

Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

March 09, 2017

Meeting Location

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

Facilitator: Robert Silva Jr. – Chair

Staffed by: Jerri Thompson

Meeting Attendees:

- HSCC Members – Melinda Avey, Ernie Brown, Addie Ellis, Florence Evans, Paula Green, Randy Hicks, Erica Jaramillo, Rosemary Jones, Raymond Kemp, Steve Orkand, Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons/Department Heads – Gladys Deloney (DHA), Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS), Julie Gallelo (First 5)
- Guests – Effie Ruggles, Celia Yniguez

Absent Members:

- Paul Lake (Ex-Officio), Sandra Jackson, Collette Johnson-Schulke, Leslie Julianel

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Approval of February 09, 2017 Minutes	Approval of February 09, 2017 Minutes: Randy Hicks moved to approve, Steve Orkand Seconded, Addie Ellis Abstained; Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Update: The Board of Supervisors (BOS), at a regular meeting held February 28, appointed Florence Evans as their representative to the HSCC. Also at the meeting the BOS reappointed Raymond Kemp to his Community Seat. • A new member orientation was held just prior to today's meeting. New members in attendance: Florence Evans, Erica Jaramillo, and Steve Orkand. • Upcoming Presentations: Uma Zykofsky from the Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Services Division was not able to present next month but is available in May so we will have Cindy Cavanagh switch from May to April. • Chair congratulated our own Addie Ellis as being one of nineteen women to be honored as one of the Girls on the Grid - Sacramento Women Making History 2017. Handouts of the article were provided to the group. Addie thanked the Chair and said a few words. • Chair asked for a volunteer to fill the open HSCC rep seat on First 5. Addie Ellis said that she is interested in volunteering for the seat and will get back with an answer.
Special Presentation: Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency	<p>Celia Yniguez, Senior Management Analyst, Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) presented as a report back from her August 2016 presentation. Handouts of the River District – Railyards Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan were provided to the group. Some highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief overview of the Choice Neighborhoods transformation plan was provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A planning grant was received from HUD to look at how SHRA could revitalize the Twin Rivers public housing site. It is 218-units of family housing located on 12th Street across the street from the Loaves and Fishes complex and was built in the 1940's. They have 7 years to spend the money. • SHRA has partnered/working with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ McCormick Salazar, a development partner who does this nationally. ▪ Urban Strategies which does the people side, looking at the human capital. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Residents may be displaced for at least three years ➢ Relocation strategies: Using the Public Housing Portfolio and HUD to provide temporary Housing Choice Vouchers ▪ City of Sacramento to look at how to improve the overall neighborhood. ▪ Working with RT to put in a new light rail station right across the street to improve access to services.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People: Active Case Management – Families experience self-determination, stability and upward mobility. One for one replacement - relocation consultants – project manager – two onsite case managers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 146 – Households in Case Management ▪ 390 – Residents in Case Management ▪ 140 – Household working on at lease on Family Development Plan ▪ 143 – Individuals working on at least on Individual Development Plan ▪ 528 – Total number of Twin Rivers residents • Twin Rivers School District is being very active with Urban Strategies and SHRA on how to improve the outcomes for the children. Knowing transportation is an issue they are having teachers come on site for parent teacher conferences. SHRA has an education liaison to work with the school district to work with individual children to make sure their needs are met. • Neighborhood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction was completed on Township 9 Park ▪ North 12th Complete Street, Phase 2: Project will include removing the western most car lane and converting it to a cycle track. ▪ Opportunity site acquisition: SHRA purchased vacant properties in Oct between Richards Blvd., Sproule Ave., and 16th Streets ▪ A New Fire Station 14 will be located on North B Street between North 14th Street and Ahern Street • Sacramento Promise Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small Business Development Working Group: Marketing & Communications Strategy Team ▪ Arts Strategic Planning Committee ▪ Community Nurse Corps (CNC) ▪ Summer Engineering Experience for Kids <p>Q & A ensued with the group.</p> <p>For more information on SHRA and the Upper Land Park Broadway Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan please visit the following links: www.shra.org and www.ULPBroadway.com</p>
HSCC 2017 Goal Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melinda Avey provided an update for the Safety Net Goal Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As of tonight they will have visited five Community Planning Advisory Councils (CPACs). Each visit has been a different experience. ▪ Melinda shared that a note taker was needed for the Rancho Cordova visit on March 16 and on March 22 for Consumes. Paul Tanner volunteered for March 16 and new member Florence Evans volunteered for March 22. ▪ Tonight’s visit will be for the Natomas CPAC; Robert and Melinda are schedule for the visit and they invited anyone who would like to attend the meeting or any of the upcoming meetings to do so. ▪ Melinda, Robert, and Steve shared some of their experience/information gathered from the CPACs

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	<p>they have already visited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Once all the CPACs have been visited the committee will put together a report that will be provided to the Board of Supervisors • Paula Green provided an update for the Heroes of Human Services Awards Goal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A hand out with a list of questions developed by their committee was provided to the group. The group was then asked to review the questions and pick their top 7. ▪ Sample flyers were passed around. Paula will be send staff an electronic version of the flyers and the questions so they may be forwarded to the group to review and vote on their favorites. ▪ Goal is to have a final list of questions and flyer ready to present at the Briefing with the Board of Supervisor Chiefs of Staff which is scheduled for April 27.
Department and First 5 Commission Updates	<p>Health and Human Services: Sherri Z. provided a report included in the meeting, highlighting some of the information and cautioned the group not to react to the headlines, because there are details underneath.</p> <p>Human Assistance: Gladys Deloney provided a report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Weather Respite Centers are now closed. They were able to serve 500 hundred people. <p>First 5 Commission: Julie Gallelo provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p>
Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p>Adult and Aging Commission: Leslie Julianel provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board: Paul Tanner provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Children's Coalition: Ernie Brown provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Disability Advisory Commission: Provided a report included in the meeting packet. Randy Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAC is looking at the County's entire Mental Health system under Olmstead. They are going to see if there is an Olmstead plan in effect, if is working, and what will be coming out of it. DAC will also be discussing the Napper v. County of Sacramento; it was a long time ago and they want to see what has happened since then to now. <p>Mental Health Advisory Board: Collette Johnson-Schulke provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Public Health Advisory Board: Paula Green provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Community Member Addie Ellis: She attended a meeting right before this one and a question came up regarding the marijuana industry "Is there going to be an impact mitigation fund developed that will assist the communities that will be impacted?" Sherri Z. Heller shared that Sacramento County will have its first reading of the pertinent ordinance on April 11 and it will address things like accessory building and what the rules are.</p>
Announcements	None
Public Comments	None
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

- I'm delighted to announce the appointment of Ruth MacKenzie as division manager for Senior and Adult Services.
- There's been a lot of discussion about the County's decision not to apply for participation in the Whole Person Care waiver. I don't usually feel the need to explain the reasons for not pursuing a specific grant, but in this case the City of Sacramento applied for the funding though the County did not. The DHHS recommendation to forego this one was based on the financial risk involved and the challenge of demonstrating improved health outcomes as a result of services addressing housing and homelessness. In exchange for fronting millions of local dollars, the Federal government would allow the County to claim partial Federal Medicaid reimbursement for services not currently claimable to Medicaid (such as navigators and help finding housing.) If the County demonstrates improved healthcare utilization and reduced healthcare spending, we could recover about half our costs. If we don't, then the County is at risk for all the cost. Any savings due to reduced healthcare costs would be for the Federal government, hospitals/healthcare providers, and managed care companies. Though we didn't pursue this opportunity, we have a great record on others (mobile crisis teams, navigators at hospital emergency departments and Loaves and Fishes, mental health urgent care center, crisis residential programs) and are in the hunt for more (expansion of mental health drug court, housing for individuals with mental illness, etc.)
- Apparently, we will learn details of Federal plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act this week. It seems likely that the future of Medicaid will be in the form of block grants to the States, instead of the current highly regulated program of entitlement/reimbursement. Of course, the devil is in the details. Will the Federal funds available to California be allocated on a per enrollee basis? Will there be increases as healthcare costs rise? Or will the Federal allocation be frozen at the level provided in a certain base year? Which year? A central dilemma facing California's MediCal program right now is *capacity* (providers available and accepting MediCal patients at MediCal rates), so the details about funds available to deal with this problem are crucial.
- State and county officials are negotiating for a solution to the \$600+ million burden that Governor Brown has transferred to counties, effective this coming July 1, for paying for In Home Support Services to older and vulnerable adults, in lieu of congregate care. This would eat up virtually all discretionary funds available to counties for everything, and county supervisors Statewide are up in arms. (For Sacramento County, the expense will be an additional \$30 million or so in the upcoming fiscal year.) So far, I am not encouraged by the content of the negotiations, because all the relief ideas put forward have to do with using State realignment funds that would otherwise go to counties for public health, primary health, and mental health. If you hear that the IHSS "problem" has been "solved," be sure to ask whether these other healthcare programs are going to bear the cost of the "solution."



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County Approves New Grant Program

📅 3/6/2017 📍 Economic Development, Community Planning, Agriculture



Sacramento County non-profits can apply for competitive grants through new program

Article Date: Monday, March 6, 2017

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a Competitive Grants Program that can provide up to \$1 million to local government entities and non-profit community organizations to address service needs.

Grants will be allocated through a competitive bid process, and community organizations must meet eligibility and funding requirements. **Proposals can be for any public purpose, other than those eligible for funding with the County's Social Services Realignment revenue.** Applications will be accepted online **beginning March 6** through the County's Office of Economic Development.

Funding for the program will come from County Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues. Transient Occupancy Taxes are levied on guests who occupy rooms in hotels, motels and other temporary lodging accommodations in the unincorporated area of the County.

The application process will be conducted annually, with awards for the upcoming fiscal year made prior to the adoption of that year's annual County budget.

2017 TOT Competitive Grant Program Application Deadline and Notification Dates:

Grant Application Period

March 6 - April 14, 2017

- All applications and documentation requested in announcement must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date.
- Online Applications Only: all applications are only accepted electronically: Apply online beginning March 6.
- Duplicate and incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Applicants will receive electronic receipt notification upon submission.

Grant Application Review Period

Initial Application Screening Period

April 17-28, 2017

- Economic Development will review all applications for completeness and compliance with minimum requirements necessary to qualify for grants.
- All applicants will be notified electronically if proposals meet the minimum qualifications. Qualifying organizations will receive the Board of Supervisors Hearing schedule where final recommendations and approval will be made in June 2017.

Application Review Committee Period

May 1-26, 2017

- Board of Supervisors and staff will evaluate all qualifying applications and may contact organizations with follow-up questions.

Grant Program Hearing Notification

May 29-June 2, 2017

- Applicants will receive a second notification electronically of schedule for the Board of Supervisors Hearing where award selections for the TOT Grant Program will be made.

Grantee Award Approval

June 2017

- The Board of Supervisors will make the final determination and approval for all TOT Grant Program recipients.
- Economic Development will notify applicants of funding selections within 5 business days of Board Hearing approval. All notifications will be made electronically.

Grantee Award Agreement Period

- Economic Development will draft and administer agreements between the County and grantees.

For more information about the grant program, visit the TOT Grant Program website.

Contact Info:

Contact: Kim Nava, Sacramento County Communication and Media, (916) 874-5001



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REALIGNED PROGRAMS

Health

- California Children's Services (CCS). The CCS program provides medical diagnosis, treatment, and therapy to financially eligible children with specific chronic medical conditions.

Public Health:

- AB 8 County Health Services. This group of services reflects 1979 legislation (AB 8, Greene), in which counties received state funds for county health services and matched state funds with their own general purpose revenues for the same purpose. The state funding could be used for public health, and inpatient or outpatient medical care at the discretion of each county. Public health activities were broadly defined to include personal health programs, such as immunizations and public health nursing, as well as environmental health programs and administration. Inpatient and outpatient services included but were not limited to indigent medical care.
- Local Health Services. The LHS Program provided state public health staff to small rural counties.

Indigent Health:

- Medically Indigent Services Program. The MISIP was a state fund source for larger counties to support the cost of medical services for persons not eligible for Medi-Cal and who had no source of payment for their care.
- County Medical Services Program. The CMSP provides medical and dental care to low-income, medically indigent adults in smaller counties. These counties contract with the state to administer the program.

Mental Health

- Community-based mental health programs. These services, which are administered by county departments of mental health, include short- and long-term treatment, case management, and other services to seriously mentally ill children and adults.
- State hospital services for county patients. The state hospitals, administered by the state Department of Mental Health (DMH), provide inpatient care to seriously mentally ill persons placed by counties, the courts, and other state departments.
- Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs). The IMDs, administered by independent contractors, generally provide short-term nursing level care to the seriously mentally ill.

Social Services

- CalWORKs
- Foster Care
- Child Welfare Services (CWS). The CWS program provides ongoing services to abused and neglected children and children in foster care and their families.
- Adoptions Assistance Programs. The Adoption Assistance Program provides grants to parents who adopt children with special needs. The grant levels, which vary by age, conform to foster family home rates until the adopted child is 18 or 21 years of age.
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS). The IHSS program provides various services to eligible aged, blind, and disabled persons who are unable to remain safely in their own homes without such services.

**DHA Report to
Human Services Coordinating Council
Thursday, March 9, 2017**

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Collaborative Learning Session – San Diego, CA. Sacramento participated in the Learning Session with Orange and Riverside Counties. There were other county and State teams from New Jersey and North Carolina. California Department of Social Services (CDSS) was also in attendance representing California. North Carolina has 100 counties as compared to California's 58. DHA went over our PDSAs (Plan-Do-Study-Act) Reports. We have about seven PDSAs but we concentrated on improving the Application Registration process by having customers write down the people living in the home. This will be tested at one or two locations before being fully implemented. The document will be laminated and will be able to be erased after entry made by Clerical staff into CalWIN (automated eligibility system). The other PDSA that we went over was a revised appointment letter for Renewals which are by done by telephone. The document was re-formatted to show clearly appointment is by **phone** and edited with suggested changes from customers. The document will be on yellow or bright paper.
- Mustard Seed – Staff from our Research Drive office continue to go to Mustard Seed (Loaves & Fishes School for homeless children) two times a week to evaluate families for CalWORKs and Homeless programs. Originally there were 11 families, now there are 22. Thirteen families have found housing. Twelve are in hotels and two are not housed and not receiving motel vouchers
- Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) under Administration for Children and Families (ACF) concluded. The audit appeared to go well ending with a town hall with a panel from ACF. All agencies agree that Sacramento has done well in bringing in all of the stakeholders with the administrative agencies to work towards solutions.
- DHA staff an Align Capital Region presentation on the evening of 2/15. The goal of the organization is to bring community partners together to support individuals in achieving successful outcomes for individuals in the community, touching lives from pre-school age children through adulthood. This organization is supported by many community partners, including Sacramento County Supervisor Kennedy, and the Sacramento Chapter is headed by former state senator, Deborah Ortiz, now Chair of the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees. (Here is a link to a brief PowerPoint regarding the mission of the local chapter:
<http://www.losrios.edu/board-of-trustees/media/others/2017/AlignCapRegion-1-11.pdf>)
- The CalWORKs homeless staff continues to issue large numbers of Temporary Homeless Assistance (THA) and Permanent Housing Assistance (PHA). There were 29 families housed through the Housing Support Program (HSP) in January. In January, HSP paid out \$65,960 in motel stays serving an average of 35 households per night.

Background

Recent State changes in CalWORKs homeless programs provide significantly more assistance to help homeless families return to permanent housing more quickly or avoid entering homelessness altogether. This support includes the CalWORKs Housing Support Program and the removal of once-in-a-lifetime limitations on the Permanent Homeless Assistance (PHA), which can assist eligible families with move-in costs and up to two months of rent to prevent an eviction, as well as the Temporary Homeless Assistance (THA), which can provide cash aid for up to sixteen consecutive nights of shelter. The availability of these supports will reduce the number of families seeking emergency shelter and the impending term of existing emergency shelter contracts provides the perfect opportunity to carefully plan a redesign of emergency shelter services. Recognizing one provider under current shelter contracts operates as a transitional housing program with an emphasis on employment and training, the redesign should also consider the role of non-shelter programs to meet the needs of families' at-risk or experiencing homelessness.

County Initiative

The County seeks a collaborative approach with a shelter provider(s) to ensure that families can more easily find a safe place to live while they connect with services that help them stabilize into permanent housing. Sheltering expectations would include:

- Prioritizing literally homeless families;
- Focusing services on safe shelter accommodations and re-housing;
- Improving access to homeless families through reduced entry requirements and greater accommodation of families with complex needs; and
- Offering diversion services so families can keep their existing housing and avoid homelessness.

Initiative Objectives

- Decrease the number of families forced to live on the street or in their cars;
- Help families in emergency shelters return to permanent housing and stability as quickly possible;
- Help unstably housed families who are at imminent risk avoid homelessness; and
- Help more families avoid or exit homelessness, including those with high barriers and who are not being served in the existing shelter system.

Questions for Stakeholders

- How do families you work with access existing emergency shelter services? What barriers exist that prevent them from accessing emergency shelter?
- Should emergency family shelters prioritize literally homeless families?
- Which diversion services would help families avoid homelessness altogether?
- What role does transitional housing have in potentially serving this population?

Background

In recent years, HUD has prioritized federal Continuum of Care funding for permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing projects. While not completely prohibiting transitional housing, HUD has encouraged communities to analyze its role within the context of local need and resources. When it is included as part of the community's response, HUD suggests ways to strengthen targeting so it is efficiently and effectively utilized for populations that require and desire temporary intensive supports to improve long-term independence and stability. This may include persons fleeing domestic violence, transition age youth, and those in the early stages of recovery.

In 2016, the Sacramento Continuum of Care elected not to include the Mather Community Campus (MCC) in its HUD application resulting in an approximately \$2.5 million dollars shortfall in annual funding as of September 2017. Operating since 1996, the HUD MCC project includes residential units for 183 individuals and approximately 28 families, who receive employment services prior to entering permanent housing (79% exit rate in 2015). Approximately 330 individuals were served in this program in 2016. In recent years, MCC has been reducing length of stay while still successfully exiting participants, with 266 days the average length of stay in 2016.

In addition to the HUD MCC program, Volunteers of America operates the following at MCC:

- Adolfo Transitional Housing Program for former foster youth in 48 residential units;
- Options for Recovery Sober Living Program for pregnant or parenting women in 12 family units;
- CalWORKs Sober Living Program in 18 family units; and
- Nonresidential programs including Supportive Services for Veteran Families; Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program; and the Subsidized Training and Employment program. VOA is currently engaged with over 200 businesses through its MCC programs.

MCC is unique in that the federal conveyances of the property to the County restrict future use to homeless populations. Additionally, most of the units are configured without kitchens making transitional housing (or short-term housing) the only viable use for most of this property. In 2016, MCC received referrals from the coordinated entry and adopted policies consistent with housing first in recovery housing.

County Initiative

The County is exploring ongoing financial support to continue the residential and non-residential operations of MCC for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. To the maximum extent possible, leveraging federal and state resources would be goal; however, it is anticipated that ongoing local support will be required.

Initiative Objectives

- Preserve MCC for homeless families and individuals who choose a supportive transitional housing environment providing services prior to entering permanent housing;
- Increase employment/income of participants and stable exits to permanent housing;
- Continuously evaluate role and contribution of MCC residential, employment and recovery resources on ending homelessness given needs and resources throughout the continuum of care.

Questions for Stakeholders

- Given the physical constraints of most of the MCC housing units, how could continued operations at MCC best serve Sacramento's homeless population?

- What population target would best be served at MCC?
- How could MCC employment services be leveraged more broadly?

Background

In an ideal world, shelters would be available to all people seeking an alternative to sleeping on the street. Unfortunately, according to the 2015 Point-in-Time Count of, over 900 individuals, primarily in households without children, were unsheltered. There are a variety of reasons why some individuals may never or no longer use traditional shelters. The three “P”s - pets, partners and possessions - often make accessing traditional shelters a challenge as people have to give up something important to them in exchange for a place to rest their head. Similarly, persons living in encampments may be reluctant to leave these social ties. In its survey of clients, the San Francisco Navigation Center found other common reasons for not using shelters included previous negative experiences and the perception that shelters gave little or no hope of being connected to housing. However, without the safety, security and assistance with basic needs of a shelter, it is that much more challenging to connect to services and pursue permanent housing.

County Initiative

The County proposes to collaborate with a local provider in opening a 24-hour, low-barrier Triage/Housing Navigation Shelter designed to shelter and rapidly house persons who are difficult to serve in traditional shelters or services. It is anticipated that the shelter will offer dormitory accommodations for 75 clients, their partners, pets and possessions, and include meals, showers and laundry facilities. Employing a welcoming environment of encouragement and support, the shelter would accommodate people who have behavioral health issues or other material and psychological barriers to engagement in shelter and services. Stable exits would be the primary objective and on-site case management would focus from day one on connecting participants to stable income, public benefits and permanent housing as well as to essential health services. Clients will not self-refer to the shelter; rather, designated referral agencies (such as law enforcement and outreach workers) would refer to the shelter utilizing objective referral criteria.

Initiative Objectives

- Increase accessibility to shelter and re-housing services for Sacramento’s difficult to serve population who are unable to access existing services;
- Rapidly connect clients with stable housing outcomes and long-term stability;
- Improve benefits connections and retentions; and
- Spread lessons learned throughout the shelter system.

Questions for Stakeholders

- What criteria should be used by agencies referring clients?
- What supports are necessary to assist the target population in engaging in services and securing permanent housing?
- What are the most important considerations for siting the Triage Shelter?

Background

For some individuals and families experiencing long term homelessness, extraordinary engagement and support is needed to build trust and help them transition to permanent housing and to maintain long-term housing stability. Many of these persons have lost hope in a system that is impossible to navigate and does not offer a concrete pathway to a home, regardless of history or current challenges.

County Initiative

The County is proposing to create a new Flexible Supportive Re-housing Program that would provide highly flexible re-housing and stabilization services to persons who have experienced long-term homelessness, typically persons with complex health and behavioral health conditions. The program would fund two kinds of services- intensive case management services and housing related services (including securing housing and rental subsidy) to assist the target population secure quality affordable housing with ongoing supports.

Initiative Objectives

- Proactively identify persons experiencing long-term homelessness who interact repeatedly within multiple county systems of care and require intensive services to exit homelessness;
- Deliver high quality intensive case management and wrap around services to support participant's transition from homelessness to long-term success in permanent housing. Services will be flexible, individualized and ongoing, but may be stepped down over time;
- Secure housing for participants. Proactively develop a broad range of housing including: nonprofit owned housing, master leased buildings, scattered site housing, private market housing, and roommate/shared housing for participants. Work with owners to incentivize placement through a variety of financial and other incentives. Assist clients with ongoing relationships with owners and in maintaining housing;
- Through a flexible subsidy pool that includes both traditional vouchers and more flexible rental funds, provide ongoing rental assistance for as long as needed;
- Improve health, behavioral health and housing outcomes for participants;
- Reduce inappropriate use of expensive public and private resources;
- Build capacity and deepen collaboration among provider and county services to meet the needs of this population; and
- Create a re-housing "infrastructure" that can expand with new resources for high need populations, such as State competitive funding for child welfare families in Bringing Families Home.

Questions for Stakeholders

- What kind of staffing and credentials are needed for outreach, engagement and case management?
- What is existing capacity within organizations to serve folks no matter their challenges? What kind of training would be helpful?
- What strategies or practices have been effective in moving a difficult to reach population into permanent housing stability?

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
Human Services Coordinating Council Update
March 2017

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – March 6, 2017

- Review and Comment on 2018 Strategic Plan
- Presentation: FY15-16 Evaluation Report

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING – April 3, 2017

- Approval of Community Building Grants
- Public Hearing: First 5 CA Annual Report for FY15-16

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dental Transformation Initiative Grant

Sacramento County, in partnership with Amador County, was awarded funding from the CA Department of Health Care Services for a Local Dental Pilot Project (LDPP). Sacramento County was one of 15 awards in the state. Our LDPP is entitled *Every Smile Counts!* and will be implemented by the Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS), in partnership with First 5 Sacramento. Several staff will be located at the First 5 offices and will work alongside the First 5 team. The goal of the grant is to improve access to oral health services for children on Denti-Cal. Sacramento's strategy is to use a three pronged approach including 1) Virtual Dental Homes, 2) Medical-Dental partnerships and 3) Training and education for service providers to incorporate a dental component when providing other services for families/children.

Continuing Steps- Putting Kids First: A First 5 Sacramento Convening

In order to build on the momentum from the First 5 Convening, staff continues to engage in efforts to Put Kids First and share information on First 5's declining revenues. The latest activity includes a photo in N Magazine (Natomas) highlighting the event. The shot includes Natomas residents Chair Serna, Kerri Aiello and Erin Maurie. The monthly magazine is delivered to thousands of Natomas residents. Additionally, an e-blast to First 5 advocates and community leaders about the release of the Future of First 5 Video received overwhelming positive feedback and the You Tube views are close to 200 and counting. The video was also shared in the First 5 Association's weekly e-blast. Staff are meeting with Children Now to receive technical assistance in how best to follow up with school districts. The goal is to encourage the inclusion of early learning into every district's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and, subsequently, to encourage funding for early learning is allocated through each district's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding stream.

First 5 CA Media Campaign

Building upon the Talk Read Sing campaign, First 5 CA launched a year-long state wide multimedia campaign. In the Sacramento market, you will hear the new ‘Smarter Birds’ campaign alternating from TV (all English networks, Spanish, and Public TV), radio, digital and social media. First 5 CA is also working with our partner Crossing TV to provide Asian language coverage in LA, SF and the central valley.

Pride and Joy Baby Shower

- Total Estimated Attendance: 232 and Total Pregnant Women & New Moms: 115.
- With promotion on Fox 40, Ch. 31/13, Ch. 10 and KSFM 102.5 radio, there were 65 onsite registrations.
- We had activities such as ‘guess how many safety pins’ ‘what’s in the bag’ ‘design a bib’ and face painting. Approximately 40 raffle prizes were given away that included infant starter kits, diaper cakes, wipes and breast pump.
- To enter into a raffle, parents had to meet with community resource partners to complete a ‘resource card’, thereby gaining knowledge of the services available to them.

Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board - Report for March 2017

A Board committee is looking into how science-based nutrition can benefit clients in methamphetamine treatment. One approach might be to replicate part of the Adult Drug Court's former effort -- before deep budget cuts eliminated it a few years ago -- that helped retain clients, demonstrating high graduation rates. This could be through a pilot program at some residential treatment.

Due to the way it has been collected, County data vastly understate the powerful effect of alcohol on domestic violence.

Re prevention, alcohol use surveys are being completed in some schools to lay the foundation for a "social norm" campaign against underage alcohol use. "Family Matters" trainings are being held for agencies and community leaders. The 20th annual "Club Live" lip syncing contest will be March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Crest Theatre. The Sacramento County Office of Education will kick off its "Talk They Hear You" campaign on April 6.

Sacramento Adult and Aging Commission
Monthly Report to the HSCC
March 2017

February's Commission meeting was a round table discussion with Supervisor Nottoli. His input was extremely valuable in helping us address and prioritize a number of issues the Commission identified in our January meeting. Issues discussed were:

- More Dementia Training for APS, Hospital Staff, Paramedics, and Police

Commissioner Simon shared her recent attendance at a Cops and Coffee event in District 2 with City police. Police are trained to handle violent people but not people in hospitals or people with dementia. The police were receptive to receiving more training on dealing with people with dementia. Supervisor Nottoli suggested the Commission contact various leaders in the community and cross-jurisdictional training would help to build bridges between groups.

- Adult and Aging LGBT Office of Advocacy

Commissioner Perry explained that seniors in the LGBT community need a resource that advocates on their behalf. Many of these seniors have never come out of the closet or do not have families to care for them. Many in the non LGBT community do not understand the thought process of seniors in the LGBT community and their unique needs. Many services offered to seniors are not oriented towards this population. To address these types of issues, in 2012 San Francisco opened an Office of Advocacy for LGBT seniors. Supervisor Nottoli suggested we have a working committee and bring in key members of the county from DHHS and CALA. We might start with addressing the language used in County literature. Another focus point could be training in government departments. He also noted that the County has contracts with a variety of service providers who could help reach this population.

- Community Senior Advocacy Program linked to police, fire department and other city authorities

Commissioner Dodgson shared her experience participating in a senior advocacy program in Colorado Springs. It was an all-volunteer program that paired citizens with seniors in a problem situation. The volunteers were trained, received background checks and were recognized by city authorities as advocates for particular seniors. Supervisor Nottoli suggested we may want to include this topic in with the dementia training proposed above. We could also bring in mental health experts to help. It's possible that some aspects of this service are already included or could be incorporated into existing County services such as the chaplain program or social service programs.

- Physical County Resource Center

Commissioner Schleeter shared that when she tells people about existing services available to seniors, they are often surprised. Since many seniors do not use the Internet to find information, the Commission discussed the need for a physical resource center(s) where seniors can get information about existing services. Supervisor Nottoli suggested libraries might be a good place to offer information and suggested we contact the County Librarian, Rivka Sauce. In addition to public libraries, schools and university libraries may be another option. Other county facilities might also be places to offer information. Information could be given to 211 since they are a known resource center, have staff and infrastructure, and can be accessed by phone 24/7. Many counties are creating Adult Aging Resource Centers (ADRCs).

- Family-Oriented Community Center Housed at Public Schools

Commissioner Marshal shared his experience with the intergenerational school curriculum in Flint, Michigan. The program was open 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., six or seven days a week. It was a gathering place for all ages and helped reduce many social problems. Supervisor Nottoli did not know if the Family Resource Centers offered programs that included seniors and suggested the AAC investigate these programs.

- Services for Seniors Who Have Been Affected by Financial Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Perry observed that based on personal experience, trying to report and seek compensation for fraud is complex and confusing. Unless a crime is committed on a large scale, it is not likely that officials will get involved. A lot of the help offered by the state is theoretical and does not exist in practice. Supervisor Nottoli suggested that the Commission invite the District Attorney to talk about the state's financial crime program. He stated that if we want safety to be a priority for the state, citizens need to advocate for it. It was also suggested to ask McGeorge School of Law if they offer a service to the community. Senior fraud could also be a topic for a PSA.

Supervisor Nottoli encouraged the AAC to review what was discussed at the meeting, propose action plans to the supervisors including funds necessary to pay for our initiatives. Supervisor Nottoli is currently the chair of the supervisors and has requested that his assistant, Cheryl Vanegas, attend our Commission meetings.

March 2017 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

Executive Committee and General Meeting

- The new officers for this year are Mel Knox as Chair, Dimitrius Stone as Vice Chair, and Ernie Brown as Secretary
- Executive Committee representatives met with the Chiefs of Staff on January 12, 2017. Information on the work of the committees and current Children's Coalition business was relayed.
- SCCC members discussed small projects they would like to begin working on. Time will be allotted for breakout sessions to work on these projects in future meetings.
 - Planning of a "Parental Alienation Awareness" community education campaign
 - Establishing of a communications plan for the Children's Coalition, utilizing social media and other outlets
 - Resurrection of Children's Coalition Annual Report of Activities

System Oversight Committee

- The committee finalized their first draft of the 2017 Annual Report. The draft will be submitted to CPS for review this week and CPS will respond with any feedback by March 1, 2017. The draft report will be sent to SCCC members for review and approval at the March SCCC General Meeting.
- The committee also discussed their work plan for the coming year.
- The new DHHS Ombudsman will attend the March meeting and will speak about her work.

Children's Trust Fund Committee

- The committee will meet again on April 19, 2017.

Policy and Advocacy Committee.

- The CPS Oversight Committee reviewed the P&A Committee's report and recommendations on issues related to Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) and opted not to include it in their 2016 Annual Report. They appreciated the information gleaned from the report and will follow Sacramento County's implementation of CCR. They may consider featuring it in their next Annual Report.
- The P&A committee will explore other ways to communicate the report and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and will report back to the SCCC with an alternate plan of action.
- To wrap up their 2016 Work Plan, the P&A Committee will compile the information gathered about the Sacramento landscape of life-skills services available to Transition Age Youth (TAY), analyze it, and possibly make recommendations based on their assessment.

Ernie Brown, Member, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

DAC Work Plan 2017

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- 1) Recruitment to fill vacancies
- 2) ADA Transition Plan and Self Evaluation, funding and support
- 3) Introduction to new County Supervisor/County Executive
- 4) Learn more about updates to 311
- 5) Office of Emergency Services Evacuation Plan Update
- 6) Urgent and Emergency Issues, as warranted

Programs and Services Access Subcommittee

- 1) Review Departmental Policies Regarding Access and Accommodations
 - Assessor's Office
 - Behavioral Health Admissions Policy
 - Airport – Request for Accommodation Process
 - DHHS – Olmstead Plan
 - Other Departments as needed
- 2) Sheriff's Office – Jail ADA Transition Plan
- 3) DHA Civil Rights Office – state review process
- 4) Board of Supervisors - Access to Meetings, Agendas, and Associated Documents
- 5) Review 311, Accessibility of Process and Dissemination of Access Information

Housing Subcommittee

- 1) Housing Trust Fund (Boomerang Funds) – Leverage for Bonds
- 2) Rental Housing Inspection Program – Explore potential for addressing accessibility in rental housing (Fair Housing)
- 3) Seattle Homeless Programs – evaluate for recommendations locally
- 4) American River Parkway – sustainable solutions to address homelessness
- 5) SHRA Accessible Housing Stock, Turnover Vouchers/Waitlist Triage, other topics as appropriate

Physical Access Subcommittee

- 1) Zoning Code and associated documents
- 2) Streets and Sidewalk Improvement Standards
- 3) Airport ADA Modifications
- 4) Accessible Parking at 7th St. Public Garage
- 5) Voting Access

Mental Health Board

- Two Crisis Residential Programs, including the one for Transition Age Youth have identified sites and are in planning process.
- The Mental Health Court Grant funded by Proposition 47 has been submitted to the Board of State Community Corrections
- Mental Health Triage/Peer Navigator Presentations
 - Between August 2015 and August 2016, 8 sites have been established :
Loaves and Fishes, Sutter Medical Center, Main Jail, UC Davis Hospital, Mercy General Hospital, Methodist Hospital, Mercy San Juan, and Kaiser South.
 - Program is staffed with clinicians and peer monitors. 5 peer mentors follow clients for 60 days
 - There have been 1067 admissions to the program with 862 completed screening, 74 percent
 - 32 percent are linked to Sacramento County Mental Health Services
 - Only 3.2 percent of clients experiences psychiatric hospitalization post Triage Navigator Discharge

Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)
Monthly Activity Report
 Prepared for: Sacramento County
 Human Services Coordinating Council

- I. Primary Care Division:
- Currently have 438K enrolled in Medi-cal Managed
 - Care Coordinating workgroup is looking at high utilizers and working towards goals to improve the coordination of care with the high utilizers. Workgroup is working on a release form that will be helpful in this coordination across all systems
 - Healthy Partners continues at full capacity with 300 on wait list
 - Presentation of 2 documents available on the web: 1) Uncertain ACA and landscape from the legislative analyst office in Feb 2017 2) Kaiser paper on future directions on ACA, What are the opinions of people? Feb 2017.
 - No report on ACA direction. First we need to see what the Federal government will do then see what the State government will do.
- II. Guest Speaker: Uma Zykofsky LCSW Behavioral Health Director; Division of Behavioral Health Services
- Currently provide services in Cantonese, English, Hmong, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese
 - Alcohol and Drug Services: Fiscal year budget 2015-16 41,051,121 and has 20 contracted providers and 6, 514 admissions. Services include: prevention, outpatient, residential treatment, medication-assisted treatment, detox, sober living, perinatal, DUI programs, specialty courts and drug diversion
 - Entry points for alcohol and drug treatment services includes: System of care, Sac. Co. Jail, Probation department, Primary Care Center, Guest House Homeless Clinic, Juvenile Court
 - Alcohol and Drug System Improvements: Increased assessment and referral access points, increased service capacity and drug court expansion.
 - Mental Health Services: Fiscal year budget 2015-16 248,583,248 and has 95 contracted and county operated service providers and 31,822 people served. Services include: Prevention and early intervention services, early childhood mental health services, outpatient services, crisis intervention and stabilization, residential services, inpatient psychiatric hospitalization
 - Entry points for mental health services includes: Mental health access team, intake stabilization unit, mobile crisis support teams, community support team, mental health triage / peer navigators, child protective services, prevention and early intervention programs, juvenile justice diversion and treatment programs, youth detention facility, SacEDAPT Clinic, SAFE program, IMAC
 - New initiative: 16 bed Psychiatric Health Facility target open date December of 2017
- III. Public Health Division:
- Public Health is one of 15 awardees in the state for program: Dental Transformation. Initiative; “Every Smile Counts”, 10 Million over a 4 year period.
 - Referrals project= pediatrician to dentist; consults via schools; navigators=medical/dental
 - Recently awarded 50K to SSVEMS for Opioid Task Force
 - Recent award from prop 56 for oral health. 1 million avail July 1st
- IV. Steve Orkand:
- Met with new Supervisor, Sue Frost regarding syringe exchange. Initially supportive of program
 - Looking to consult with Alasandra Ross with the State of California who has helped establish other programs in counties throughout the state
 - Contact with Kaiser Pediatrics to follow up on better communication needed with WIC .
 - IMPACT Teen Drivers folders available for each member to take and review before guest speaker comes