

Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

April 09, 2015

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, Michael Ballance, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, Raymond Kemp, David Mana-ay, Len Marowitz, Frank L. Topping, Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS), Gladys Deloney (DHA)
- Guests –Eduardo Ameneyro, Mary Jo Flynn, Paula Green, Meghan Marshall, Erin Maurie, Toni Moore, Kris Rudi

Absent Members:

- Tom Campbell, Paul Lake (Ex-Officio), Gary McDonald, Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner

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| Welcome and Introductions | Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made. |
| Approval of March 12, 2015 Minutes | Approval of March 12, 2014 Minutes: David Mana-ay moved to approve, Ernie Brown seconded. Minutes Approved. |
| Chair's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief of meeting with the Chiefs of Staff: • New Members: Michael was appointed as a Disability Advisory Commission Rep on the HSCC by the BoS on March 24th. Michael reintroduced himself and gave a little background. • New member orientation to be held 30 minutes prior to the next month's meeting on May 14th. • HSCC Goals: More discussion on the goals will take place at next month's meeting, including a letter that the HS-9 goal group is working on for the Community Planning Department. |
| Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Michael Ballance has volunteered to fill the open HSCC Secretary position. Chair asked if anyone else would like to volunteer for the position, no one came forward. David Mana-ay made a motion to add the vote for the secretary position to the end of today's agenda; it was seconded by Angelina Woodberry. Motion carried. |
| Special Presentation: Homeless Strategies in Sacramento County | <p>Eduardo Ameneyro, Division Manager with the Department of Human Assistance, provided a presentation on their Homeless Programs.</p> <p>Members were provided with a handout to follow along with as Eduardo shared information on DHA's Homeless Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to Residence Program • Motel Voucher Program • CalWORKS Homeless Programs • Permanent Homeless Assistance • Housing Support Program (\$1.3 million) • Safety Net Funding (\$3.6 million) for Emergency Shelters • Outreach and Navigation • Continuum of Care Collaboration <p>Q & A and discussion ensued with the group.</p> |

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| Department and First 5 Commission Updates | <p>Health and Human Services: Sherri Z. Heller highlighted information provided in the report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri discussed with the group how advisory boards are more and less effective. <p>Human Assistance: Gladys Deloney highlighted information provided in the report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>First 5 Commission: Toni Moore provided report included in the meeting packet. In Addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February through June monthly meetings have been heavily focused on putting the contract authorities in place for youth services that will for starting July 1, 45 contracts in total. • Released their Community Report for FY 13-14. Handouts of the report were provided to the HSCC. |
| Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates | <p>Adult and Aging Commission: Gary McDonald provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board: Melinda Avey provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Children's Coalition: Ernie Brown highlighted the report he provided in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to the Children's Trust Fund Committee (CTF) section of the report - Since writing the update report it is known that Title IV-E waiver money is no longer available. Now there is discussion for supplemental income from the County which would enhance the Trust Fund to the amount of around \$550,000. CTF is also working on what they will be proposing to the Board of Supervisors at the June Budget Hearings in response to their concern. CTF will be meeting with DHHS Deputy Director Luis Villa on April 23rd and then more will be known. <p>Disability Advisory Commission: Frank Topping provided report included in the meeting packet. David Mana-ay Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, April 7th meeting was tabled mid agenda due to time constraints. • David Mana-ay, liaison to the First 5 Commission, distributed the First 5 Commission's 2013-14 Community Report and discussed after adjournment. <p>Mental Health Advisory Board: No report.</p> <p>Public Health Advisory Board: No report.</p> <p>Access and Functional Needs – Coordination Advisory Group (AFN-CAG): Kris Rudi from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFN – CAG is a spin off from the old Emergency Preparedness Access and Functional Needs Group that dissolved in August 2012. In Nov 2012 the new group formed which included herself, Cheryl Bennett from the County's Disability Compliance Office, Neal Albritton from the City of Sacramento Civil Rights Office and a rep from the HSCC (Frank Topping is now the current HSCC rep). They were having regular conference calls and each quarter a community partners meeting with guest speakers and during the meetings the AFN –CAG Committee would share their plan for people with access and functional needs and ask for feedback. • Group has not had a meeting for a number of months for a number of reasons, one being they have been shorthanded in the office. Now with Mary Jo Flynn on board she will be able to take over the planning piece and will be involved with revisiting their donations management plan and evacuation plan. Kris has been in contact with Cheryl Bennett, once the contractor provides a draft copy of the evacuation plan they propose to share it with the DAC for review and get feedback. Mary Jo will also be reaching out to the folks in the Access and Functional Needs Coordination Group Community Partners and also with the Disability Advisory Commission. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of the goals for the group are from the previous goals established 2005-07, when community partners came together and identified some of the key issues that during emergencies need addressing. Needs addressed and resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emergency sheltering during databases. ➤ Co-locating of animals. Work that was started but still needs work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Working with local broadcasters to include all inclusion communication ➤ Transportation ➤ Neighborhood emergency training |
| Public Comments | Paula Green thanked the HSCC for having open meetings and appreciated that she had the opportunity to attend today's meeting, was more informational that she even had anticipated. She is interested in joining the Public Health Advisory Board in which there are three open representative's seats for them on the HSCC. |
| Approval of Michael Balance to Fill Open Secretary Position | David Mana-ay moved to approve Michael Balance as the new secretary on the HSCC, Ray Kemp seconded. With a unanimous vote of approval Michael Balance is the new Secretary. Motion Approved. |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned |

Melinda Avey and Angelina Woodberry were extremely effective, representing HSCC in testimony at the Board of Supervisors meeting last week, in support of proposals to rebalance Sacramento County's mental health services continuum. The proposed framework emphasizes a wider variety of places to seek treatment outside of hospitals, with the goal of prompt access to appropriate treatment. Melinda and Angelina spoke directly to the potentially thorny issue of neighbors' response to the siting of additional community-based treatment facilities in residential areas. Melinda reviewed feedback from last year's HSCC interactions with regional planning committees, in which local activists showed great understanding and compassion and willingness to support treatment options that serve existing residents. Angelina clearly pointed out that people are being discharged from hospitals to neighborhoods now, with ongoing mental health treatment needs, so it would be helpful to all concerned to have residential treatment centers with 24/7 staffing by trained clinicians. Other groups, including Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT) also spoke up, offering support and assistance for siting of such 'crisis residential' programs.

At its April 7 meeting, the Board of Supervisors has two key timed presentations: the report of the Elder Death Review Team at 2:30 p.m. and the three-year Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee recommendations at 3:00 p.m. One interesting aspect of the Elder Death Review Team report is hospitals' discharge of persons with mental illness, focusing on the risk to elderly family members that they may present. (Notice how this effort also supports our proposal to create more residential options, including temporary "step-down" residences for persons coming out of hospitals after a mental illness crisis.) The Board requested that the MHSA presentation be a timed item, not a consent item, so it's important for people to take advantage of the opportunity for public comment.

The presentation on Reducing African-American Child Deaths (RAACD) was postponed from April 5 to April 14. First 5, Probation, and DHHS were asked by the County CEO to put forward program proposals responsive to the findings of the Steering Committee on RAACD. Some DHHS proposals are ones you'd expect (e.g., expansion of the black infant health and the nurse-family partnership programs), but some will plow new ground: focus on substance-abusing pregnant women in target neighborhoods; invite community "cultural brokers" to participate in CPS "Team Decision-Making" meetings where safety plans are created for specific families; increase "kinship care" (placing children with relatives and supporting those families instead of traditional foster care); creating options for "Informal Supervision" by parents, keeping families intact, in lieu of foster care (right now CPS only does this for children 0-5 – proposal to expand for families with children age 6 – 11.) The proposals from the other two departments are pretty exciting, too, and of course the Steering Committee will present its own recommendations. The CEO's staff report to the Board included a recommendation that the Steering Committee become a committee of the Children's Coalition; this recommendation is what caused the decision to postpone the item a week, so that further discussions with the Steering Committee can take place.

Don't forget that the Board workshop on Strategic Plan to address homelessness is scheduled for May 5 at 2:00.

Sherri

**DHA Report to
HSCC
April 9th 2015**

- DHA/DHHS staff attended meeting with Casey Foundation regarding Title IV-E Waiver. Sacramento has become part of the waiver which will allow more flexibility in programming for Foster Care programs/placements.
- Housing Support Program (HSP) or DHA Rapid Re-Housing program is progressing well. This is an excerpt from a letter to DHA from San Juan School District.

"A mother, father and 8 children who were going to lose their children to CPS due to the conditions of the home they were living in. We were able to postpone the placement of the children into the Receiving Home until we met at DHA. Victor immediately responded. CPS, Eli Milan, the Counselor at Encina, and I met at the Folsom DHA Office. The family was given emergency assistance to stay in a hotel until they were able to find a place to rent. The family has now found stable housing. This family has been transient for years."

Oftentimes, it can be difficult to tell if programs are making a difference or not. Please be assured that the HSP is making a difference for families in San Juan and we would strongly encourage the Board of Supervisors to continue this support. Without stable, adequate housing for our students, many of them will struggle to meet their academic goals and contribute to our communities as adults.

○ Sincerely, .

- DHA along with Sacramento Steps Forward will make presentation to BOS on May 5th at 2pm regarding Homeless Services offered in Sacramento County for homeless residents. All are encouraged to come out for the workshop.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – April 6, 2015

1. Approval of extended contracts:
 - Dental – DHHS Smile Keepers
 - Nutrition – DHHS WIC
 - Early Care – Child Action and SCOE
 - School Readiness – nine school districts
 - Effective Parenting – Birth & Beyond/Crisis Nursery
2. Presentation: First 5 California's Annual Report for Fiscal year 2013-14

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – May 4, 2015

1. Approval of Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16
2. Public Hearing: Annual Review of Strategic Plan
3. Presentation: Kindergarten Readiness Study
4. Approval of contract with Applied Survey Research for program evaluation services
5. Approval of contract with Community Link for 2-1-1 services
6. Approval of Executive Director Selection Committee

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Nominations to fill a Commissioner vacancy are pending – matter was continued by Board of Supervisors from March 24th to April 7th.
2. The Advisory Committee has several vacancies from the following Boards: Mental Health; Public Health; and, Adult and Aging. Additionally, we have opening for community members with expertise in the following areas: faith community; foster care; medical/health; and lactation services.

Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Update - April HSCC Meeting

- Robin Shakely from the DA's office will present at the April AOD board meeting on the progress of Proposition 47 implementation in Sacramento.
- AOD board continues to explore strategies to make alcohol and drug treatment services more accessible, particularly to homeless populations in outlying areas of the county.

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Executive Committee

Members are contacting target potential members based on new priorities

CPS Oversight Committee

Oversight Committee Report will be presented to Board of Supervisors on May 5. Report is being reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Children's Trust Fund Committee

DHHS expressed interest in linking Children's Trust Fund with County budget. Would need to align with Title IV-E waiver, which would set parameters for spending and would require that services abide by IV-E reporting requirements. Might not be as fruitful as originally hoped as receipts are starting to come in and the County is spending more than had been projected in protective services.

Committee and Executive had considered seeking an increase in birth certificate fees. However, the Family Justice Center has introduced legislation that would allow fees for all Vital Services licensing to be increased, and proceeds go to fund the Justice Center. If fees are increased for this cause, it might be difficult to also raise fees for CTF benefit. Coalition needs to coordinate with the Family Justice Center and see if goals can be aligned.

The Committee has begun preparing the next RFP. A timeline has been developed which would permit contracting in FY2016-17. Wording of the Proposal Instructions is being updated to reflect the Coalition's goals.

Policy and Advocacy Committee

Committee is preparing a survey for providers: if funding was available, what would you most want to do?

Ernie Brown
Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

**County Of Sacramento -- Disability Advisory Commission
Report to Human Services Coordinating Council
For April 9th, 2015 HSCC Meeting**

The March 3rd Disability Advisory Commission Meeting was reported on in last month's DAC report to the HSCC

The DAC Physical Access Subcommittee met March 17th -- the minutes note:

Public Comment

Jeff Tardaguila expressed concern over the apparent theft of the Braille signage at RT Bus Stops.

Update – Airport Access Concerns

Carl Mosher provided updates on activities at Sacramento International Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently completed an access review with generally very good results and only minor access concerns noted. Discussion ensued between Mr. Mosher and Paratransit representatives regarding challenges Paratransit riders were experiencing during drop off and pick up. They will meet on site at a future date to determine how to improve these services. The Airports' ADA Transition Plan will be updated in fiscal year 2015/16.

Discussion of Zoning Code Update

Members reviewed the areas of concern regarding access considerations in the new Zoning Code Update and Community Design Guidelines. M/S (Topping/Hicks) to compose a letter detailing these concerns to Lori Moss, Director of Community Development. Approved, unanimously. The Chair and staff will develop a draft for review at the next meeting.

Unfinished/New Business, Announcements

Members were provided with a Sacramento Bee article about a new draft signage policy being developed for the American River Parkway.

Proposed Topics for Next Agenda

The Subcommittee will invite the Director of Parks to discuss the American River Parkway signage policy. They will also discuss the draft letter regarding the Zoning Code.

AAC MEETING MARCH 25, 2015

Update Report for April HSCC Meeting

Area 4 Agency on Ageing (A4AA – David Soto-

- Request for Proposal (RFP) the Board meet on 3/12/2015 and final decision made for funding. The Ombudsman Services, Caregiver Respite Services, and Caregiver Support. The Ombudsman program only one applicant which was the Ombudsman Services of northern CA. and they were granted the funding. The Caregiver support there was two applicant and both received funding. Del Ro Caregiver Resource Center received \$100,725 and Asian Community Center received \$45,000. The Asian Community Center will be doing support primarily for the non English speaking in the south part of the county.
- A4AA received three applications for Respite care. The Board voted to fund two of those three agencies. The third agency appealed the decision. The Board will review this on April 10, 2015. Next month they will report who will be funded to do Respite Care in Sacramento.
- A4A did not receive RFP applicants from Grandparent Services and Kinship Services. If no one comes in A4A will not have time to expend or allocate that funding. A4A will look at allocating funding for next year.
- A4AA Board is working on a Needs Assessment. David involved and Dev is helping in designing that. The Board will ask the Commission to help in the assisting in distributing about the Needs Assessment. They hope in getting 3,000 responses. It will take a lot of work to get it done.
- 211 are closing their doors in the end of June. A4AA has a contract with them to provide senior information and assistance. Not finalized by Board. The Board is supportive of A4AA bringing those services in house, rather than contracting them out. They are looking at hiring someone to come in and design an in-house Senior Information and Assistance. A4AA already have some information and assistance, but this will be a much bigger effort.
- A4AA is looking at a minimal restructuring of how programs are evaluated. In the past they had one staff person maybe sort of an expert in transportation and they would monitor programs in transportation. Example: one in Sacramento, Nevada, and so on so forth. A4AA is looking at developing a geocentric model and for example I might be assigned all of the programs in Placer County. Someone else would be assigned programs in Yolo County, so on and so forth. These staff persons would have a better opportunity to become more familiar in that area. Sacramento being a large area may take more than one staff person assigned in that area. Implementation will not be until the next fiscal year, which starts in July. Some of this will be implemented.

Deanne Sundquist-Alafrangi, reported for DHSS, Senior and Adult Services,

- Debra Morrow is at the Quarterly Compliance Briefing meeting with our Director and Agency Administrator in the County. She is presenting on IHSS and APS and focusing on challenges of inadequate staffing; to meet our state mandated requirements. Related to the annual certification of IHSS recipients. This issue is reviewed annually. Our annual audit report shows that the program is in compliance, but we still trying to catch up.
- The first draft of the Budget has been submitted. Recommended budget hearings will be on June 16th and 17th, 2015. The division has submitted a request for additional growth of 8 positions in APS. The positions would be (6) social workers (1) Program Planner, (in house training (for staff) to provide more support and development of Policy and Procedures, (1) Senior Mental Health Counselor to work with staff in this area for clients who have mental health issues to address. We were about 6,000 behind on renewal recipients and with overtime we are now at 2,000.
- Since Health care reform has been put into place – our intake has increased to 200 per month. IHSS is now getting 600 intakes per month (have to address within 30 days) and the case-loads are up by 22,000 now. IHSS is seeing expediential increase in case- loads and hoping that we get approval for additional staff to meet compliance.
- IHSS now has Public Guardian Administrator and Conservator office as part of our division. IHSS has requested additional deputy clerks, one for Public Guardian and one for the Conservator office. They will specifically concentrate on APS conservator referrals one to investigate the probate conservatorship referrals and one for the on-going case management of that group.
- IHSS is undertaking an effort to implement a formal tele-work option within the division and have been working on this over a year. We now have approval to move forward with final development and implementation with a pilot program. The social workers are out in the field and most of their work is done electronically. They are in connection with IHSS through CMIPS II application. APS has its own database and that is working out very well

for staff to do their assessment in the field and then do their case notes and other thing in office. This helps them to stay out in the field and see more clients. IHSS does not have a start date, but it will be sometime this year. The staff began scanning files this last year and did so starting in IHSS and APS. This helps to make all files electronic assessable so that staff doesn't have to take paper work out in the field. We are now starting with IHSS. Our focus will be on the first group of staff who have volunteered to pilot the tele-work program. This will begin with their caseloads and they will have their files at their fingertip at all times. The other component is an effort to cut our costs in terms of space allocation with tele-work. SAS is planning to down size building space to have all our services in one location at the branch center building, where APS and part of IHSS are located currently. Further updates will follow.

- We no longer have a public lobby, IHSS handles everything by phone services with the care provider and recipients. Mail in and electronic. We have done a lot of training with care provider and recipients with timesheets and overtime rules.
- 8 positions may be approved for APS included in the proposed budget.

Speaker: Ed Martinez, California Coordinator, Know You Rights Initiative National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare foundation.

- Know Your Rights: Social Security and the Lesbian Bisexual Gay Transgender (LBGT) community will be meeting at the Sacramento Town Hall on Thursday, April 9th, 2015 at the Pioneer United Church of Christ. Will be on the webinar.
- This is a project of the National committee to preserve social security and Medicare funding.
- Mission of LGBT is to advocate for social security and insure that it is protected as long as Medicare.
- In 2013 the Supreme Court ruled on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and they ruled that it was unconstitutional part of the Windsor case.
- The (DOMA) is no longer applicable in determining eligibility for benefits.
- Ed gave example of benefits for a retired couple who are both receiving social security benefits.
- The Know Your Rights Initiative hopes to get the message to LBGT community.
- Co-presenter, Elena Costa, represents the LBGT community center in Sacramento. LBGT hopes that this project will help to educate and create opportunity to reduce the gaps of benefits and help reduce poverty. LBGT has 6 programs they offer, senior group program, youth program which has a respite component, health out-reach concerning education for HIV positive, educational out-reach which help social service agent learn how to help better support the community members. Starting an adult respite center in May.