# Sacramento CountyHuman Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2020

Meeting Location:

Dept. of Human Assistance

Zoom Conference Call: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIrdeytpz8vGNTkGN2fK4baj9IKXWGllzyI>

Facilitator: Ernie Brown, Chair; Teresa Ogan

**Staffed by:** Cindy Marks

Meeting Attendees:

* HSCC Members –Ernie Brown, Melinda Avey, Raymond Kemp, Kula Koenig, Paul Tanner, Randy Hicks, Teresa Ogan, Caroline Lucas, Paula Green, Eduardo Ameneyro (DHA)
* Ex-Officio Members – Julie Galello (First 5)

Absent Members:

* HSCC Members – Robert Silva, Jr., Steve Orkand
* Ex-Officio Members: Cindy Cavanaugh (Homeless Initiatives), Peter Beilenson (OFCA), Aaron Chong (BOS), Bruce Wagstaff (CEO), Michelle Callejas (DCFAS)

**Public**: Christy DeMaria (River City Medical Group)

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| Call to Order | Vice Chair, Kula Koenig, welcomed everyone, introductions were made, and meeting called to informal order.  |
| Approval of May 14 , 2020 Minutes  | Approval of May 14, 2020 Minutes with corrections by Melinda Avey and Raymond Kemp seconded. |
| Covid-19 Director Q & A Review-Continuation  | Teresa addressed the HSCC in regards to the questions asked of Sacramento County management:1. How has the COVID-19 pandemic, with working-from-home and other changed circumstances, affected the ability of your workforce to address ongoing, traditional critical functions?
2. Has this had budgetary implications? In what way?
3. To address the pandemic, are there new and critical needs that must be addressed? What new activities or programs will you propose in the upcoming budget?
4. Can you estimate the cost of these new activities?
5. If the budget requires downsizing, which programs would you diminish or close?

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| **Impact on workforce** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Programs continue to operate, primarily with work-at-home models |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Many have moved to virtual technology options |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Some programs do not function as well virtually; anticipate yet unknown impacts on children & families involved with CPS and/or BHS, as well as adults seeking BHS |
| Concerns with reduced CPS reporting and less exposure to services/resources that help to monitor well-being of children |  |  |  |  |
| More challenging to conduct thorough CPS and APS investigations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Juvenile Dependency & Probate Courts are backed up |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Budgets are being revised on an ongoing basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| There has been increased collaboration across programs and departments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increased needs for consumers that have impacted on staff and programs abilities to respond or provide services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increasing education regarding resources for consumers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PPE for staff is being provided across programs/departments  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Challenges with having the right technology for work at home models |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Programs, overwhelmingly, are trying to find ways to safely meet both consumer and staff needs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Budgetary implications so far** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Most have not seen direct budgetary implications for FY19/20 but all expect significant reductions with FY20/21 |  |  |  |  |  |
| State budget is still being negotiated; Legislature to submit a balanced budget to Governor by June 15th; Governor to sign by July 1st |  |  |  |
| Governor's May revise budget proposed significant cuts across many programs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **New critical needs that need to be addressed and new activities or programs proposed for new budget** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service delivery models across many programs will change while still adhering to evidenced-based practices |  |  |  |  |  |
| Upgraded technology and IT systems will be required |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Need for food resources for seniors, families, people with disabilities, and homeless have seen significant increases |  |  |  |  |
| Need for increased preventative services to address abuse and neglect are being emphasized |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BHS will be doing an 11 part series to help providers implement effective services virtually  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Office designs are needing be addressed to allow for adequate social distancing and Plexiglass dividers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other options are being researched to allow for safe 1:1 visits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Estimated costs for new activities or needs** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full costs are largely unknown at this time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Some are able to move funding from different line items to address new needs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increased costs for PPE and office modifications |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal funding amounts are still unknown |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **If budget requires downsizing, which programs would be reduced or cut?** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Too early to know |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Teresa**: The takeaways from these questions and answers are the workforce and mental health impacts. There are fewer CPS reports coming through at this time. Some programs have been able to share resources, so that is great. Raymond asked if these departments anticipate federal money due date or will there will be a bailout of the feds, which will then be distributed to the state and then to the counties? Teresa stated that no one knows at this time, which has made planning difficult. |
| Presentation-Dr. Beilenson, Director of Health Services  | Dr. Beilenson:* The Daily Dashboard Hospitalizations increased from 8 hospitalizations and 2 in the ICU to 37 hospitalizations and 12 in the ICU
* Testing is now conducted more often at 6-7 community based sites including La Familia and Robertson Community Center including testing for nonsymptomatic patients
* 816 surge beds in hospitals, but zero are being used
* Contact Tracers –Able to handle 15-30 per day
* Reopening navigators beginning next week (team of 25 or so from Sierra Health Foundation) and go to small to medium sized businesses with persons of color and provide guidance in reopening safely in the business sector.

Questions from HSCC:* Caroline: Which hospitals for ICU numbers? All of them. Is the Sierra Health Foundation doing both the community tracers and reopeners? Yes, they are as they are following a contract.
* Caroline: Is there antibody testing done yet? Not yet, but they’re working on it.
* Melinda: What events did the new cases occur? A large birthday party, a church gathering, and funeral gathering of a COVID-19 patient
* Paula: When Sacramento County receives transfers from smaller hospitals, is it being counted as Sac County concerns? Yes, they are.
* Raymond: Are the list of testing sites for South Sacramento up yet? It is not up yet, but will be up on the Sacramento COVID-19 site soon.
* Paula: Are there certain populations that are more at risk? No culturally disproportionate amount at this time except for just a slightly higher amount in the African American population. Congregate, Board In Care, Homeless population are the most vulnerable. At this time, however, only three people out of a few thousand people tested have tested positive for COVID-19. Vulnerable populations are now in hotels and isolating.
* Paula: What about children returning to school? Is there any insight to this? We are waiting on Sacramento County for guidelines still at this time.
* Kula: How are the stimulus COVID-19 dollars being spent at this time since they only have about six months to do so at this time? Yes, there are two waves. The reopening navigators and the contact tracers, which is one hundred percent reimbursable. It is also part of the $182 million that the county has asked for since discussions of the budget have begun. We in Health Services and Human Services are looking to house those that are in hotels and do not want them released to the street in a few months. It will help if groups like the HSCC and other community groups write to the Board of Supervisors and tell them they need money for the rehousing moving forward.
* Eduardo: He added more information to Dr. Beilenson’s information that there is testing right now at scattered site locations. There is no demographic for persons of color and next steps are still being decided at this time.
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| Speakers for August through December  | August- Herman Barahona from United Latinos and the Latino Leadership Council September-Jofil Borja with SacRT GO Paratransit Services October-Dr. Beilenson again to discuss COVID-19 changesNovember-Cynthia Cavanaugh and Eduardo Ameneyro regarding homelessness in the county December-Potluck(?) and Julie Gallelo from First 5 |
| Member Comments-Councils Next Steps (Discussion for all HSCC) | If you have questions to discuss regarding today’s meeting and have further follow up questions for Dr. Beilenson, please reach out to Cindy Marks. Do we still have the form and contact list for the Heroes of Human Services Event scheduled for November 2020. Cindy will send out more information to the HSCC.  |
| Public Comments  | No public comments  |
| Announcements | Raymond stated that he has been working on the Board of the Sacramento Black Business Association and has been working with Dr. Beilenson. They created a video of all the standards that businesses Sacramento were using for sanitization so as to get black owned businesses back up and running. Now he will be working with Dr. Beilenson on a criteria for churches as well to create an environment that churches will reopen the correct way.  |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned |