

**County of Sacramento DHHS / PHS
Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board (HCHCAB)**

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2015, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Meeting Location

Loaves and Fishes
Delany Center (1st Floor Board Room)
401 North 12th Street
Sacramento, CA 95820

Sacramento County, DHHS, Division of Primary Health Services, Healthcare for the Homeless website link:

<http://www.dhhs.saccounty.net/PRI/Pages/HCH%20Co-App/Health-Care-for-the-Homeless.aspx>

x = Present

CO-APPLICANT BOARD MEMBERS		GUESTS	
x	Paula Lomazzi, Chair	x	Bob Erlenbusch
x	Mike Blain, Co-Chair	x	Marty Keale
x	Rebecca Hahn	x	Roger Xiong
	Maria Respall - excused		
	Shavinder Sanga, RN		COUNTY DHHS STAFF
	Vacant – Community Member	x	Marcia Jo – HCH Project Director
	Vacant - Homeless/Formerly Homeless	x	Nicole Cable – MCLF Program Coordinator
	Vacant - Homeless/Formerly Homeless	x	Karen Giordano – Staff Planner
	Vacant - Community Member		

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<p>Welcome and Introductions <i>-Paula Lomazzi, Chair</i></p>	<p>Paula Lomazzi, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed participants, reviewed the agenda and focus topics for today's discussion, and facilitated introductions. A quorum was established.</p>
<p>Sacramento County Homeless Deaths Report <i>- Bob Erlenbusch</i></p>	<p>Bob Erlenbusch, Executive Director, Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness, presented "Sacramento Homeless Death Reports: Findings and Recommendations".</p> <p>See Sacramento County Homeless Death Report PowerPoint Presentation and Sacramento County Homeless Deaths Report: 2002 – 2013 & a 2014 Update handout – available on website under 2015 Meeting Materials.</p> <p>Bob Erlenbusch provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data was collected and analyzed with support from many system partners: Coroner's office, Sacramento County, DHHS, Division of Public Health's Public PhD student from UC Davis, UC Davis Department of Epidemiology, Sacramento County, DHHS, Division of Primary Health Services, Health Care for the Homeless Program, Sacramento Sheriff's Department, Sacramento Steps Forward, and Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness. ▪ 48% of the deaths occurred on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when most services were closed. ▪ Deaths occurred evenly distributed throughout each season. Yet the Winter Shelter is only operational from November through March. ▪ Average age of death for men: 50 years and for women: 47 years, nearly 25 years younger than average age. ▪ Deaths occurred predominantly downtown and along the transit corridors, which underscores the need for regional approach to end homeless. ▪ Manner of death: One in 10 deaths occurred due to murder or suicide; 67% by murder or suicide. ▪ Top five causes of death: 28% Alcohol/drug induced; 18% Injury; 13% Cardiovascular Disease; 6% Infection; and 5% Wound (gun shot or stabbing). ▪ 77% of homeless individuals who died have been in custody at some point of their homelessness. ▪ The report was presented to Sacramento County Board of Supervisors which resulted in additional funding for another homeless outreach nurse. ▪ The report findings lead to the following policy recommendations: Expand Affordable Housing Trust fund to create more affordable housing; Support "Housing First" approach; Fund Weekend Drop-in Center; Increase funding for drug/alcohol and mental health services; Expand funding for Respite Care facilities; Increase funding for nurse street outreach; Continue outreach, enrollment and navigation services for homeless individuals with Medi-Cal; Ensure full enrollment of homeless individuals on CalFresh and full implementation of Restaurant Meals Program; Free or subsidized transportation for homeless people; Full implementation of California Public Utilities Commission "Lifeline Program" – free cell phones.

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	<p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paula Lomazzi suggested that funding should be used to provide cell phone charging stations at Loaves and Fishes Friendship Park and within other places where homeless congregate. ▪ Mike Blain inquired about efforts of the churches to fund Winter Sanctuary year-round. Bob responded that churches and community partners are in discussion about this but it has not been implemented yet. ▪ Marty Keale reported that 6% of the individuals died from infections which may have been treatable had they received medical attention. Marty would like to see future data after the Affordable Care Act implementation from January 2014 – current. ▪ Mike Blain mentioned that nurse navigation may be more effective if the nurses came by the shelters later on when the shelters were open. ▪ Rebecca Hahn inquired about the possibility of having a real time review of deaths in Sacramento, similar to the Philadelphia model. All members discussed the need and would like to spend time during a future meeting discussion this topic.
<p>Policies and Procedures, Program Scope of Project and Budget Review, Discussion and Approval - <i>Marcia Jo</i></p>	<p>The Co-Applicant Board spent additional time on the Sacramento County Homeless Death Report. As a result, the Policy and Procedure 11-01 HCH Sliding Fee and Program Budget will be discussed during the next meeting.</p>
<p>Adjourned</p>	<p>Paula Lomazzi thanked participants for attending the meeting today. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting scheduled April 17, 2015, 9:30 am – 10:30 am at Delany Center, Loaves and Fishes, 401 North 12th Street, First Floor Board Room, Sacramento.</p>