treatment or entitlement programs. The intent is to look at how our community used to address such issues before budget cuts of recent years, how we've adapted to change, what the service gaps are now, and how to make progress, going forward. The Board has asked the HSCC to play a significant role in the workshop, representing the service community's perspective. I'm sure we'll discuss this at our meeting this week. The County Executive and CFO were very impressed after an initial planning meeting with members of the HSCC Exec Committee and very pleased with initial ideas put forward.

On April 22, the Board also plans a workshop reviewing implementation of the Affordable Care Act, with an emphasis on the transition of individuals from the County's indigent care program to expanded Medi-Cal.

Lots for us to discuss when we're together later this week!

Sherri

BUDGET ACTIVITIES

County Budget - Staff has prepared the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget which totals 26.5 million. The Draft Budget was presented to the Financial Planning Committee at their January 23rd meeting and will be presented to the Advisory Committee on February 14th. After comments are received from the Board of Supervisors in April, the Commission will approve the Budget at their May 5th meeting.

State Budget - Staff are monitoring the progress of SB 837 which provides transition kindergarten for all four year olds. We are hoping the Governor's May Revise provides funding for the bill.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – January 13, 2014

The January meeting focused on the Commission's Strategic Planning process. The Commission provisionally approved the vision, mission, strategic planning principles, updates to the strategic plan hierarchy and a proposed spending plan.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – March 3, 2014

1. Annual review of the 2009 Strategic Plan
2. Review and comment on the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget
3. Affordable Care Act presentation
4. School Readiness presentation
5. Reconsideration of prior funding decision for cultural broker services related to the reduction of African American child deaths

OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES

1. Next step on strategic planning is the community meetings – Ten scheduled in February.
2. Seven new contracts for services aimed at the reduction of African American child deaths have been executed.
3. The new Arden-Arcade Family Resource Center operated by the Mutual Assistance Network and its partner agencies is now open.

Abbreviated draft minutes, edited by Gary McDonald Commissioner

Area 4 Agency on Aging (David Feldstein)

David gave an update on meeting attended on January 10, 2013, for Joint Public Authority (governs Area 4 Agency on Aging) and the Advisory Board, regarding proposals for using Meals on Wheels for delivering meals to seniors in Western Placer County.

DHHS, Senior and Adult Services (Ruth MacKenzie)

APS has shown an increase of 16% in phone calls in 2013 while resulting in-person visits decreased a small margin due to more efficient usage of the telephone to do more in-depth investigation. Results attributed in part to the public awareness mission of Heidi Richardson of county resources available, and a larger population of seniors. Financial abuse is now the number one reason for calls.

Senior Safe House is at risk of losing funding, previous benefactor of project passed away. The Safe House is managed by Volunteers of America. SSH houses up to 6 seniors in need of immediate safe housing for up to 30 days. Discussed the Commission authorizing the Executive Committee to write a letter requesting the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors support the continuation of the Senior Safe House, David motioned, Dee seconded. Voted and passed.

Speaker – Debbi Thomson, IHSS Program Manager

Overview of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program & IHSS Public Authority (PA). IHSS Program provides services to eligible aged, blind, or disabled persons in their home. Currently there are 19,000 recipients in Sacramento County. Funding is provided through a combination of federal, state, and county dollars. Recipients go through enrollment process with Eligibility Specialist, Intake Social Worker, then, if qualified, a continuing Social Worker for annual reassessment of need. Recipients hire care providers; can be family members, friends, neighbors or a Public Authority screened registry member. All providers must complete enrollment process of application, attend orientation, have photo ID, Social Security card and obtain a DOJ background check. PA manages a Caregiver Registry to connect recipients with providers. PA conducts training class for care providers and provides staff support to mandated IHSS Advisory Committee. Recent developments include a funding share model and federal regulation changes to no longer exclude providers from overtime pay; to be implemented 1/1/2015.

Update Report to HSUC
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- The AOD Board has been keeping up with the implementation of ACA with a special interest in confidentiality issues that may arise with the use of electronic health records.
- The use of e-cigarettes has become a topic of interest and we are looking at exactly what e-cigarettes are and the dangers they may or may not pose in our community.
- Our prevention committee continues to assist with the development of the Prevention Strategic Plan which is in the final stages of development.

January 2014 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

Membership

Le Ondra Clark Harvey appointed by BOS at January 28th meeting. New Officer Slate presented for vote in February: Chair, Rachael Raymond; Vice Chair, Sheridan Miyamoto; and Secretary, Philip Ung

CPS Oversight Committee

Committee has finalized annual report. It will be reviewed by the Coalition at the February meeting. Committee has resurrected the Systems sub-committee which will oversee the CPS Quality Assurance Framework

Children's Trust Fund Committee

CAPC signed contract for 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Other contractors completed the first year of a 2-year contract by meeting or exceeding their goals.

Children's Report Card Committee

Committee is exploring what next Report Card will look like

Other

Providing continuing support and input to the First 5 Advisory Committee and HSCC

Ernie Brown

Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition