# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes: December 10 2020

Meeting Location:

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3800068500?pwd=VE5FWHVveUVtOG9kZDRxMWFvTjhJUT09>

Meeting ID: 380 006 8500  
Passcode: 702246  
  
Facilitator: Raymond Kemp, Chair; Melinda Avey, Vice-Chair

**Staffed by:** Gloria Bedford

Meeting Attendees:

* HSCC Members: Raymond Kemp, Melinda Avey, Randy Hicks, Caroline Lucas, Teresa Ogan, Steven Orkand, Linda Ram, Jessica Sankus, Loran Sheley, Angelina Woodberry
* Ex-Officio Members: Julie Gallelo (First 5), Martha Haas (for Michelle Callejas, DCFAS) Bruce Wagstaff (Social Services),
* Speakers: Julie Gallelo, Bruce Wagstaff
* Guests/Public: Ryan Quist, Jenine Spotnitz, Kat Wies, Catherine York

Absent Members:

* HSCC Members: Paula Green, Kula Koenig, Reggie Nelson
* Ex-Officio Members: Eduardo Ameneyro (for Ann Edwards, Human Assistance), Peter Beilenson (Health Services), Cindy Cavanaugh (Homeless Initiatives)

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| **Call to Order** | Acting Chair, Raymond Kemp, called meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. |
| **Approval of Nov. 12, 2020 Minutes** | Approval of Nov. 12, 2020, minutes moved and seconded. No corrections. No abstentions. |
| **Alternate Response to 911 Calls**  Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy CEO | Sacramento County is developing an alternative approach to responding to 911 calls involving mental health, homeless, and other quality of life issues.  In response to a request at the September 2020 BOS meeting and at the direction of Supervisor Kennedy, County staff reviewed two 911 alternative programs: the CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Street) Program in Eugene, OR, in operation since 1989, and the STAR (Support Team Assisted Response) Pilot Program in Denver, CO, which began in June 2020. Both programs utilize 2-person response teams including a paramedic and a behavioral health professional.  Current Sacramento County Data  In 2019, there were more than 450,000 911 calls for service. Approximately 22,800 were mental health-related. Of those, only 17 resulted in arrest. Approximately 18,700 were homeless-related. Of those, approximately 12,000 resulted in arrest.  Community Input  A total of 192 people participated in forums in Oct/Nov 2020 in Sacramento to gather input on developing the new 991 response approach. An additional 453 completed surveys.  The alternative response team plans to report to the BOS in February 2021 with an update.  Contact Catherine York in the CEO’s office or Jenine Spotnitz in Health Services for more information. |
| **First 5 Sacramento 2021 Strategic Plan**  Julie Gallelo, Director,  First 5 Sacramento | First 5 Sacramento provides a range of early intervention and prevention services to children ages 1-5 and their families.  First 5 invests $20 million annually, however due to declining revenues, it will reduce its spending by $5 million each year and anticipates sustainability through 2024. The decline in revenue has resulted in elimination of two result areas, decreasing dental disease and Community Connections (micro) grants, and reductions in the breastfeeding, quality child care, school readiness and effective parenting result areas. Staffing, outreach and educational materials have also been reduced.  First 5 is refocusing its efforts on improving perinatal health with an emphasis on reducing African American child deaths, on prevention of child abuse and neglect, and on improving school readiness with an emphasis on early learning that prepares all children to enter kindergarten with a more equal chance of success. |
| Election of 2021 HSCC Officers | Nominees for the 2021 HSCC Executive Committee include: Raymond Kemp for Chair, Melinda Avey for Vice Chair, and Jessica Sankus for Secretary. All nominees were voted in. No objections. No abstentions. |
| Member Comments | The Chair suggested that HSCC play an active role in the development of the alternate approach to 911 calls in conjunction with the DAC, AOD, and Children’s MH committees. |
| **Public Comments** | None |
| **Announcements** | None |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m. |