

# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015

### 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, Raymond Kemp, David Mana-ay, Len Marowitz, Gary McDonald, Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner, Frank L. Topping, Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS), Gladys Deloney (DHA)
- Guests – Michael Ballance, Erin Maurie

### Absent Members:

- Paul Lake (Ex-Officio)

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Welcome and Introductions	Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
Approval of February 19, 2015 Minutes	Approval of February 19, 2014 Minutes with correction: Robert Silva moved to approve, David Mana-ay seconded. Abstain: Len Marowitz Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exec Committee members will be meeting with the Chiefs of Staff at 2:30pm today for the Qtrly Briefing.</li> <li>• Chair Addie attended the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board meeting to share the HSCC 2015 goals. The Chair of the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board will attend a future HSCC meeting.</li> </ul>
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resignation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Community Member and current HSCC Secretary, Natasha Broadway, has resigned.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pending New Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Mental Health Board Reps on the HSCC: Len Marowitz and Tom Campbell are on the March 10th Board of Supervisors agenda for appointment.</li> <li>❖ Disability Advisory Commission Rep on the HSCC: Michael Ballance is on the March 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors agenda for appointment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the vacant Secretary position to please let her know. Vote by the HSCC will be on a future agenda.</li> <li>• David Mana-ay shared that he is unable to attend the Qtrly briefing with the Chiefs this afternoon.</li> <li>• Ernie Brown volunteered to attend the briefing with Chair Addie.</li> </ul>
Review HSCC 2015 Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair asked the group to break out into their "Break out Groups" to continue working on the Proposed Work Plans. The three groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Housing</li> <li>❖ Human Services Element (HS-9)</li> <li>❖ Safety Net</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chair called everyone back together and asked as they define their goal and determine specific action steps &amp; timelines to keep them "Smart" – <b>S</b>pecific, <b>M</b>easureable, <b>A</b>ttainable, <b>R</b>ealistic, &amp; <b>T</b>imely. Chair reminded the group that the role of the HSCC is that of an "Advisory" board to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, they are not to reinvent the wheel but to gather information and work on building collaborations in the community.</li> <li>• Work groups were asked to turn in their plans by April 1<sup>st</sup> in time for the executive committee meeting.</li> </ul>
Suggestions for Presentations to the HSCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following suggestions were given as presentation ideas members would like to have this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Ryan Loofbourrow/Sacramento Steps Forward, for a follow up from last year's presentation</li> <li>❖ Eduardo Ameneyro, new Division manager over Homeless Programs for DHA</li> <li>❖ Valley Vision</li> <li>❖ Peter Tateishi/Metro Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>❖ RT – expansion of Light rail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Volunteers of America</li> <li>• Gladys volunteered Eduardo to present on DHA's Homeless Programs in April enabling the HSCC to hear about the program prior to the May 5 Board of Supervisors workshop of Strategic Plan for addressing needs of homeless individuals in the County.</li> </ul>
Department and First 5 Commission Updates	<p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Gladys Deloney provided a report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gladys asked the HSCC to help spread the word about the Housing Support Program (HSP), which is a program offered for homeless families as a component of the CalWORKs program for CalWORKs recipients. Flyers to help publicize this program are being developed and will be available soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Toni Moore provided report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erin Maurie, attending for Toni Moore highlighted that their Advisory Committee has several vacancies.</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>• Sherri highlighted and discussed the information in her report regarding the planned "safety net" workshop being replaced by the following workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ March 18 - 2:00pm.m Workshop on health care for undocumented immigrants. (lead – DHHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Sherri will actually be doing the presentation not a consultant as listed in the report.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ March 24 - 10:30a.m. Update on mental health crisis service system (lead – DHHS)</li> <li>❖ April 7 - 2:15p.m. Addressing disproportionate African-American Child Deaths (lead – Probation)</li> <li>❖ May 5 – TBD does have a determined time; it is 2:00p.m. Presentation on Strategic Plan for addressing needs of homeless individuals (lead – DHA, with Sacramento Steps Forward).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Last year's workshop was liked; however, it covered so much territory it was hard to dive deep enough into any one subject therefore, breaking them up this year will be better.</li> <li>• MH Board had a special meeting last night and voted to endorse the presentation at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li> <li>• The presenting problem in mental health is an unintended consequence of the ACA and Medi-Cal expansion associated with health care reform. Three to five years ago the County did a deal with the psychiatric hospitals. If a Medi-Cal person was in the psychiatric hospitals overnight, the county would pay \$950 per night, if it was an indigent person with no health care coverage at all the hospital would provide it as charity care at its own expense which was a really good deal for the county when there were a lot of indigent people with no coverage but, on January 1, 2014 with the beginning of the ACA virtually everyone got Medi-cal so the entire inpatient mental health budget for the County was spent by the end of October due to people switching categories. Under federal rules you can't get federal Medi-cal reimbursement if you are in a mental health hospital with more than 16 beds.</li> <li>• Being out of money for inpatient, Sherri had to address the Board to ask for more authorization to spend money on inpatient care. The Board not wanting to have people in the hospital if they do not need to be and wondering why money is being spent hospitalizing people that do not need to be asked the question "Why can't we have better residential support, outpatient services and better crisis places for people to go? The Mental Health board and MHSA steering committee have been working on that question.</li> <li>• A coalition of hospital, EMS and fire people got together and are working on this issue and will come together on the 24<sup>th</sup> to present very significant proposals to change the mental health system to produce more alternatives to hospitalization when hospitalization is not necessary.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSCC members would like to have a role in the workshops. A couple of the members plan to attend the March 24 meeting to represent the HSCC in testimony sharing what was gathered from last year's visits to the CPACs. Including that neighborhoods want to support their own with resources/services and sharing that many folks with mental illness are discharged from the hospitals and go back to communities without services, without support and having residential homes with trained staff and support is preferred.</li> <li>• Intent of the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration project was to meet with the community to come up with recommendations to spend the additional \$4½ million dollars but with Foster Care over budget by \$9 million there is nothing to allocate therefore, the meeting was cancelled.</li> <li>• Foster Care - More kids are coming into foster care and staying longer; the 18-21 program is very popular. This is happening all around the country not just in Sacramento County.</li> </ul>
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> Gary McDonald provided report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey highlighted information provided in her report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many folks that are addicted smoke and many of the mentally ill smoke. Only 6% of people that try to quit smoking are successful and 1 in 5 people die from smoking.</li> </ul> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown highlighted the report he provided in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversight Committee Report will be not be presented later in April not on the 7th as listed in the report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> Frank Topping provided report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Mana-ay shared that Michael Balance was unanimously recommended by their Advisory Commission to be a rep on the HSCC and will be on the 3/24 Board of Supervisors agenda for appointment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p>
Public Comments	None
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned

## DHHS Report to Human Services Coordinating Council – March 2015

### Upcoming key events, Board of Supervisors meetings:

- March 18 2:00 p.m. Workshop on health care for undocumented immigrants (lead – DHHS) includes presentation from consultant on what it would cost for the County to provide health coverage beyond currently available, with options
- March 24 10:30 a.m. Update on mental health crisis service system (lead – DHHS) presents proposals for significant rebalancing of current service system toward more availability of crisis response outside of hospital setting, reduction in emergency room use, more access to more outpatient service options
- April 7 2:15 p.m. Addressing disproportionate African-American Child deaths (lead – Probation) includes new modes of serving probation youth, third-party homicide prevention, health programs (the DHHS part) and report of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African-American child deaths
- May 5 time TBD Presentation on Strategic Plan for addressing needs of homeless individuals (lead – DHA, with Sacramento Steps Forward) includes status of homeless in County, service needs, housing support and family stabilization programs (DHA), housing first/rapid re-housing approach, emergency shelter capacity, services to homeless veterans, job training, policy priorities

### No longer scheduled:

- Planned “safety net” workshop replaced by the workshops listed above
- March 11 community meeting on next steps for Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration project cancelled, due to increase in spending on foster care (to be clear, it’s just this meeting that’s cancelled, not the programs or services)

We should probably take some time to talk about these workshop/meeting changes on Thursday. I may be late to the HSCC meeting because I have to be at a meeting downtown until noon, but I will do my best to get to Marconi as soon as I can. I’d like to fill you in on the content, policy, and financial drivers on these issues, especially on the mental health workshop and the IV-E Waiver status. And we can brainstorm about the HSCC role in these meetings, given the replacement of the safety net workshop.

Sherri

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**Housing Support Program (HSP) – Program offered for Homeless Families**

Component of the CalWORKs program for CalWORKs recipients

- Eligible homeless families will receive:
  - Required move in costs such as security deposits, last month's rent, utilities deposits, utility arrearages needed to reinstate utility service and other required deposits
  - Up to 8 months of subsidized housing
  - At least 6 month of supportive services to assist them with finding and retaining permanent housing after the subsidy has ended
    - Identify barriers that could either prevent the family from obtaining housing or cause the family to lose housing.
    - Work with the family on identified barriers while rent is still being subsidized
- Family must pay their share of the rent and continue to work with a Case Manager to continue to be eligible for the program throughout the 8 months
- Shared housing is allowed.

**Child Support and CWDA Symposium on Children and Families**

- Symposium held Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> on the state of Children and Families. The Symposium dealt with the plight of children who are born into poverty and remain in poverty examining all of the efforts to reduce poverty in the US and California.
- Dr. Sherri Heller did an excellent job as the provocateur asking probing questions of the panelist and how do we move change forward.

**ACA/Medi-Cal**

- Continued efforts on pending cases from Affordable Care Act (ACA) Open Enrollment. The majority of cases qualify for Medi-Cal services. Open Enrollment was extended for those who may not have aware of the penalty for not being ensured.

**Homeless Programs**

- Eduardo Amenyro new Division Manager over Homeless Programs for DHA. Workshop will be held in May by the BOS to discuss homeless issues. A new Program Manager for DHA Homeless programs will be hired soon.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – March 2, 2015**

1. Review and comment on the Draft Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16
2. Presentation: Child Death Review Team Report for 2009-2012
3. Presentation: Maternal and Child Health Outcomes
4. Update on services to reduce African American child deaths
5. Approval to extend current contracts for two public education campaigns (healthy pregnancies and safe sleep) and cultural broker services provided by the Center for Community Health and Well Being

**HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING – April 6, 2015**

1. Approval of extended contracts:
  - Dental – DHHS Smile Keepers
  - Nutrition – DHHS WIC
  - Early Care – Child Action and SCOE
  - School Readiness – nine school districts
  - Effective Parenting – Birth & Beyond/Crisis Nursery
2. Presentation: First 5 California's Annual Report for Fiscal year 2013-14

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. Interviews for a Commissioner vacancy are underway. Nominations are scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Advisory Committee has several vacancies from the following Boards: Mental Health; Public Health; and, Adult and Aging. Additionally, we have opening for community members with expertise in the following areas: faith community; foster care; medical/health; and lactation services.

## Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Monthly Update Report for HSCC March Meeting

- The Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board is looking forward to a presentation at their March meeting on the Liquor License Application process in Sacramento County.
- In April, Robin Shakely from the DA's office will provide us with an update on the implementation of Proposition 47.
- Our treatment committee will explore the use of tobacco harm reduction in alcohol and drug treatment, and our prevention committee continues to follow-up on the prevention strategic plan.



## March 2015 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

### Executive Committee

New officers are: Chair-Rachel Raymond, Vice Chair-Kimberly McDaniel, Secretary - Angelina Woodberry. Members are contacting target potential members based on new priorities

### CPS Oversight Committee

Oversight Committee Report will be presented to Board of Supervisors on April 7 at 11am. Report is being drafted, will be shared with Michelle Callejas, then to Executive Committee for review, then to the County Executive and Board of Supervisors

### Children's Trust Fund Committee

Raymond met with Sherri Heller to discuss Children's Trust Fund and what would be needed to connect the CTF funding with the overall county budget process. DHHS has interest in stabilizing the CTF. Any DHHS investment would have to align with Title IV-E priorities and funds. Time available prevented a complete discussion, but Raymond and Heller will rescheduled to discuss further. It seems that the County thinks an increase in the birth certificate fees would be reasonable. It has been many years since an increase was made.

### Policy and Advocacy Committee

Committee received feedback from its campaign worksheet. Committee weighed all input, including from Chiefs of Staff, and agreed that the comprehensive framework was the best scenario to move forward. Importance of the Coalition was reiterated: Supervisors look to Coalition as the experts in the field; role needs to be taken very seriously. Coalition needs to use knowledge and data to form and articulately present positions.

Ernie Brown  
Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

County Of Sacramento -- Disability Advisory Commission  
Report to Human Services Coordinating Council  
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**At the March 3rd Disability Advisory Commission Meeting** the commission received an excellent overview of the Sacramento First 5 Commission/Advisory Committee and the expected role of the Disability Advisory Committee Liaison from First 5 Executive Director Toni Moore.

Cori Stillson and Cheryl Bennett of the Disability Compliance Office gave a report on the recent CA Department of Rehabilitation meeting and the advent of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) -- ways of possibly addressing were discussed.

Chris Jensen gave a report back on his leading the HSCC Retreat HS-9 breakout group.

David Mana-ay and Frank Topping gave reports on HSCC activities and it was related that they would collaborate on e-mail reports to the HSCC.

Possible topics for the April 7th meeting were discussed and **it was noted that Supervisor Patrick Kennedy will attend the April 7th meeting** having responded positively to our invitation.

**The Programs and Services Access Subcommittee (PSAS)** received excellent input from Sacramento County Sheriff's Department on accessibility for people with disabilities incarcerated in Sacramento County Main Jail in February -- they are reviewing input and exploring follow-up at the 3-10 PSAS meeting today at 2:30 and beginning a revisit of CALWORKS Employment Services Program accessibility concerns with a review of historical documents, program information, and HHS Office of Civil Rights Best Practice Guidelines.

**The Physical Access Subcommittee** received updates on Sacramento International Airport from Carl Mosher, Deputy Director, Facilities & Infrastructure. A report was also given on Paratransit Airport Stops by Paratransit admin personnel -- discussion ensued.

**The Housing Subcommittee** engaged it's 2015 Work Plan