

# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes

April 10, 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), Robert Meagher, Matt Mengelkoch, Frank L. Topping, Reginald Williams, Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Paul Lake (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests – Toni Moore & Tammy Montgomery (First 5), Alan Lange (Community Link)

## Absent Members:

- Leoma Lee, Gary McDonald (Vice Chair), Paul Tanner, Chad Thompson

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Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Approval of March 13, 2014 Minutes	Approval of March 13, 2014 Minutes: Ernie 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>• Membership update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Dr. Robert Meagher's position as a PHAB rep on the HSCC was ratified on March 25.</li> <li>➢ HSCC now has at least one rep from each of the member advisory boards (MAB); for those with just one, Chair Avey encouraged the rep to reach out to their MAB to provide one more.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Follow up from the Qtrly meeting with the Chiefs of Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ HSCC work for the Safety Net Workshop was shared with the Chiefs.</li> <li>➢ Chief Mamie will get back with the HSCC with a date for the 2014 Heroes of Human Services Awards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Future presentations coming before the HSCC were discussed.</li> </ul>
Debrief the Safety Net Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debriefing of the Safety Net Workshop was had with the group.</li> <li>• A lot of education is still needed.</li> <li>• This is an opportunity for the HSCC to really make an effort to be active with the Board of Supervisors and the Chiefs of Staff to pass along more education through discussion, recommendations and follow up so that this stays at the fore front and does not become just an exercise that is done every so often.</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>• Paul/DHA (along with Sherri/DHHS) is putting together an update report on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to the Board of Supervisors. A copy of the report will be provided to the HSCC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> Sherri Z. Heller provided report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity for the County to opt into the IV-E Waiver. Title IV-E funds are used to pay for costs of a child in foster care. For the state wide plan change, it gives the flexibility to get the child welfare money in a block grant so it can be used to help families avoid having to put their children in Foster Care. Programmatically it is desirable but, arithmetically it will depend where they set the level of money. If they set it low and the case load of kids that actually leave foster care goes up we will not be able to afford the foster care and if they set it high and we manage to keep kids out of foster care we will have money to be flexible with. DHHS is doing the arithmetic analysis now to try to advise the Board of Supervisors as whether Sacramento should opt in or opt out.</li> </ul> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Toni Moore highlighted information from First 5's report that she provided in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Empowerment Annual Gala has been moved up to June this year and will be held on June 26. Toni will forward a flyer with more information about the Gala to group via Staff.</li> </ul>

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<p>Member Advisory Boards &amp; Community Member's Updates</p>	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Gary McDonald provided report included in meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey 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 Brown highlighted information from the report he provided in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At their last meeting Alan Lange attended and took down comments from the Coalition as they discussed the Safety Net.</li> <li>• Starting an active recruiting program to fill the many vacant seats on the Coalition.</li> <li>• The Report Card Committee is going to be renamed the "Policy Committee" because the Report Card as it has been in the past will gradually fade into nonexistence. Instead the committee each year will be dealing with one or two issues that may result in some policy suggestions.</li> <li>• The Children's Trust Fund Committee may wait a couple of years before going forward with their next RFP due to the fact that birth certificate revenue is down.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> David Mana-ay reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary focus of the Commission has been the Safety Net.</li> <li>• Presentations to the DAC: Primary Care just presented and next will be the County Veterans Service Office.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> Chad Thompson provided report included in meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> Dr. Robert Meagher reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) outreach.</li> <li>• Division of Public Health is working on getting voluntary accreditation.</li> <li>• They have had a couple of presentations on Opiate overdoses, a rapidly rising problem over past decade.</li> <li>• Receiving reports from a new committee that has been formed within the Division of Public Health which is looking at new approaches to reduce sexually transmitted diseases in Sacramento. There is a new program called "I Know" that was started in Los Angeles County where people can get testing kits for chlamydia and gonorrhea similar to pregnancy tests that can be done at home and then mailed into the county. If they come back positive, a person may get treatment for STD's without having to come into a clinic.</li> <li>• PHAB is deciding on what their recommendations are going to be to the Board of Supervisors on the "Don't Rush to Flush" program.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Community Member:</b> Natasha reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In May, the California Convergence will be lobbying for effective Bills that have to do with sugar tax and healthy food choices at the State Capital. Natasha will send an email with more information about the event via Staff.</li></ul>
Announcements/Public Comments	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

- End of enrollment for ACA on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Covered California has extended time for those who tried to enroll but were unsuccessful until April 15, 2014. DHA has greatly reduced the number of individuals on County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP). There was strong push to enroll as many of the General Assistance (GA) typically childless adults who became eligible under the expanded Medicaid off of CMISP and unto Medi-Cal.
- DHA looking forward to outstationing Veterans Claim Representative (VCR) staff at North Planning Office on the former McClellan AFB and in the future Mather Hospital. The staff will be at the locations from one day to a several days a week. Veterans Office is also looking into veteran ID cards and putting all paper case information into electronic format.
- Family Stabilization plan being submitted to California Department of Social Services (CDSS). A separate allocation or funding was allotted for counties to implement a Family Stabilization Program which will entail intensive case management on employment, working with families in the family homeless shelters, domestic violence and other barriers to employment.
- Request for Proposals for CalWORKs funding in the Family Emergency Shelters has been sent out and proposals due back on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

We're preparing for this week's "Safety Net" workshop. I look forward to debriefing with all of you when we are together on Thursday. I think the quality of what the HSCC pulled together for the workshop is impressive, and it's great news that the Board of Supervisors could count on you to represent the community of providers, advocates, consumers, and family. The exercise of focusing primarily on the issues surrounding homelessness has been particularly useful, as the connections between homelessness and mental health, child and senior abuse, alcohol and other drugs, and veterans' experiences have been clarified. The drug issue has become particularly salient for me: (a) the treatment world is changing dramatically because of Medi-Cal expansion; (b) it's clear that knowledge about how to access treatment is inadequate; (c) the connections between treatment effectiveness and availability of safe and sober housing need to be a lot clearer to decision-makers.

I've been focusing on raising the level of the conversation/debate about contentious issues.

- ✓ Example: Folks are frequently arguing about whether we need more hospital beds in this community for persons needing treatment of mental illness. Well, it's not just a yes-or-no question. We need more beds in facilities of 16 beds or fewer, which are Medi-Cal reimbursable, since most of the folks who have struggled to access needed treatment have become eligible for Medi-Cal. AND we need supportive housing for making in the community after the occasional need for hospitalization is over. DHHS is buying an 8-page supplement in Sacramento News and Review to try to raise the level of conversation about hospital beds.
- ✓ Example: We endure critical media coverage when CPS leaves a child with his parents, and the child is later hurt; and, we endure critical coverage when we take a child out of the custody of parents who appear to be struggling to do the right thing and protect their kids. We've been inviting reporters on "ride-alongs" with our social workers and trying other means of raising the level of conversation on this topic, too. For instance, when a mother has been a victim of domestic violence, how do we assess whether her ability to protect her child has been impaired? Or is taking custody more like blaming the victim?
- ✓ Example: Is homelessness a major issue for seniors? Or are seniors more likely to be facing hunger or going without medicine so as to protect their homes? Complicated, especially when seniors entrust their finances to people who take advantage of them.

I certainly appreciate having the various HHS advisory committees to turn to for advice on how to make these public conversations more productive.

Best,

## **BUDGET ACTIVITIES**

**County Budget** – The Commission's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget, totaling \$26.4 million, will be reviewed and commented upon by the Board of Supervisors on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

**State Budget** – We are looking forward to seeing if the Governor's May Revise Budget includes any funding for the expansion of transition kindergarten for four year olds.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – April 7, 2014**

1. Continuation - Reconsideration of prior funding decision for cultural broker services
2. Review and comment on the 2015 Strategic Plan
3. Presentation – Child Abuse Prevention Month
4. Public Hearing – First 5 California's Annual Report

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – June 2, 2014**

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget - \$26.4 million
2. Approval of the 2015 Strategic Plan
3. Presentation – Vision to Learn
4. Presentation – Kindergarten Readiness Fall 2013 Results

## **OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES**

1. On March 19<sup>th</sup> child advocates from around the state gathered at the State Capitol to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of First 5.
2. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, First 5 and the County Office of Education provided a presentation on the importance of early learning investments to the Workforce and Education Committee of the Metro Chamber of Commerce.
3. Commission staff has launched a home visitation collaborative group. Monthly meetings will occur on the third Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at First 5. Any organization providing home visitation services is welcome to join the group.

**PROGRAM REVIEW, OUTREACH, AND DEVELOPMENT (PROD) COMMITTEE  
HSCC report for PROD meeting date March 3, 2014**

**Updates:**

**Outstanding Senior Recognition event** –This event is now on the BOS agenda in Hearing room 1 for May 13, 2014 at 9:30 am. The Theme for the banner and certificates will be “Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow”. Arrangements, refreshments, certificates, banner, photographer, ushers, and other tasks were discussed and agreed upon.

**Status updates on POW-** Commissioner Tuttle gave an update on health services for the indigent.

Commissioner Baily gave updates on the SIRUM project.



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

### **Membership**

Potential new member to be interviewed by Chiefs.

### **CPS Oversight Committee**

Annual report to BOS prompted an article in the Bee

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

Briefed Chiefs on shortfall. CAPC wants more money.

### **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

**Sacramento County Mental Health Board**  
**Monthly Update Report for HSCC April Meeting**  
**Submitted by Chad Thompson**

- Continue to have Crisis intervention training (CIT) and all classes are full on a consistent basis.
- Bylaw revisions will begin soon.