

# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes

May 12, 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, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, Randy Hicks, Leslie Julianel, Raymond Kemp, Len Marowitz, Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS), Paul Lake (CSA)
- Guests – Margie Campbell, Sandra Jackson, Sheryl Lenzie, Steve Letterly, Erin Maurie (First 5), John O’Farrell, Collette Schulke, Todd Smith

### Absent Members:

- Paula Green

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Approval of April 14, 2016 Minutes	Approval of April 14, 2016 Minutes: Randy Hicks moved to approve, Melinda Avey Seconded; Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<p>Membership update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandra Jackson has been recommended by the Children's Coalition to fill in behind Angelina Woodberry as a representative. Staff has submitted a letter of request to the Board of Supervisors.</li> <li>• Openings still remain for the following recently vacated seats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community member</li> <li>▪ Adult &amp; Aging</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Special Presentation: Community Development Department	<p>Todd Smith, Principal Planner and Sheryl Lenzie, Associate Planner from the Department of Community Development - Planning and Environmental Review along with Steve Letterly, Margie Campbell and John O'Farrell representing the Natomas Owners Group came to present on the North Precinct Plan Area.</p> <p>Todd Smith began the presentation by reintroducing himself and those joining him with more detail. He explained that they were here today to present as part of the Human Services Element HS 9 Policy of Sacramento County's General Plan. The intent of the HS 9 policy is to collaborate and to promote placement of human services facilities as part of the planning process and address issues early during any master plan effort. Today they will be seeking feedback from the member advisory boards and departments that make up the HSCC.</p> <p>Handouts of the North Precinct Plan Area/Master Plan were provided to the group to follow along as the presenters shared information on the new community design including some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Comprehensive planning methodology</li> <li>• Expanded flood protection</li> <li>• Conservation strategies</li> <li>• High standard for design, aesthetics, functionality, and livability</li> <li>• Timeline</li> </ul> <p>During the presentation Q &amp; A ensued with the group. HSCC members were able to provide insightful feedback and things for the presenters to keep in mind as they move forward in the process.</p> <p>Presenters welcome the opportunity to revisit the HSCC once the project has progressed.</p>
HSCC Executive Committee Held a Special Meeting to Select the Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair shared that the Executive Committee held a special meeting to select the individual who will represent the HSCC on the hiring committee for the position of Director of Homeless Initiatives and the selection was Melinda Avey.</li> </ul>

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who will Represent the HSCC on the Hiring Committee for the Position of Director of Homeless Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group congratulated Melinda Avey.</li> <li>• Len Marowitz asked Melinda if she would be willing to join the Housing Committee and she answered yes.</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. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri was asked about the IMD regulation. She explained the rule is you can't get federal Medicaid funds if someone is getting mental health treatment in a facility that has more than 15 beds. The Feds issued a final rule which doesn't help California because the new rule says that a managed care company (private insurance company) that is paying for some poor person's Medicaid mental health hospitalization is excused from that rule. California hospitalization of the severely mental ill is done by the county, not by managed care facilities therefore it does not help California.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Gladys Deloney highlighted information from the report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHA Budget is status quo; looks like the growth requests are not going forward but there will be no layoffs.</li> </ul> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Julie Gallelo provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p>
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Leslie Julianel provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey provided a report included in the meeting packet and spoke to the legalization initiative on the Nov 2016 ballot item included in her report.</p> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> Randy highlighted information provided in the report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> Len Marowitz provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> Paula Green provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p>
Announcements	<p>Randy Hicks announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health Awareness Day-May 26, at the Holiday Inn 300 J Street, beginning at 9am (free event). Sherri Z. Heller, Director Department of Health and Human Services and member of the HSCC, will be speaking at the event.</li> </ul>
Public Comments	None
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

We are engaged in the annual process of answering questions from the CEO and CFO and their staff about possible alternative ways of funding specific items proposed for the July 2016 – June 2017 budget.

Our “growth requests” include the kinds of things you would expect to see, such as: increased capacity for providing mental health services to children and youth; more public health nurses to do home visits to CPS-involved families; increased staffing for CPS Hotline; reducing the waiting list for alcohol/drug treatment services; more Adult Protective Services investigators; etc.

However, every indication is that funds available to support increased service levels will be minimal, since the cost increases associated with existing levels of service (referred to as the “base budget”) are likely to absorb all or most available funding. It’s important to remember that State and Federal allocations to the County, even if they are labelled “realignment growth” or “inflationary growth” funds, don’t mean the programs are entitled to expand or add new services; the dollars are first spent to absorb the increased costs of providing existing or base-level services and the County has substantial discretion over how to use them. That means that if you want to advocate for a specific program or spending, you need to do so on the merits of the proposal, not assume that the program is entitled to additional funds because there’s a funding stream with the program’s name on it.

The proposed budget will probably be out in early June. Budget hearings are June 14-16, so there’ll be a couple of weeks to review the proposed budget prior to then. You can look at your advisory board calendars to see if this will line up or you need to schedule special exec committee or budget committee meetings.

Lots of other stuff going on, too, including wonderful engagement by the individual Supervisors during our April 26 presentation on alcohol and drug service planning. The Supervisors had a real sense of urgency about having enough treatment options for meth addiction, safe disposal options for unused prescription drugs, and the dangers of stigmatizing people who really need and responsibly use opioid medications for management of severe pain.

The Cap-to-Cap program in DC was useful, engaging many members of Congress and key staff in conversations about our issues, such as the cost of prescription drugs and the cost of inpatient mental health treatment and alternatives to hospitalization.

Just returned from two one-day visits to Los Angeles and Alameda Counties, organized by Sierra Health Foundation, to learn about how those jurisdictions are working across funding streams and departmental organization to collaborate on programs that support children and youth. I came away feeling proud of the work we are doing in Sacramento, particularly the behavioral health, CPS, probation work for “crossover youth” and sexually exploited youth.

Sherri

**DHA Report to  
HSCC  
Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

- DHA working with the Neighborhood Transformation Project regarding the Leataata Floyd Elementary School in the 95818 zip code. The school falls within the Promise Zone for Sacramento. DHA will be working with other agencies on developing an action plan to enhance resources and services for the students attending the elementary school.
- DHA working with SHRA on a collaboration regarding the “Promise Zone”. Promise Zone designation for Sacramento allows the area more direct communication with approximately 15 different Federal agencies such as Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). There has been site visits from the agencies to Sacramento for workshops and more planned for the future. The designation has assisted the area to bring in more Federal grants. So far the designation has been able to generate 40 million in federal grants to the area. The designation allows for additional preference points on grants.
- Pathways to Employment – DHA working on resurrecting an employment program focused on the homeless. DHA will be collaborating with Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) on the resurrected program.
- Reduction in African American Child Deaths Steering Committee – Chief Deputy Paul Lake along with Directors and members of the Steering Committee have visited Alameda and Los Angeles County looking at their Inter-Agency Children Policy Council (ICPC). A Sacramento ICPC is part of the implementation plan set forth by the Steering Committee to the Board of Supervisors. The overall implementation plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in September 2015.
- Susie Gaines Mitchell Bureau located at 2450 Florin Rd will have a Community Fair on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 – 1:30pm. Please stop by and meet the staff and there will be booths from different agencies offering services along with DHA.
- SB 75 – Granting Full Scope Medi-Cal Eligibility to All Children under age 19 – Effective May 1st
  - SB 75 grants full-scope Medi-Cal to children under the age of 19 in the State of California, regardless of citizen or immigration status, if otherwise eligible and they meet the income standards.
  - 2,797 undocumented children under 19 in restricted aid codes will convert to full scope Medi-Cal
  - A mass update batch run scheduled for the week of May 16, 2016.
- DHA will be re-locating from its Service Center site on Arena Blvd to another site located on East Commerce Blvd. Unfortunately, the Arena location could not support the needed parking spots. The same closed lobby Service Center will be at the East Commerce location. The re-location should happen in about 18 months.

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION**  
**Human Services Coordinating Council**  
**May 2016**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETINGS – May 2, 2016**

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recommended Budget and Ten Year Financial Plan
2. Annual Review of the First 5 Sacramento 2015 Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan
3. Presentation: Birth and Beyond Evaluation Report
4. Presentation: Children's Doubled Importance for Our Successful New Future (based on data from Dowell Myers, PhD)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING – June 6, 2016**

1. Approval of Dental Utilization Data Collection & Analysis Contract
2. Presentation: School Readiness Annual Evaluation Report
3. Appointment of Strategic Planning Committee Members
4. Appointment of Policy, Advocacy & Sustainability Committee Members

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. First 5 received two Letters of Interest from consultants who would like to work with us to research parental knowledge and attitudes influencing dental utilization for young children. Interviews are scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>, and a recommendation will be presented to the Commission for consideration at the June meeting.
2. First 5 received two Letters of Interest from community based organizations who would like to work with us to provide oral outreach, education and case management services. Full proposals are due May 25<sup>th</sup>
3. Governor Brown signed 5 tobacco bills into law. Some of the bills will negatively impact Prop 10 revenue, while other bills may positively impact revenue. First 5 Association is working on an analysis and will have additional information soon.
4. The Sacramento District Dental Society's May edition of the *Nugget* journal focused on the positive impact that First 5 investments have had for children in the region and includes a variety of strategies (treatment and policy work) that have improved oral health for young children.

## Sacramento Adult and Aging Commission Monthly Report - April 2016

David Soto announced that May is Older American Month. Area 4 Agency on Aging has two scheduled Town Hall Meetings. The next one is on May 17th from 10:00am -12:00p at the City of Citrus Heights Community Center 6300 Fountain Square Drive, Community Hall A, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. The other is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. As previously reported by Dev Berger, these town hall meetings are interactive with the public, family caregivers and concerned citizens who attend. They are meant to generate what Area 4 can do right now to make a difference in the lives of seniors, and to engage seniors to identify top unmet needs. To find out where other town hall meetings will be held, call 916 486-1876 or email [contactus@agencyonaging4.org](mailto:contactus@agencyonaging4.org).

Kevin Welch from Paratransit came and spoke to the commission. He discussed some of the programs they have for senior and older adults.

The representative from the Department of Health and Human Service discussed the Fair Labor Standard Act changes, reporting the results show an increase of positions with Senior and Adult Service programs.

**Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board**  
**Update report for HSCC May meeting**

- The Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board treatment committee discussed at length opiate treatment options in Sacramento County and recommendations the committee might send to the Opiate Task Force.
- They are also discussing next steps to establish a local funding committee to support our local collaborative courts following a presentation at our last meeting from the California Collaborative Justice Courts Foundation.
- The advisory board is represented on the newly formed Methamphetamine Workgroup and our prevention and treatment committees will work on formulating recommendations to be presented to that workgroup.
- In anticipation of a marijuana legalization initiative on the November 2016 ballot, the prevention committee is beginning to study that issue.

## May 2016 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

### Executive Committee and Coalition Meetings

Three new SCCC member candidates are going through the process of becoming appointed.

A need was identified to create an ad-hoc Membership Committee to address member attendance and retention concerns, as well as formalize a process for reviewing and approving non-SCCC members who serve on committees.

Jay Schenirer (Sac City Council) presented measure Y. Proposing taking away 4% marijuana tax to G.F., replacing with a 5% tax to a children's fund. Supported by marijuana industry

### Oversight Committee

Based on current project status and submission deadlines prior to presenting to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), the 2015 Annual Update will be presented in late July.

Critical Incidents subcommittee this year is focusing on recommendations for more resources to CPS, based on trends they've seen

### Children's Trust Fund Committee

The committee is currently in the process of conducting an assessment of services presently funded by DHHS to identify gaps. They completed their review of the scope documents of and recommended they be added to the P&A Committee work plan list.

### Policy and Advocacy Committee

The Committee reviewed the 2016 Work Plan resource list developed by SCCC members, made a few additions to the list, and formulated possible questions to ask organizations providing life skills services to youth in Sacramento.

Ernie Brown

Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

## Disability Advisory Commission (DAC) Report to HSCC May 12, 2016

At their May 5 meeting, the DAC met with representatives of the 311 system. Both the Call Center side and the Code Enforcement side participated in the discussion. Specific issues were considered, such as response to complaints about sidewalk obstructions in the public right of way that are hazardous to people who are blind or use mobility devices. The DAC is also interested in exploring how 311 might be better trained and equipped to respond to accessibility barriers identified by callers, although some of these requests may be outside of Code Enforcement's purview. Access barriers in rental housing was also discussed and representatives of the Rental Housing Inspection Program will be attending an upcoming DAC Housing Subcommittee to explore this topic further.

The DAC will hold elections for Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming year at the June 7 meeting.

The Programs and Services Access Subcommittee will be meeting with Personnel Services' Employment Services Division, who is completing a brief survey on accessibility of the job application process. This is the first of a number of access reviews planned with a priority on programs that have the highest levels of public contact.

The Physical Access Subcommittee has been working closely with the Department of Voter Registration to increase the number of accessible polling places and enhancing understanding of accommodation needs such as providing curbside voting or other assistance. The Sample Ballot booklet that is accessible for people who use screen reading software will be available again for the June election.

The Housing Subcommittee sent a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors urging them to commit 100% of the county's former redevelopment funds, known as "Boomerang Funds," to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and 20% every year thereafter. The letter is included in this report.



# COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

NAV GILL

May 5, 2016

Dear Chairwoman MacGlashan and  
Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your ongoing attention to the problem of increasing homelessness in our region. As you are probably aware, Sacramento County has a significant and persistent population of people who are experiencing homelessness. According to the 2015 Point in Time (PIT) Count conducted by Sacramento Steps Forward, there were 2,659 people who were homeless, both sheltered and unsheltered. Additionally, the Sacramento County Office of Education stated in their 2014-15 annual report that they had provided services to over 13,000 homeless students that year. This number does not include their parents and other family members. A significant percentage of people who are homeless have physical and mental disabilities, many of whom are Veterans whose disabilities are service-connected.

With the dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies (RDA) in 2012, the State of California deprived local jurisdictions of their largest and most significant source of local funding for affordable housing. Across the state, redevelopment was responsible for over \$1 billion in direct funding for affordable housing with its 20% tax increment set-aside. A portion of those former tax increment funds now come back to local jurisdictions from an ongoing bump to their property tax. Counties receive such funds from each former redevelopment agency within the county. These have been referred to as, "Boomerang Funds."

Recently, some local Bay Area jurisdictions have opted to set aside over \$60 million of their boomerang funds to build affordable homes. These jurisdictions include the counties of Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, the city and county of San Francisco, and the cities of Oakland, Fremont, Emeryville and Mountain View. Further, some jurisdictions have also leveraged funding streams such as their Transient Occupancy Taxes, Business License fee increases and other creative strategies to provide more funds to build affordable housing. Locally, our own Public Housing Authority, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is considering similar action.

Therefore, due to the urgent and immediate need, and, due to the current lack of sufficient funding in the county's Affordable Housing Trust Fund to even begin building affordable housing units, your Disability Advisory Commission (DAC) and its Housing Subcommittee recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

- 1) Allocate 100% of 2016-17 fiscal year's tax-increment distributions (Boomerang Funds) now realized as property tax distributions, to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and
- 2) Commit to allocating a minimum of 20% of subsequent years' tax increment distributions, via statute.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact the Housing Subcommittee Chair, Chris Jensen, at (916) 446-3074.

Sincerely,



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Gene Lozano, Chair  
Disability Advisory Commission



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Chris Jensen, Chair  
DAC Housing Subcommittee

## Sacramento County Mental Health Board Activities

Report to the HSCC for May 2016

- May is Mental Health Month. Various organizations will be sponsoring many events.
- The Mental Health Board (MHB) has been reviewing the Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) budget for the current fiscal year of 2015-2016 in light of the fiscal year budgets for the preceding seven years (since 2008-2009). The increase of 12.48% from FY 2014-2015 to FY 2015-2016 was exceeded only by the increase of 14.31% from FY 2013-2014 to FY 2014-2015. The budget increases for the preceding four FYs were each in the range of 1% to 3%, while there was a decrease of 10.54% from FY of 2008-2009 to FY 2009-2010 during the recession. The dollar increases in each of the last two FYs were \$27 million. Twelve reasons for these increases were cited. The major reasons for increased budgets in the last two years included increases in psychiatric hospital bed contracts, addition of three 15-bed Crisis Residential facilities and expansion of Mental Health Services Act programming which accounted for 70% of the increases.
- The May MHB General Meeting was used for member orientation and training since there are many new board members. The detailed orientation and training was conducted by Uma Zykofsky, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health Services.

**Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)  
Monthly Activity Report- Meeting from May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Prepared for: Sacramento County  
Human Services Coordinating Council

**ACTION TOPIC: Needle Exchange**

- I. Report from Harm Reduction Services:
  - 2015 reports 11,500 exchange encounters. Most were Sacramento County clients at 79% however there were clients that utilize services from 35 other counties outside of Sacramento
  - Because the clinic is; and the mobile clinic stays within City limits, it is assumed that this program is inaccessible to many potential clients in other parts of the County
  - Stats: Opiates are drug of choice 60%; 1/3 of clients under the age of 30; 2/3 of clients male; 3/4 clients were Caucasian; upon questioning participants, age of first use of opiates was between 14-18 years old. Of this group, began habit with non-prescription narcotics
  - Over a 2-year period Harm Reduction Services trained 558 people including family and friends on Naloxone and its administration. They received reports of 139 overdose reversals
  - During 12,000 exchanges in 2014, Harm Reduction Services made about 2000 referrals for services and treatment programs
  - Currently the wait time for drug treatment services is about 90 days. PHAB's preliminary recommendations stress the importance of having ready to access, full service drug treatment programs readily available.
  
- II. Latest Preliminary Recommendations:
  - PHAB approved Preliminary Recommendations for syringe exchange in Dec. 2015.
  - Presentations have been made to the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, Human Services Coordinating Council and the Sacramento County Undersheriff.
  - Subsequent changes have been made to terminology of recommendations
  
- III. Report of Meeting with Chiefs-of-Staff:
  - Data presentation was given at April 28<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled quarterly meeting.
    - Will present again to Supervisor Nottoli- previously unfavorable
    - Will present to Supervisor Serna- possibly favorable
    - Supervisor Kennedy- favorable
  - Next step: pending meeting with Supervisor Kennedy to collaborate and further educate