

Human Services Coordinating Council Meetings, April and May, 2016

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June 1, 2016

April 14, 2016

1. The County has created a new position, the Director of Homeless Initiatives, to “Coordinate with community and local government partners, County departments, stakeholders, businesses and neighborhoods.” (established by the March 22, 2016 Sacramento County Board of Supervisors’ letter which can be found in the BOS meeting minutes for that date)
2. In relation to County operational departments, the Director of Homeless initiatives will respond to community and stakeholders policy comments and questions.
3. The model for the new Director of Homeless Initiatives is the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness’ plan called “Open Doors – Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness”. (www.usich.gov)

May 12, 2016

1. Melinda Avey, a member of the HSCC from the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, will be the HSCC representative on the hiring panel for the new Director of Homeless Initiatives which was scheduled to meet in late May. She will be a member of the HSCC Housing Subcommittee.
2. Per Sherry Heller, budgetary growth requests proposed for FY 2016/2017 include: increased capacity for providing mental health services to children and youth, more public health nurses to do home visits to CPS-involved families, increased staffing for CPS Hotline, reducing the waiting list for alcohol/drug treatment services and more Adult Protective Services investigators. However, every indication is that funds available to support increased service levels will be minimal due to cost increases associated with existing levels of service (i.e., base budget).
3. According to the Public Health Advisory Board, the Harm Reduction Services clinic finds that opiates are the choice of 60% of the drug users seen, with 1/3 of clients under age 30, 2/3 male, ¾ Caucasian, age of first use of opiates between 14 & 18 years and drug habit beginning with non-prescription narcotics.