

**Sacramento County**  
**Human Services Coordinating Council**  
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**Meeting Minutes**

September 13, Noon -1:30 PM

**Meeting Location**

Dept. of Human Assistance  
2700 Fulton Ave  
Sacramento, CA. 95821  
Conference Room 58

**Facilitator:** Ernie Brown - Chair

**Meeting Attendees:**

- HSCC Members - Melinda Avey (Secretary), David Ballard (Vice Chair), Ernie Brown (Chair), Jane Fowler, Edward T. Lewis, David Mana-ay, Mike McCune, Gary McDonald, Matt Mengelkoch, Mike Monasky, Paul Tanner
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Tracy Bennett (DHHS), Kathy Harwell (DHA), Mike Tateishi (DHHS)
- Guests - Leoma Lee, Edith Martinez, Toni Moore (First Five)
- **Absent:** Ann Edwards (Ex-officio, Countywide Services), Gary Myerscough, Frank Topping

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Review meeting notes of August 09, 2012	Meeting notes of August 09, 2012 were reviewed with no changes requested. Minutes not voted on due to lack of quorum.
Chairs Report	Chair provided a report included in the meeting packet. Chair welcomed new members: Edward T. Lewis - Public Health Advisory Rep & Gary McDonald - Adult and Aging Rep.
The Council Development Committee	<p>Melinda Avey reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The Council Development Committee members include: Melinda Avey (Chair), Ernie Brown, David Mana-ay, Gary McDonald, and Paul Tanner. The committee met and their first order of business was to review HSCC bylaws. The HSCC bylaw changes do not need the Board of Supervisors approval but may not contradict the Resolution therefore we are limited to the changes that can be made at this time. The biggest reason to change the bylaws at this time is to change the definition of quorum. The proposed revision changes the current reading from “The presence in person of a majority of the membership” to “the presence in person of a majority of the <b>currently appointed</b> membership” Adding the words <b>currently appointed</b> will allow the HSCC to quorum much easier.</li> <li>•Discussion of the proposed changes in sued with Michael Monasky stating his opposition to changing the quorum definition. Council Development Committee Chair noted his opinion and informed the group that Staff will forward a copy of the revised bylaws with all the proposed changes to the HSCC at which time the HSCC is asked to send all feedback and suggestions to Melinda Avey. The Council Development Committee will meet to review the suggestions received and will re-send an updated version of the proposed bylaw revisions to members for review prior to voting at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li> <li>•The Council Development Committee will recommend a slate of officers to the Council at the November meeting and then will be voted on at the December meeting.</li> <li>•David Ballard thanked Melinda for re-establishing the Council Development Committee and for continuing the work of the Bylaws Revision Committee to make the HSCC a fully vibrant and functioning group.</li> </ul>
Ad-Hoc Committee Updates	<p><b>Goal 1 – Michael Monasky reported.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Michael sent links from two articles to Staff that he would like forwarded to the group; the first is an article about homelessness. The second is the SafeGround newsletter that announces its mini-housing option that will be on display at Caesar Chavez Park next week.</li> <li>•On Sunday there was a negative write up in the Bee regarding the homeless advocates in the area and very critical of the DHA and DHHS. Michael wrote a response to the article that was published. Michael shared this goes in line with the U.N. Special Rapporteur letter sent to the City of Sacramento and would like to have DHHS and DHA get some kind of understanding about the criticism in the letter and try to answer it in terms of providing drinking water and portal-potties to the camps. Tracy Bennett said she will talk with the Public Health Officer Dr. Kasirye about the issue.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Goal 2 – David Mana-ay reported.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanks to Ann Edwards talking to Rick Martinez the Director for the Department of Emergency Operations, Rick told Ann to have the point person on this issue to call him directly and said he will work with that person on next steps. Now it is just a matter of coordinating times to meet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4 – Melinda Avey reported.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) approved their spending plan for the upcoming year with 12.5% allocated for services, which includes \$650,000 for much needed mental health medications, two eligibility specialists for probation, 40 VOA beds, and mental health treatment for long term inmates. We are hopeful that next year we will see an increase in that allocation.</li> </ul>
<p>Department and First Five Commission Updates</p>	<p><b>Countywide Services:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Human Assistance: Kathy Harwell reported.</b> DHA provided a report included in the meeting packet; discussion followed. Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHA continues to do a lot of out reach in relationship to their CalFresh program, their goal is to reach out to the community for anyone who is eligible to the CalFresh program and make sure they have accessibility to nutritional food as well as making sure they retain those benefits. CalFresh inserts for the Sacramento News and Review have been published. Kathy provided the group with copies of the insert.</li> <li>California as a whole has been at the lowest rank of engagement in the CalFresh program and has struggled in reaching out to reach out to different households because of concerns of immigration status and other concerns however; Sacramento has been recognized by their high engagement rate and high involvement rate in the CalFresh program. DHA has individuals within the department that continue to look at improving and increasing outreach to different populations of the community including the elderly, the disabled, and different ethnic groups. An expansion of automated services has also been done to help the application process.</li> <li>Edith Martinez, guest representing the River City Food Bank, shared her organization has an outreach program and are doing a lot of printing of brochures this month and will be hosting a training in January for community based organizations to learn what are the very basic eligibility requirements. Edith said that perhaps her organization could collaborate with DHA on these outreach efforts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> Mike Tateishi provided a report included in the meeting packet; discussion followed. Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike discussed the report with the group and shared that the Adult and Aging Commission through its advocacy at the Final Budget Hearings helped acquire some additional funding for DHHS' Senior and Adult Services. The funding will allow for an increase to staffing in Adult Protective services by 3.0 FTE Social Workers and in IHSS by 15.0 social work staff.</li> </ul> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Toni Moore provided a report included in the meeting packet; discussion followed. Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pertaining to item 4 on the report under the "Other First 5 Updates", on Tuesday this item went to the</li> </ul>

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	<p>Board of Supervisors and they are nominating Beth Hassett who is currently an alternate commissioner to fill behind Doug Ose, assuming Beth gets appointed to the Commissioners slot then they will advertise for her vacancy. Scott Moak was nominated for another term as an alternate.</p>
<p>Member Advisory Boards &amp; Community Member's Updates</p>	<p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory:</b> Paul Tanner provided a report included in the meeting packet; discussion followed. Melinda Avey shared additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board has changed its meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month, still at 5:30pm in CAARR, 2400 Marconi Ave (at Wright Street), Sacramento. The meeting date was changed to allow collaboration with the Mental Health Advisory Board as the two boards shared the same meeting day which did not allow for members to attend both meetings. They met with Chris Henele, the Chair of the Mental Health Board and they came up with some steps that they can take to collaborate on shared issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> Jane Fowler provided a report included in the meeting packet; discussion followed.</p> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> David Ballard provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> Michael Monasky provided a report included in the meeting packet and added the following additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The West Nile Virus has not been as bad in Sacramento County as it has been in Washington State because of the spraying occurring in Sacramento County.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disability Advisory Committee:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> No report.</p>
<p>Announcements/Public Comments</p>	<p>Announcement from guest Leoma Lee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk for Diabetes-<b>Date:</b> September 29, 2012, <b>Location:</b> West Steps, State Capitol</li> <li>• Walk to End Alzheimer's-<b>Date:</b> October 6, 2012, <b>Location:</b> State Capitol (South Steps), 11th St. &amp; N St.</li> </ul> <p>Announcement from Community Member Mike McCune:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Galt Senior Citizens and people with disabilities are having trouble with transportation for medical visits including dialysis appointments.</li> <li>• Mike would like to plan and schedule a Health Fair for all the residents especially the seniors in Galt for January 2013. There are many needs that have been brought to his attention including problems with medical and dental and seniors need help signing up for CalFresh and need financial income support.</li> </ul>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:34pm.</p>

# Chair's Report

## **New Members:**

Edward T. Lewis – Public Health Advisory Board Rep. Appointed on August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Gary McDonald - Adult & Aging Commission Rep. Appointed on September 11th.

**\*New member orientation Oct. 11th from 11:30-Noon (30 minutes prior to Council Mtg)**

## **Quorum Status:**

We now have 13 filled seats, which gives us a potential quorum.  
We have 22 total seats quorum is half  $11+1= 12$

## **Heroes Event:**

The 2012 Heroes of Human Services Awards Event presented by the Board of Supervisors and the HSCC is schedule for December 4th at 9:30am. Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers.

### **Purpose of the Heroes of Human Service**

The Heroes of Human Service Awards recognition was created to honor those who have touched the lives of others through their advocacy, dedication, service and support within Sacramento County.

We are looking for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding involvement and commitment to human services throughout Sacramento County. Human services are broadly defined as community services that support and protect individuals and families. Examples include volunteer efforts not limited to: social work, mental health care, dependent care, job training, shelter services, health programs, mentoring, financial assistance, after school programs, nutrition services, substance abuse services, legal and criminal justice services and recreation services.

Two individuals from each of the five County Supervisorial districts will be selected. Additional honorable mentions may also be selected.

The 'Call for Nominations' form will go out on October 1<sup>st</sup> and nomination forms are due back to staff by Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to share this with your Member Advisory Boards.

We would like to collect donations for the reception, so if you would be so inclined to donate towards the event please give it to Jerri between now and the November meeting.

## **Next two meetings Information:**

The HSCC will extend the next two meetings (October & November) times by 30 minute to allow for a public presentation titled "Update on Sacramento County Adult Mental Health Service Delivery System: Community/Stakeholder Input" presented by Uma K. Zykofsky, LCSW, Chief, Adult Mental Health Services

## **HSCC Update**

### **Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board**

#### **For September 13, 2012 Meeting**

New Board meeting date is the second Wednesday of each month, still at 5:30 p.m. in CAARR, 2400 Marconi Avenue (at Wright Street), Sacramento. At our last meeting, we also voted “to support increased efforts” by our Board “to improve communication and collaboration with the Mental Health Advisory Board.”

At the last meeting of the County’s Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), the CCP finally approved a spending plan for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 that included mental health and alcohol and other drug services.

Even though the start date for renewed Dependency Drug Court and Early Intervention Family Drug Court services is October 1, ADS will not hear until September 30 whether the submitted grant applications are approved; the established funding for these courts has run out.

Due to severe cutbacks in staff, DHA now uses a telephone number to initially obtain applicants’ information for General Assistance, CalFresh, cash aid or bus passes; only ultimately does DHA schedule appointments. In addition, DHA reportedly tells clients they don’t have to turn over their food stamps to residential treatment providers. These changes financially burden alcohol and other drug treatment providers, take clients away from residential treatment services, and necessitate the residential providers having to assign buddies to accompany new clients as they visit each site to obtain benefits.

One of our contracted providers recently used grant funds to recruit teenagers from underserved populations, teaching them public health approaches to understand and address the causes and effects of health disparities and inequities among ethnic groups. The provider then used these trained individuals as interns in partner agencies. This leadership effort replicates Oakland’s Building Healthy Communities project, with this transformational experience helping the youth become “change agents” and instilling greater cultural competency among that provider’s staff members.

## **September Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council**

### **From the Sacramento County Children's Coalition**

The Children's Coalition is primarily involved with the following issues at this time:

#### **Membership**

We are actively recruiting members to replace member seats being vacated and are in the process of bringing up to seven new members on to the Coalition.

#### **Oversight Committee Report**

The Children's Protective Services Oversight Committee, a committee of the Children's Coalition, has produced its annual report on systems issues to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday September 11.

#### **Children's Trust Fund Administration**

Three agencies have been approved for funding during the next granting cycle, dollars stemming from County birth certificate dollars. Reports are being presented at Coalition meeting by the agencies currently funded under the existing RFP.

#### **Children's Report Card**

We are preparing for the next release of the Sacramento County Children's Report Card containing data outlining the state of children in the county. The membership roster for this effort is currently being recruited for.

#### **Re-envisioning the Coalition**

We are actively looking into membership composition issues to better reflect the community. In addition we are exploring moving Coalition meetings to various sites within each supervisorial district allowing us to be more responsive to the community in this regard as well.

**Department of Human Assistance  
Update to HSCC  
September 13, 2012**

- Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors were approved which reduced CalWORKs contracts including a \$400,000 reduction in the contract to DHHS for its Mental Health/Substance Abuse Contract. DHHS will not be able to fill at least one position due to the reduction. DHA will also be deleting some vacant positions and reclassifying others due to shortfall in CalWORKs allocation.
- New Office for the Galt office. The Galt Office located on Lincoln Ave will be moving to its new facility in September 2012. The Galt Bureau will be moving from 257 So. Lincoln Way, to 210 North Lincoln Way, Galt, It is expected that operations at 210 North Lincoln Way will commence on September 24, 2012.
- The Senior Companion Program will be hosting its annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the Sierra Health Foundation location.
- Healthy Families program participants will be transferred to County Departments effective January 1, 2013 as part of the State Budget enacted.
- The Low Income Health Program (LIHP) will be operational in Sacramento County effective October 2012. There will still be participants on the County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP).
- Convoy of Hope will be coming to Sacramento on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am at Cal Expo. This event will bring free groceries, kids zone, haircuts, health and job fair, lunch and live entertainment.
- Stand Down Sacramento will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stand Downs are one part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless veterans. The event typically provides services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between local VAs, other government agencies, and community agencies who serve the homeless.
- CalFresh Inserts for the Sacramento News and Review have been published. Please let me know if you are interested in copies of the inserts regarding the available of CalFresh..

## **DHHS Update for Human Services Coordinating Council Meeting – September 2012**

- Final Budget Hearings were on September 5, 2012
  - DHHS' Senior and Adult Services (SAS) was returned \$375,116 in 1991 Social Services realignment revenue which had been moved to IHSS Provider Payments in the 2012-13 Recommended Budget. SAS will use the additional funding to increase staffing in Adult Protective Services by 3.0 FTE Social Workers and in IHSS by 15.0 FTE social work staff.
  - Behavioral Health Services and Juvenile Medical Services are receiving additional funding as a part of a Probation Department request to open an additional housing unit at the Youth Detention Facility. The funding is for eight months.
  
- Behavioral Health Services submitted its annual update to the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. This is in compliance with Assembly Bill 1467 which became law on June 27, 2012 and states, "Each county mental health program shall prepare and submit a three-year program and expenditure plan, and annual updates, adopted by the county board of supervisors, to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission within 30 days after adoption."
  
- Child Protective Services (CPS) submitted three grant applications to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. One grant is a two-year extension for the current five-year Early Intervention Family Drug Court (EIFDC) program to keep children safely at home while parents undergo substance abuse treatment, and is for \$1,000,000 over the two-year period. A second grant is through EIFDC five-years for \$5,000,000 total for services for the whole family with emphasis on substance abuse issues. The final grant is for trauma-focused child welfare services under the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act, for \$3,200,000 over the five-year period. This is a joint Behavioral Health-CPS venture. CPS should hear by September 30, 2012 if they are successful.
  
- Public Health was successful in applying for a four-year grant with the California Department of Public Health for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed), in the amount of \$6,835,567. Public Health will spearhead community efforts to improve nutritional status and prevent obesity among California's low-income population in accordance with the USDA's SNAP-Ed FFY 2013 Guidance. DHHS will coordinate with local partners and involve multiple sectors in these efforts.
  
- Low Income Health Program
  - The LIHP is still on course for implementation on October 1, 2012.
  - Initial entry into the LIHP will be through the regular eligibility process. As patients become eligible, they will be referred to Molina through CalWIN.
  - The referrals through a cohort, will begin around December 2012, with the initial cohort around 1,500 patients
  - LIHP patients will not be referred to the Primary Care Center as a medical home until December 2012.
  - Molina contract nearing completion.
  - Sutter Healthcare has signed its contract with Molina. Dignity is in agreement.

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION**  
**Human Services Coordinating Council Report**  
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**STATE BUDGET**

First 5 and Cover the Kids are continuing to track the transition of children from Healthy Families to Medi-Cal. It is our understanding that the transition will begin after January 1, 2013 and will transpire over a one year period. This change impacts approximately 28,000 children in Sacramento County.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – August 6, 2012**

1. Resolutions honoring Doug Ose and Bruce Wagstaff.
2. Presentation on Way Up's Promise Neighborhood planning efforts.
3. Presentation on Promoting Excellence in Child Care & Education.
4. Report back on GMC Denti-Cal.
5. Authority for two Baby Friendly contracts related to hospital breast feeding policies.
6. Approval of Final Budget and Ten-Year Financial Plan - \$27.3 million.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS – October 1, 2012**

1. Adoption of the annual audit.
2. Presentation of the annual report.
3. Funding recommendation for Robert's Family Development Centers revised out-of-cycle funding request - \$300,000 over three years to provide an integrated parent education and school readiness program called "College Bound Babies" for families with three to five year olds. The effort will also include parent empowerment strategies.

**OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES**

1. In August, News and Review printed and released the First 5 dental insert "Oral Health Begins at Birth." We were very pleased with the final product. The insert can be viewed on the First 5 website. We also have additional print copies available for organizations who would like to assist with getting the information into the hands of parents.
2. The Commission is unlikely to hold a November Commission meeting. Following October's meeting, the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. The First 5 Advisory Committee will be interviewing two applicants to serve on the Committee. Recommendations will be forwarded to the full Commission in December.
4. The appointment of a Commissioner behind Doug Ose is still pending.

Behavioral Health Services  
Monthly Report  
September 2012

1. Napper suit settlement public forums to be held in October and November. Venue will be set by Board of Supervisors Phil Serna Chief of Staff.
2. ERQO MediCal service audit being completed by the state at this time.
3. Inpatient reorganization is being completed at the SCMHTC facility. The 23 hour intake stabilization unit will be opening later this month to accommodate referrals from the area hospital emergency rooms.
4. Behavioral Health Services is collaborating with Crestwood to open a second 16 bed PUF on Stockton Blvd this month.
5. The crisis respite RFP was out on August 30<sup>th</sup> when the bidders conference was completed.
6. Megan Stanton from Mental Health America has a training film for the hospital emergency room staff on how to treat the mentally ill more humanely. Reports have been received by family members that the care has been better at the UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Room.

Public Health Advisory Board: En Banc meeting September 5, 2012

### **Hunger Hits Home**

Report made by Bob Erlenbusch, who emphasized three needs in Sacramento County.

- 1-Strengthening resources like food closets;
- 2-Improving public awareness of community resources;
- 3-Removing barriers from access to public benefit programs such as CalFresh.

This last set of needs includes two pernicious barriers.

The first is the complicated application process for food help through CalWin.

The second is the perception of the problem by county DHA as an information gap, and by the Food Advocacy Task Force perception of the difficult application process.

### **Division of Public Health**

County Medical Officer Olivia Kasirye, MD, told about five communicable disease issues.

- 1-West Nile Virus has had three hospitalized cases and one elderly death.
- 2-The Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome has resulted in 60 reported cases in California, with two deaths. The disease is spread by the feces of deer mice, and is a rare disease that is endemic to the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
- 3-There will be a meeting of stakeholders regarding sexually transmitted diseases, to include cooperation from representatives of local county school districts. The meeting will be held September 27 from 9am to Noon at the Blood Source building at the Mather Campus. Kasirye announced that the BOS included (1) FTE communicable disease investigator and (0.5) FTE controller MD as additional positions in the 2012-2013 budget.
- 4-The mandate for masks in hospitals and clinics will be repeated this year for health care staff refusing influenza inoculations. Kasirye said that clinic and hospital administrators are supportive of the policy.
- 5-There are no severe disease manifestations of MRSA (methycillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) at the neonatal intensive care unit at Sutter Memorial. Kasirye said that there were 18 positive tests for MRSA at the facility, but that no adverse effects have been reported so far.

### **DHHS Report**

1-Sandy Damiano told of the cuts and add-ons for the county budget hearings last week.

WIC lost \$423K; Refugee programs were cut \$43K; Emergency medical services funds were increase by \$195K, and the Tuberculosis program was boosted by \$156K.

2-The Low Income Health Program (LIHP), an extension of MediCal to medically indigent population, will not kick in until October 1 (not August 1 as formerly planned). The program is being implemented through a contract with Molina Health. There is some data about LIHP online at:

<http://www.dhhs.saccounty.net/PRI/Pages/Low-Income-Health-Program/GI-Low-Income-Health-Program.aspx>

3-The health plan stakeholders will meet again regarding the Managed Care changes for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPD) on September 24 at DHHS offices in South Sacramento.

There are DHHS reports available online at:

<http://www.dhhs.saccounty.net/PRI/Pages/Sacramento-Medi-Cal-Managed-Care-Stakeholder-Advisory-Committee/GI-SMMCS-Advisory-Comm-Agenda-Meeting-Miscellaneous.aspx>

Respectfully submitted September 10, 2012 by Michael Monasky, Member, PHAB