

**Sacramento County  
Human Services Coordinating Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

March 13, 2014, Noon - 1:30 PM

**Meeting Location**

Dept. of Human Assistance

2700 Fulton Ave

Sacramento, CA. 95821

Conference Room 58

**Facilitator:** Melinda Avey - Chair

**Staffed by:** Jerri Thompson

**Meeting Attendees:**

- HSCC Members - Melinda Avey (Chair), Natasha Broadway, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, David Mana-ay (Secretary), Gary McDonald (Vice Chair), Paul Tanner, Frank L. Topping, Reginald Williams
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Paul Lake (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests – Toni Moore (First 5), Steve Heath & Alan Lange (Community Link), Stephanie Biegler, Sheila Boxley and Gina Roberson (CAPC)

**Absent Members:**

- Matt Mengelkoch, Leoma Lee, Angelina Woodberry

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Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Approval of February 13, 2014 Minutes	Approval of February 13, 2014 Minutes: Frank moved to approve, Reggie seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<p><b>Melinda Avey - Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive members will have their Qtrly meeting with the Chiefs of Staff on March 27.</li> <li>• The Board of Supervisors ratified the appointment of Chad Thompson as a Mental Health Board Rep to the HSCC.</li> </ul>
State of the Safety Net Stakeholder Input Session Discussion	<p><b>Melinda Avey – Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided background information about the workshop on the safety net that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is holding on April 9, 2014 at 2:00pm.</li> <li>• Shared with the group how she, Vice-Chair Gary McDonald, Addie Ellis, Frank Topping and Ernie Brown assisted by Steve Heath and Alan Lange from Community Link, have been attending member advisory board and Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) meetings in an effort to solicit input from the selected groups.</li> <li>• Led today's group in the "State of the Safety Net Stakeholder Input Session"</li> <li>• Group provided suggestions of community needs and provided suggestions for improving services in the community.</li> <li>• Information gathered from today's HSCC meeting along with input from the CPAC and member advisory board meetings will be compiled and assessed to identify themes and priorities. Key findings will be shared with the Board of Supervisors.</li> <li>• Sherri Z. Heller, Director of DHHS and Paul Lake, Director of DHA will lead off the presentation at the workshop.</li> <li>• The Board of Supervisors will be turning to the HSCC for expertise.</li> </ul>
Department and First 5 Updates	<p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Paul Lake highlighted information from DHHS' report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHA has been approached by the city of Rancho Cordova to work with them on a Veteran's Village out at Mather. The plan is to provide 100 permanent support housing beds for homeless and disabled veterans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> Sherri Z. Heller highlighted information from DHHS' report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At David Mana-ay request, Sherri's had her remarks from the HSCC Work Plan Retreat transcribed and provided copies to the group.</li> <li>• DHHS and DHA are both currently recruiting for a Deputy Director, Human Services position. Sherri provided a handout of the job announcement with detailed information including the filing deadline, the position summary, minimum qualifications, benefits, salary range and the website address for applying. She also explained that she and Paul must hire from a Civil Services list, so whether someone is interested in a position now or in the future applicants must be on the list as they cannot hire from the outside. This list is open for another week. She encouraged everyone to circulate the flyer.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Toni Moore highlighted information from First 5's report provided in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacramento County Board of Supervisors review of First 5's Recommended Budget is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th at 11:30am.</li> <li>• Strategic planning is moving going well. The plan will be presented to their Commissioners for review and comments at the April 7 meeting and then it will be put before the Board of Supervisors for their review and comments.</li> </ul>
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Gary provided report included in meeting packet.</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still accepting applications for their Senior Volunteer Awards. If you have someone in mind email Gary. The awards will be presented at the May 13 Board of Supervisors meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Paul Tanner provided report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the request of the Board of Supervisors Chiefs of Staff, they have been working diligently to research articles and have put together an information sheet about the advantages, disadvantages, controversies, positives and negatives about E-Cigarettes. This will provide the Chiefs with all of the facts without making a specific policy recommendation.</li> <li>• Members of their board have been working with the County regarding the drug narcan, also known as naloxone. The drug is used to counter the effects of opioid overdose of not just heroin or morphine but that of oxycontin and vicodin (many times mixed with alcohol) overdose. Naloxone is specifically used to counteract life-threatening depression of the central nervous system and respiratory system. Access and availability to the drug is a problem right now but if more police and fire personnel along with family members and friends had access and training of the drug more lives could be saved from drug overdoses. At this time more people are dying from drug related overdoses than road accidents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie provided a report included in meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Disability Advisory Committee:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p>
Announcements/Public Comments	<p><b>Stephanie Biegler &amp; Gina Roberson, Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAPC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They would like the HSCC to keep in mind as they approach the Board of Supervisors at the workshop there are things that are working in the community right now and those things could be built and expanded on by being creative not necessarily with new funding but really working with the infrastructure that currently exists. Though they are with CAPC they represent a minimum of 7 contractors and other non-profit organizations and a lot of their services have been focused on children. They have been around since 1998 and through the work they have done in 9 neighborhoods in Sacramento County through the Family Resource Centers structure; they have expanded services and become trusted entities within the neighborhoods. Thanks to the funding through First 5 they are able to deliver services to families that have children 5 years of age and younger but, it is an infrastructure in communities where there are other needs from other populations. Families come with a whole host of needs, not just mental health, not just hunger issue, but they have tried to develop a continuum of services to meet those needs to get to the end of what can</li> </ul>

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	<p>change in families to help them stop coming into the resource centers. They would be happy to work with the HSCC in any way that they can to bring forward more awareness of what is going on in at least nine communities in Sacramento and they can be part of the solution with the HSCC on building on infrastructure that already exists.</p> <p><b>Paul Lake:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spread the word to friends and family that there are just 17days left for open enrollment for Covered California.</li></ul>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

The Department is looking at outstationing Veterans Claims Representatives (VCR) to better assist with outreach efforts and the submission of claims for the local veterans. Current plans call for VCRs in the near future to be at the County North Planning Office on the former McClellan AFB, now Lions Gate, and Mather Veterans Hospital a short time later.

We are continuing our efforts to focus on our customer service initiatives and working to ensure that our programs are meeting compliance requirements while still achieving the highest level of customer service.

This is the last month of enrollment for the Affordable Care Act. DHA will be open most Sundays and extended hours on Saturday matching the hours of Covered California. The department is still in the process of collecting data on the number of County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP) participants have requested and be approved for Medi-Cal. The expectation is that nearly all General Assistance (GA) recipients will be eligible for Medi-Cal and therefore not require CMISP services.

DHA continues to collaborate with Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) and currently in the process of making the final transfer of homeless programs from Sacramento County to SSF.

The Department along with other departments are in the process of submitting preliminary budgets for next fiscal year. We are hoping to expand our very successful Expanded Subsidized Employment program and a Family Stabilization program which will focus on enhanced services for those facing obstacles to employment.

Meetings scheduled with probation, sheriff and department on efforts for correctional health so that county cost for hospitalized inmates will shift from county cost to federal Medi-Cal if eligibility requirements are met.

We'll probably talk about preparation for the April 9 safety net workshop at the HSCC meeting, so I'll use this report to update you on budget matters.

We received prior-year 2011 realignment revenue that is useable in the protective services accounts. We are requesting to use it to fund 19 staff in Child Protective Services and 5 staff in Senior and Adult Services. The new CPS staff will help us cope with increased foster care placements and, in particular, delays in providing court reports. The additional staff in APS will fund a dedicated unit to investigate and intervene when there are financial abuses of older and dependent adults. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to act on these requests March 25.

Of course, we are still struggling to deal with the State's take-back of \$9.2M in public health realignment revenue. We think we can get through this year's medical treatment bills within the current-year budget, but we won't be able to fund enhancements to public health programs.

Next year (FY 2014-15), the public health realignment take-back by the State increases an additional \$13M. The premise is that counties won't need these funds because so many indigent persons will have become eligible for Medi-Cal. While we've been encouraged by the Medi-Cal sign-ups, we still estimate that we will have about \$9M in bills to pay to wind up claims for the LIHP program, so it looks like next year's budget will not see an opportunity to restore or initiate public health programs. Presumably, the LIHP wind-up will be a one-time obligation, and the realignment take-back will not increase again, so FY2015-16 may be the year when we can finally restore key public health items.

At Mr. Mana-ay's request, my remarks from the HSCC planning retreat have been transcribed. Let Jerri know if you'd like a copy.

See you soon.  
Sherri

**BUDGET ACTIVITIES**

**County Budget – The Commission’s Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget totals \$26.4 million. It has been reviewed by the Commission and will next be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.**

**State Budget - Staff continue to monitor the progress of SB 837 which provides transition kindergarten for all four year olds. We are also very interested in potential restorations to the Black Infant Health program.**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – March 3, 2014**

1. Brown Act Training
2. Review and comment on the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget
3. Annual review of the 2009 Strategic Plan
4. Affordable Care Act presentation
5. School Readiness presentation/Galt Union Elementary School District
6. Reconsideration of prior funding decision for cultural broker services related to the reduction of African American child deaths
7. Approval of contract amendments for the Birth & Beyond program

**HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – April 7, 2014**

1. Continuation - Reconsideration of prior funding decision for cultural broker services
2. Presentation – Vision to Learn
3. Review and comment on the 2015 Strategic Plan
4. Presentation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

**OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES**

1. Strategic planning – In February, staff conducted 11 community input meetings. Overall, community members were pleased with the wide arrange of services recommended. Identified gaps in services included affordable child care, transportation and the need to inform the community about the availability of services.

Non-profit founded 3 years ago at Stanford University to redistribute unused medicines to indigent patients. These medicines come from the surplus supply of pharmaceutical companies and health facilities and have been historically destroyed, but can now be donated due to the passing of SB 798 which allows medicine that meets certain criteria to be donated. Program originated in Santa Clara County but has potential to expand state-wide through mail order. Mr. Kircher discussed possibility of expanding to Sacramento County.

### Update on GAP Analysis presentation to the Board of Supervisors (Bob Ingols)

Scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. by David Feldstein.

### Chair's Discretion

- Commission's partnership with SMUD and the Community Housing and Services Coalition: discussion on if the CHSC partnership has been dropped by the commission as is now absent in the Policy and Procedures/Bylaws documents, and discussion on the definitive role of the commission – sponsor, partner or liaison. Clarification will be pursued and presented at the March meeting.
- Safety Net Workshop to be held by the Board of Supervisors, scheduled for April 9, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Presentation will be to present issues of safety net providers. Gary McDonald distributed a questionnaire to assist in compiling information to present effective and specific recommendations on how Board can assist safety net providers. Requested responses by next week.

### Committee Reports

- Gary Myerscough reported on Case Review, Committee reviewed 3 cases from APS and IHSS.
- PROE- Don Tuttle clarified who the members are who have been appointed to the committee. Gave a brief update on committee on Emergency Planning, and will submit report to Bob. Alex Eng reported on the Heroes of Human Services Award: plan is for Focal Point groups to provide nominees as well as nominees from the public. Hope to have candidates from each supervisorial district. Have requested a place on the Board of Supervisors agenda for their May 13 meeting.
- ROC- Lisa Risdal reported on the letters that were prepared for nearby mayors and community centers requesting ex-officio members or community members for appointment or attendance at the commission meetings. Finalized the Index or Outline of the New Commissioner Orientation Handbook (sent to Executive Committee).

### Focal Point reports

- Dec. Kelly reported on Mission Oaks in Carmichael. The senior center is very busy, active environment and schedules many activities for the seniors they serve.
- Regan Williams reported on Rancho Senior Center that the center is active and busy, and solicited their fundraising.



## **March 2014 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council**

### **Membership**

Potential new member interviewed by Chiefs.

### **CPS Oversight Committee**

Presented annual report to BOS

### **Children's Trust Fund Committee**

Delaying next RFP until Trust Fund is more solvent

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

Committee is exploring what next Report Card will look like

### **Other**

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

Ernie Brown

Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition