

Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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Facilitator: Raymond Kemp, Chair

Staffed by: Gloria Bedford

Meeting Attendees:

- HSCC Members: Raymond Kemp, Melinda Avey, Jessica Sankus, Debra Bonner, Randy Hicks, Linda Ram, Angelina Woodberry
- Ex-Officio Members: Michelle Callejas, DCFAS; Emily Halcon, Homeless Initiatives; Julie Gallelo, First 5; Xochitl Gomez, Bd. Of Supervisors
- Guests/Public: Martha Haas, Lori Miller, Lourdes Santana-Sanchez

Absent Members:

- HSCC Members: Kula Koenig, Reggie Nelson, Teresa Ogan, Loran Sheley, Paul Tanner
- Ex-Officio Members: Eduardo Amenyro (for Ann Edwards, Human Assistance), Chevon Kothari, Health Services; Bruce Wagstaff, Countywide Services

Call to Order	Chair, Raymond Kemp, called meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
Approval of June 10, 2021 Minutes	Approval of June 10, 2021, minutes moved and seconded. No corrections. No abstentions.
Announcement: Advisory Council/Committee FY 2022-23 Budget Input	Sacramento County is seeking input from advisory boards and commissions regarding budget priority areas for FY 2022-23. Each advisory group is being asked to identify and submit five priority areas. The deadline to submit priority areas is Sept 9, 2021.
Chair Announcements	<p>Introduction of Emily Halcon, new Director of Special Projects for Homeless Initiatives, replacing Cynthia Cavanaugh. Emily was the Homeless Services Coordinator for the City of Sacramento for six years and worked for 10 years with SHRA in addition to consulting work.</p> <p>The formal resolution honoring Ernie Brown will be presented at the Aug. 24 Board of Supervisors meeting.</p> <p>As long as State of California health orders are in place, we will continue to have virtual meetings. We are within Brown Act regulations per Sacramento County Counsel.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Question: Is there a possibility for hybrid meetings? Not at this point. We'd have to designate a location at which the chair would have to be present. Chair recommends taking a "wait-and-see" approach. Chair will research hybrid meeting feasibility.</p> <p>Chair will reimagine the Street Sheet with the intent of housing it on the Sacramento County website with a QR code to enable access. Homeless Initiatives offered to review and update.</p> <p>The Heroes of Human Services awards presentation is planned for Nov 16, 2021. Nominations received last year will be added to any received this year.</p>
Discussion: Wellness Crisis Response Development (formerly Alternative 911 Response)	Postponed

Member Advisory Board Reports

Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board – New BHS Division Manager, Geoff Twitchell, will be responsible for jail diversion initiatives.

ADAB is preparing a presentation on the nature of addiction to help people understand the “whys” of addiction. A recent presentation on suicide in terms of COVID-19 highlighted an increase in suicides in certain populations, particularly among young, African American men and women.

The Sacramento County Coalition for Youth is working in schools on marijuana and alcohol use prevention.

At the Aug. 24 Board of Supervisors meeting, the DA’s office will give a presentation on fentanyl overdoses. There were 64 overdoses between January and June 2021. International Overdose Awareness day is August 31. Recovery Happens event is scheduled for September 1 at the State Capitol.

Disability Advisory Commission – Self-evaluation is complete. Another grant for curb sidewalk ramps is available. DAC is working on bicycle lanes and pedestrian crossings.

First 5 – Recently wrapped up a summer bilingual book distribution; 10,000 books distributed to families. Developed a new partnership with the Sacramento River Cats to add First 5 messages throughout the ballpark. *You are your child’s first teacher* messages will be on changing tables and booster seats.

Started county-wide home visiting coordinating collaborative. Looking to streamline about 12 different home visiting programs that compete for the same resources. Developing a website that families can use to access services via 211.

First 5 is working in partnership with Tuft’s Medical Center in Boston, on HOPE - Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences. HOPE is the opposite side of ACES and promotes the benefits of positive childhood interactions. Developing sector-specific cohorts to share the HOPE presentation with early educators, child abuse prevention and family strengthening partners, and health partners.

First 5 partnered with DCFAS, Sierra Health Foundation, and Child Abuse Prevention Center to expand its Safe Sleep Baby program. The program reduced African American sleep-related child deaths by 50 percent over the last six years. The partnership submitted a joint proposal to the Office of Child Abuse Prevention for \$500,000 to make changes at DCFAS including hiring more Cultural Brokers and purchasing more cribs to help further reduce childhood mortality rates. It is developing a toolkit that can be used at virtual trainings so that other counties can replicate the program.

Children’s Coalition – Continuing convenings about the Children’s Report Card, Aug. 12 and 13.

Wellness Crisis Call Center Response is looking for community input regarding the plan and design of the program. (Information in Zoom chat.)

Public Comments	None
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.