

**Meeting Minutes**

June 12, 2014

**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, David Mana-ay (Secretary), Robert Meagher, Matt Mengelkoch, Paul Tanner, Frank L. Topping, Reginald Williams, Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-officio Members – Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS)
- Guests – Toni Moore (First 5), Michael Tateishi, Cathleen Williams

**Absent Members:**

- Gary McDonald (Vice Chair), Chad Thompson, Addie Ellis

# Human Services Coordinating Council

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Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
Approval of May 08, 2014 Minutes	Approval of May 08, 2014 Minutes: David Mana-ay moved to approve, Matt Mengelkoch seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<p><b>Melinda Avey - Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership - new applicant for Community Seat. Interview date with the Chiefs of Staff is pending.</li> <li>• Exec Committee members will be attending the Qtrly meeting with the Chiefs of Staff today at 2:30pm.</li> <li>• Chair provided copies of the updated 2014 HSCC Goals in which Addie Ellis edited the original four goals down to two from the suggestions made by members at last month's HSCC meeting. Chair asked the members to review the updated goals and be ready at the August meeting to discuss them further and choose which goal they would like to help with.</li> </ul>
Special Presentation: Safe Ground	<p>Cathleen Williams, providing a comprehensive overview of Safe Ground Sacramento. As part of the presentation she also provided and spoke about the following handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Homeward Street Journal</li> <li>❖ A Communal Commitment to End Hunger Event - "Farm to Every Fork" on Saturday, September 13, 2014</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation Q &amp; A and discussion ensued with the group. Visit the Safe Ground Sacramento website for more info: <a href="http://www.safegroundsac.org">http://www.safegroundsac.org</a></p>
Discussion on Next Steps – Safety Net Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Avey discussed the Sheriff's Department's May 13th presentation of the "Aggressive and Intrusive Solicitation Ordinance" to the Board of Supervisors and shared that when contacting the Sheriff's Department to see what type of panhandling solutions literature/pocket guides they will be distributing in Sacramento it was not known yet.</li> <li>• Gladys shared that outreach materials, developed by stakeholders, involved departments and the Department of Human Assistance will be used by the Sheriff and other departments to inform businesses and residents about the ordinance and the benefits of giving to non-profit organizations rather than to panhandlers. Information will also be distributed to panhandlers about the law and where to get resources.</li> <li>• Gladys Deloney provided a handout to the group showing the proposed initiatives and proposed funding that the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) have included in their budgets to support several initiatives directly related to the Safety Net needs as discussed in the April 9, 2014 Board of Supervisors workshop. Q &amp; A and discussion about information in the handout ensued with the group.</li> <li>• County Budget Hearings are scheduled for June 17-19. HSCC members were encouraged to attend the hearings.</li> </ul>
Department and First 5 Updates	<p><b>Countywide Services: No report.</b></p> <p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Gladys Deloney provided a report included in the meeting packet. In addition she provided a handout showing Safety-Net Services of DHA and DHHS which was discussed during the previous agenda item.</p>

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	<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>• DHHS' Budget presentation will be heard on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a.m.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sherri provided and spoke about several handouts. One describing what DHHS' budget hearings will be about. The second one described in detail the cuts that DHHS are making at the Primary Care Clinic due to the lessened demand of services at the County Pharmacy as a result of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The third was a copy of the Beilenson Notice which is an official notice of a Public Hearing whenever there is an elimination of and/or reductions in the level of medical services provided by the County.</li> <li>○ DHHS is working very hard not to lay off any employees but to find them positions within the County.</li> <li>○ Sherri also handed out a copy of the newspaper insert that DHHS prepared titled "Breaking the Cycle" "The Reality of Treating Mental Illness" that was included in the Sacramento Bee, Sacramento News and Review paper and will be in the Business Journal.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Toni Moore highlighted information from First 5's report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to keep a close eye on and involved in some statewide advocacy efforts around SB 837 which started out as transitional kindergarten for all four year olds and watered down to transitional kindergarten for low income children. Good news today from an article in the Sacramento Bee today that showed it "passed go" through the conference committee along with some other enhancements for child care. This is a big win and now the advocacy efforts will be focused on the Governor so hopefully he will not blue pencil it. In one advocacy letter their association was involved in putting together they had 200 different organizations sign which is a first time in this field that this many diverse organizations came together to support something.</li> <li>• Toni passed out invitations and spoke about the upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Empowerment Gala to be held on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
<p>Member Advisory Boards &amp; Community Member's Updates</p>	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> David Mana-ay reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gene Lozano is the new Chair and Chris Jensen is the new Vice Chair.</li> <li>• No meeting in July</li> <li>• Sherri Z. Heller, Director for DHHS and Lori Moss, Director for the Department of Community Development are ex-officio members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Community Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natasha Broadway</b> shared she will be hosting a radio show on a local FM station called "Sacramento Airs" put on by Sacramento Access, a non-profit, that uses radio, media and TV to get information out on what is going on in the community. She will be providing more details to the group at a later date.</li> </ul>
<p>Announcements/Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Announcement by Angelina Woodberry:</b> The Consumer Self Help Wellness &amp; Recovery Center currently located on Marconi Ave will be moving to Lincoln Village Drive off of Bradshaw Road.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcement by Toni Moore: 2-1-1 Sacramento, located at 2020 Hurley Way, Suite 420, is having an "Open House" today from 2-4pm.</li></ul>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

- New Director, Ann Edwards started on Monday, June 9, 2014. She was formerly the Director of DHHS, and the Chief Deputy of Countywide Services for Sacramento County and also former Director in Solano County. She comes to the Department with a wide breath of experience in social Service programs.
- Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the afternoon. DHA has no planned layoffs. The Department will be funding some Safety Net Services in the amount of \$250,000. Information regarding the budget is currently on line on the Sacramento County internet site.
- DHA is expecting to roll out its Expanded Subsidized Employment program in July. This will add additional subsidized slots to Welfare to Work participants in the Sacramento area.
- This year the Medi-Cal/CMISP/LIHP/ACA Division made history by planning for and successfully implementing the Affordable Care Act. During our first Open Enrollment period from October 1, 2014 through the extended date of April 30, 2014, staff received over 105,000 applications for Medi-Cal and Health Benefits Exchange programs. We overcame many challenges during this period and managed to exceed the performance measure of answering all calls within 30 seconds 80% of the time from the Covered California Service Center. On average, we answered our calls within 11 seconds with a service level of 93%. We successfully converted 12,649 Low Income Health Program (LIHP) customers to Medi-Cal on January 1, 2014. In September 2013 we had 14,245 eligibles for the County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP). As of this month there are 36 CMISP eligible customers. Staff has processed more than 73,000 applications to date. At the beginning of the open enrollment the Department had roughly 78,000 Medi-Cal cases, in a few months we took over 105,000 applications.
- DHA developed informational inserts for the Sacramento News and Review describing the services available at the County Veterans Service office located at 2007 19<sup>th</sup> St, Sacramento CA. We have also outstationed a Veterans Claim Representative at the North Service Center, 3331 Peacekeeper Way, Ste 200, McClellan, CA. We can also be reached by phone at 874-6811. I will have copies of our insert available at the meeting.

Our Department's budget hearing will be held in Board of Supervisors' chambers Wednesday June 18 at 9:30 a.m. The schedule include a "Beilenson hearing" to ensure that the public fully understands reductions in personnel and hours at the Primary Care Center associated with the major reductions in demand for the County to provide and pay for indigent medical care, based on the significant expansion of Medi-Cal eligibility. Prior to Affordable Care Act implementation, the County was responsible for providing healthcare to approximately 25,000 people (11,000 in Low Income Health Program and 14,000 in County Medically Indigent Services Program.) As of April 1, we are down to fewer than 100 enrolled, as the vast majority becomes eligible for Medi-Cal. As I've mentioned to you before, the State has reduced its payments of "Public Health Realignment" funds to counties, taking into account this huge change; for FY 2014-15, that will amount to a loss of over \$30M in State funds to Sacramento County. I'll explain more about the changes and answer questions when we're together for the HSCC meeting on Thursday. It's particularly important that everybody understands the difference between the CMISP service changes and the programs that will continue at the Primary Care Center without changes (such as Refugee Health Assessment, Healthcare for the Homeless, Integrated Behavioral Health and public health programs such as the chest/tuberculosis clinic.)

The recommended budget that will be discussed at the hearing includes maintenance of existing programs for most programs, including child protective services, adult protective services, and public health. The behavioral health division's budget includes growth in compliance/contract monitoring positions and in direct service positions that provide access to service for adults and children. It also includes the new initiatives for crisis services: navigators (at homeless services sites and hospital emergency rooms) and mobile crisis teams (partnering with law enforcement.)

We await news on the Title IV-E Waiver opportunity and on growth of protective services realignment funds before addressing many of the safety net items described in the recent Board safety net workshop, but news on those funding streams won't come until after adoption of the FY 2014-15 budget.

Sherri

## BUDGET ACTIVITIES

**County Budget** – The Commission approved the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 on June 2, 2014. The Budget totals \$26.4 million. The Board of Supervisors will begin budget hearings on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**State Budget** – The Governor's May Revise Budget did not include any funding for the expansion of transition kindergarten for four year olds; however, both the Assembly and the Senate are recommending expansion of transition kindergarten for low income four year olds. Advocacy efforts are now focused on persuading the Governor to include this in the budget.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – June 2, 2014

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Recommended Budget
2. Presentation – Vision to Learn
3. Presentation – Kindergarten Readiness Fall 2013 Results
4. Approval of the 2015 Strategic Plan
5. Cancellation of the July meeting

## HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – August 4, 2014

1. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Budget
2. Approval of the Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-15
3. Approval of the Evaluation Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-15

## OTHER FIRST 5 UPDATES

1. Paul Lake recently joined the Commission as a standing member representing the Countywide Services Agency.
2. Phillip Ung recently joined the First 5 Advisory Committee as the representative of the Children's Coalition.
3. Currently, the First 5 Advisory Committee has vacant slots for the following Boards and Commissions: Public Health Advisory Board, Mental Health Board and the Adult and Aging Commission. In addition, we are in the process of recruiting representatives for the following community seats: Faith Community, Children with Special Needs and Medical/Health Provider.
4. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, RSE (First 5's media consultant), launched a public education campaign aimed at promoting healthy pregnancies. The goal is to link pregnant African American mothers to available services in an effort to reduce child deaths.

- The Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Prevention Committee has been working with Alcohol and Drug Services on their three-year Prevention Strategic Plan, which has now been finalized.
- Our Treatment Committee has been following the ACA roll-out with respect to expanded Medi-Cal services that will now be available for substance abuse.
- Implementation of the electronic health records system for alcohol and drug services is almost complete.



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

### **Executive Committee**

Updating Bylaws. New member appointed by BOS.

### **CPS Oversight Committee**

Concerned about long wait times on calls to CPS and inaccurate dispositions.

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

State Trust Fund Bill changes to be heard in Senate committee later this month. Cannot issue an RFP for future contracts for at least a year or more until the reserves are built back up.

### **Policy and Advocacy Committee**

Committee is exploring where to concentrate advocacy.

### **Other**

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

Ernie Brown  
Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition