

Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 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, Randy Hicks, Raymond Kemp, Danette Rada, Paul Tanner
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Gladys Deloney (DHA)
- Guests – Paula Green, Sandra Jackson, Ryan Loofbourrow, Erin Maurie, Toni Moore, Tricia Rosenbaum, Effie H. Ruggles, Linda Saephanh

Absent Members:

- Tom Campbell, Sherri Z. Heller (Ex-officio), Paul Lake (Ex-Officio), Len Marowitz, Robert Silva Jr., Frank L. Topping, Angelina Woodberry

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Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Approval of August 13, 2015 Minutes	Approval of August 13, 2015 Minutes: Randy Hicks moved to approve, Ernie Brown Seconded; Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Member(s): The Adult & Aging Commission has recommended Dev Berger to fill one of their vacant representative seats on the HSCC. Staff has submitted a letter of request for appointment by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to the Board Clerk. ○ Resignation(s): Frank L. Topping has resigned and though the Chair wanted to present a certificate of appreciate to Frank for his time served on the HSCC, Frank was unable to attend today's meeting. • Upcoming Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October - Bobbie Park from the California Department of Veteran Affairs ○ November – Peter Tateishi, President and CEO of the Sacramento Metro Chamber
2015 Heroes of Human Services Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards ceremony will be held October 6 at 9:30am in the BOS Chambers, 700 H Street. • After the Chair shared that donations were still needed for the reception and that volunteer opportunities were available, members donated money and volunteered to help with set-up and passing out programs at the ceremony. • Members were encouraged to attend the event.
Special Presentation: Sacramento Steps Forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Loofbourrow, Executive Director for Sacramento Steps forward (SSF) presented data on the current homeless situation and shared how SSF is using a collaborative, data-driven, outcomes-based approach to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Some highlights of the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 2015 Point-in-Time homeless count was 2659 individuals, 313 of which were veterans. ○ Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in Sacramento – Functional Zero Plan ○ Focusing on veterans and the chronic homeless. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Collaborating with VOA, Veterans Services, and the Sacramento Veterans Resource Center and had a two-day boot camp alongside the Veterans Administration (VA). ➤ Since January, through the end of July, 298 Veterans have been housed. ○ Improving communication, data gathering, and referral & placement. ○ They have been building the “End Reach” system. Working with the street homeless, jails and hospitals and areas like Loaves & Fishes, outreach to the streets, creation of coordinated entry, looking at what is needed for triage with the right combination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Permanent Supportive Housing ➤ Rapid Re-housing ➤ Transitional Housing ➤ Return to Residency

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Access to Mainstream Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sacramento Steps Forward was able to house 2070 people this year. ○ Department of Human Assistance's Housing Support program housed an additional 399 people. <p>Following the presentation Q & A and discussion ensued with the group.</p> <p>Visit the Sacramento Steps Forward website for more information about the program: http://sacramentostepsforward.org/</p>
Department and First 5 Commission Updates	<p>Health and Human Services: Sherri Z. Heller provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Human Assistance: Gladys Deloney highlighted information from her report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>First 5 Commission: Toni Moore highlighted information from the report provided in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report is similar to last month due to the Commission not meeting this month. • Annual audit was on the October agenda, but it has now been postponed until November. <p>*Today is the last meeting for Toni Moore; she is retiring from the County after 30 years of service. The new Executive Director, Julie Galleon, will be attending the HSCC meetings going forward. Group congratulated Toni on her retirement and thanked her for her years of service.</p>
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p>Adult and Aging Commission: No report.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board: Melinda Avey provided a report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Take Back Day – Where people can take their unused prescription drugs happens on September 26. Melinda will send a list of sites participating in the "Take Back" to staff to forward to the group. <p>Children's Coalition: Ernie Brown reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health & Human Services will be providing a new staff person to staff the Coalition and its subcommittees. • Children's Trust Fund is in limbo as funding is not coming in like it had been in the past and now projections show that they will not be able issue a RFP for a couple of years. A letter of request for a quarter of a million dollars was submitted to the BOS, but no word has come from it. <p>Disability Advisory Commission: Randy Hicks reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAC is going to write a letter to SHRA to inquire how much housing stock they have, and how much of it is accessible. • DAC will be talking about 2015 Homeless Count including: what worked, what didn't work and how to work with Police officers. • Commission and Programs did not meet on Tuesday. • Physical Access committee will be meeting this coming Tuesday and will be discussing the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New improvements on Howe Ave. ○ New improvements at the Airport including fixing the signage that distinguishes the Paratransit pickup from the bus pickup. ○ Physical Access Committee visited some County buildings to assess the signage and will be sharing the issues they found with the County. ○ Chris Jensen will be discussing the builders' fees.

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	<p>Mental Health Advisory Board: Tom Campbell provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Public Health Advisory Board: No report. Guest and PHAB member, Paula Green introduced herself and shared that she has volunteered to be a PHAB rep on the HSCC. HSCC staff will follow up with PHAB staff to get their recommendation and then process a letter of request with the Board Clerk.</p>
Announcements	<p>Randy Hicks announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paratransit will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on Oct 12. • Tomorrow is the last day of for the Legislature and there is a bill to fund <i>Department of Developmental Services (DDS)</i> services. Randy encouraged group to call one of the 26 senators to promote the funding of the Bill.
Public Comments	<p>Effie H. Ruggles, from the River City Medical Group, shared that she brought two social workers with her today to observe the HSCC meeting and will be rotating other social workers to observe future meetings.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>

Looks like I may not be able to make it to this month's meeting, as Final Budget deliberations for FY 2015-16 will be held at Board of Supervisors chambers Thursday, September 10 at 9:30. If it goes quickly, I'll bring you the news straight from the meeting, but I need to stay until the budget is adopted.

I do expect one significant change to the June tentative budget for DHHS, and that is the expansion of the County's efforts to implement a formal training unit at Child Protective Services. We have found a way to draw additional Federal funds to match local investment (\$3 Federal to \$1 local) in training for foster care and adoption functions. By reallocating some of our existing positions to this function, we can draw additional Federal dollars, not yet budgeted last June but in the current fiscal year, to further strengthen the planned training unit, including additional support from the County Counsel's office to train workers on court procedures. This recommendation will come before the Board of Supervisors for approval on the morning of the 10th.

The September 15 Board agenda includes a number of items of interest, including:

- Resolution affirming commitment to address needs of sexually exploited youth
- Report on progress and challenges in the effort to lower the rate of sexually transmitted disease in Sacramento County
- Supervisors' discussion and approval of a response to the Grand Jury's criticism of the County's services for persons experiencing mental health crises

Sherry

**DHA report to
HSCC
September 8, 2015**

- Reduction in African American Child Deaths (RAACD) Steering Committee with members from DHA/DHHS and Probation will present an implementation plan update to Board of Supervisors tentatively on October 6th. The Steering Committee will lay out the organizational structure for the work in the targeted areas of Valley High/Meadowview, Arden-Arcade, North Sacramento, Oak Park, North Highlands, and Fruitridge-Stockton communities. These communities have the highest number of African American Child Deaths. The update will outline the plan for the expenditure of the 1.5 million dollars awarded annual for the next five years to the Steering Committee. The charge of the Steering Committee is reducing African American Child Deaths in the next five years.
- DHA is part of a workgroup with DHHS and Probation, called Crossover Youth Model. The program seeks to stop youth from involvement with CPS (Dependency) and Probation (Juvenile Justice). The term crossover refers to youth who cross from one program to the other program. DHA working on ways to streamline medical care for those youth in Dependency and or Juvenile Justice.
- Housing Support Program (HSP) – DHA will resume Housing Support Program with a new model. The new model will have all applicants for Housing Support be put in the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry. The VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index - The Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool), will determine the vulnerability level for the applicant. DHA will receive those CalWORKs family from a central program but applicants can still walk into any DHA office for assistance. The goal is that the family seeking housing assistance may receive services from other agencies depending on their score on the VI-SPDAT. We have trained our Social Workers in “Ready to Rent” a class which helps potential renters become good tenants. We would like to demonstrate to potential landlords that our customers have been through the curriculum.
- The department has issued a Request for Proposals for CalFresh Outreach. The total amount to be awarded is \$300,000 to local food banks to do outreach for the CalFresh program.
- DHA will be undergoing major Service Redesign in the next few months. The CalWORKs program will have cases banked under the Service Center model currently utilized for our Medi-Cal and CalFresh cases. We are still working with labor organizations but the objective is to greater efficiency in customer service.

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
Human Services Coordinating Council
September 10, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – August 3, 2015

1. Approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 - \$28.2 million
2. Approval of revised fiscal policies
3. Approval of new Executive Director – Julie Gallelo
4. Appointment of new Advisory Committee member – Dominic Ruffin as Foster Care Representative

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING – October 5, 2015

1. Presentation by CAPC on Safe Sleep month
2. Presentation by SCOE on “Raising Quality Together”
3. Approval of 2016 meeting calendar
4. Approval of 2016 Vice-Chair

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Lee Turner-Johnson was appointed by the BOS on August 25th to the vacant Alternate Commissioner seat.
2. On September 25th from 2:00 to 4:00 there will be an open house farewell for Toni combined with a meet and greet for the new Executive Director, Julie Gallelo. The open house event will be held at First 5’s office located at 2750 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 330.
3. First 5 is closely monitoring a tobacco tax bill that would put in place a \$2 tax on tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. As written, there is no backfill provision to address the potential loss of First 5 funding. This bill is being addressed in a special legislative session.

**Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
Update Report
September HSCC Meeting**

- The Board just completed its recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors, with the intention of mitigating potential problems related to the proposed Wilton area Casino and Hotel.
- The Board is re-submitting its comprehensive alcohol and drug strategic plan to the County's Alcohol and Drug Services.
- County-contracted prevention providers have begun meeting as a County-funded Prevention Coalition to facilitate their interaction and develop shared, evidence-based evaluation measures.

Sacramento County Mental Health Board (MHB)
Monthly Activity Report to the Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating
Council

September 2015

Grand Jury Report

On September 15, the Board of Supervisors will deliberate on Sacramento County's response to the grand jury report. This report was critical of cuts to the public mental health system that began in 2009. The MHB executive committee will meet in October to decide whether and how the MHB will comment on the County's final response.

"Katie A." Working Group

A Sacramento County working group has been formed to plan the implementation of the settlement agreement *Katie A. v Bonta*, which requires the expansion of mental health services available to foster youth and at-risk youth. A MHB member has been delegated to serve on this working group.

Performance Monitoring Projects

The MHB continues to be updated on reports, audits, and studies relevant to its mandated function to review the performance of the County's mental health system. In September, the MHB heard a presentation on the triennial audit of the County's Medi-Cal payments conducted by the California Department of Health Care Services.

Membership

The MHB currently has 14 of its 16 member slots filled, which reflects the recent appointment of 3 new family member representatives. The remaining vacancies include one consumer and one public interest slot. The MHB chair intends to fill all MHB liaison opportunities, including nominating the required three delegates to the Human Services Coordinating Council.

Site Visits

The MHB continues to conduct monthly site visits to county run or contractor facilities that constitute the public mental health system. In August, 6 MHB members visited Stanford Youth Solutions.