

# Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2013, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

## Primary Care Center

4600 Broadway

Sacramento, CA 95820

Conference Room 2020

**Moderator:** Don McClurg – Vice Chair

**Scribe:** Mark Thorpe - Staff

**Board Attendees:** Adam Dougherty, Ana Estrada, Raquel Simental, Raymond Wilson, Pheng Lee, Robert Meagher, Don McClurg, Mildred Kahane, Sandy Damiano, Olivia Kasirye, Estella Geraghty

**Board Members Excused:** Morgan Staines

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Rivas, Peter Simpson, Edward Lewis, Blia Vang, Sheila Johnston

**Guests:** Waynee Lucero, Giezi Bermudez, Angelita Rivera, Lina Mendez, Cathy Schulze, Allie Shilin, Maria Steele, Raven Hoopes, Robert Abelon

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Topic	Minutes
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting began with introductions at 12:10pm
Minutes Review	September minutes – Approved. September Special Meeting minutes – Approved.
Committee Report – Research and Evaluation	<p>Robert Meagher: Research on the “Don’t Rush to Flush” Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern that “Don’t rush to Flush” encourages patients to remove unused medication from the child proof case and place them in an unmarked bag for proper disposal. There is more risk of accidental exposure to children and not knowing what pills were ingested.</li> <li>• In SF, it costs \$800 for a collection bin and \$5 a pound to dispose of the medication as a biohazard and there is no source of ongoing funding.</li> <li>• The Sacramento Sheriff is collecting controlled substances (pain killers) and they pass them along to the DEA to dispose of because there is no funding to dispose of the pills.</li> <li>• Robert suggests that “Don’t rush to Flush” should not be supported due to cost and limited impact.</li> </ul>
Primary Health Services Update	<p>Sandy Damiano, PhD: LIHP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no eligibility redetermination for active LIHP enrollees in the last quarter (October – December).</li> <li>• <u>Information Notices</u> - County Eligibility sent notices to enrollees last week. This notice informs enrollees of the transition to Medi-Cal effective January 1, 2014. It also lets the enrollee know that they <u>do not</u> need to take action. They will receive a packet from the State in early November with information about the move. A sample notice is available on our <a href="#">LIHP Transition webpage</a>.</li> </ul> <p>CMISP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Noticing begins</u> – County Eligibility will begin mailing notices to enrollees on Wednesday. This notice is to inform enrollees of new health care programs and encourage them to apply during the open enrollment period (Oct 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014). CMISP is a last resort health care program. Most CMISP will be eligible for the new expanded Medi-Cal. Some of the CMISP Share of Cost may be eligible for a federal</li> </ul>

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subsidy with the exchange.

- County eligibility will be conducting significant in-reach to county populations such as CMISP and General Assistance beneficiaries.

### Medi-Cal:

- Eligibility for Medi-Cal will be expanded. This means an individual making up to \$15,856 per year or a family of four with an income of up to \$32,499 per year, may now qualify for Medi-Cal benefits. This includes people who are non-disabled, non-elderly and qualifying adults aged 19-64 with income levels at or below 138% the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Eligibility determinations for expanded Medi-Cal begin today with health coverage beginning in January.

### Covered California (health insurance subsidies)

- Federal subsidies reduce the cost of health insurance. Individuals who earn up to \$45,960 and families of four that earn up to \$94,200 per year may qualify.
- Starting in January 2014, most people will be required to have health insurance or pay a penalty.
- Information, enrollment as well as a Cost Estimate Calculator is available on: <http://www.coveredca.com/>

### Application through multiple eligibility channels:

- Online at [www.mybenefitscalwin.org](http://www.mybenefitscalwin.org)
- Eligibility for ACA programs: (916) 874-3100 or (209) 744-0499 (Galt residents)
- In-person at a local county DHA office (M-F, 8am – 4pm)

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	<p>2700 Fulton Ave. Sacramento, CA 95821</p> <p>1725 28<sup>th</sup> St Sacramento, CA 95816</p> <p>5747 Watt Ave. North Highlands, CA 95660</p>	<p>3960 Research Dr. Sacramento, CA 95838</p> <p>2450 Florin Road Sacramento, CA 95822</p> <p>210 North Lincoln Way Galt, CA 95632</p>	
Public Health Division Update	<p>DHHS Primary Health information regarding the ACA, key links and FAQs. <a href="http://www.dhhs.saccounty.net/PRI/Pages/PRI-Home.aspx">http://www.dhhs.saccounty.net/PRI/Pages/PRI-Home.aspx</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHAB would like to invite a Representative from the Department of Human Assistance to present on the Eligibility Process ACA, Horizontal Integration, and Covered California.</li> <li>• Dr. Damiano also discussed the recent ACA Board Items. See Board agendas for 08/27/13 (Item 41) and 09/24/13 (Item 39). Policy clarified CMISP as a last resort program, requires beneficiaries to apply for programs and acknowledges the ACA transition year. See board items for detail.</li> </ul> <p>Olivia Kasirye, MD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flu season has started. So have Sacramento County Adult and Family Flu Clinics. <a href="#">Click this link to see the schedule of events.</a></li> <li>• Since the Government shutdown started, we have seen an impact with the Lab and Biosense in terms of slower response to requests for assistance from the CDC. The SNAP-Ed program is also affected; the subcontractors will not be able to start because we have not received approval.</li> <li>• The focus of the SNAP-Ed program is to encourage CalFresh eligible individuals to develop and maintain healthful eating habits and a physically active lifestyle as the means to prevent or postpone the onset of risk factors for diet-related chronic diseases.</li> </ul>		

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### Outreach and Education for Covered CA Grantees

Waynee Lucero – CA Hispanic Chamber of Commerce:

- Targeting Latino owned business, Latina owned businesses, and veteran Latino owned businesses.
- Sponsoring small events and attending events
- 3 Program Specialists that cover all of California
- Converting Covered CA presentations to Spanish
- Major issues: Businesses are hesitant to enroll and cost of plans.

Lina Mendez – UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities:

- Targeting Latino and Latina individuals in the Central Valley through a contract with El Concilio in Stockton.
- Partnered with Sacramento Libraries to provide Outreach and Education seminars.
- All staff are bi-lingual.
- Documenting experience with Outreach and Education for reference on best practices.
- Major issues: Monthly cost and meeting deductibles.

Giezi Bermudez – Asian Resources, Inc.:

- Targeting the Asian Community in Sacramento.
- 30 years of experience, 5 locations in Sacramento with 2 in low-income housing areas.
- Attending Hmong New Year event.
- 20 Staff members are Education and Outreach certified covering 10 languages.
- Issues: Trust is an issue in the Asian community and 30 years of service through AR helps provide validation.

Cathy Schulze – Planned Parenthood:

- Targeting the young invincibles aged 18-34, but will enroll anyone.
- 12 Part-time Outreach and Education certified employees with 50% being bi-lingual.
- Attending County Fairs and Social Events while providing Education at the various Health Centers.
- Will have certified Enrollers in 22 Health Centers.
- Reaching out to FaceBook and Twitter subscribers linked to Planned Parenthood.

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	<p>Maria Steele – Sacramento Employment and Training Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeting individuals who come into Career Centers for assistance.</li> <li>• 26 staff members are Outreach and Education certified.</li> <li>• Over 7 languages spoken to assist a variety of demographics.</li> <li>• Attending small events to provide Outreach.</li> </ul> <p>Robert Abelon – Office of Assemblymember Dr. Richard Pan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer protections are in place to prevent scams. If you feel there is an issue that needs to be addressed, call Covered California to report. 800-300-1506</li> <li>• If Grantees need assistance or hit a roadblock trying to reach individuals, contact Covered California for assistance. 800-300-1506</li> <li>• Robert agreed to send out contact information for California Covered Grantees.</li> <li>• Robert agreed to organize future convening events of Covered California Grantees and provide a weekly summary of scheduled events.</li> <li>• Raquel Simental was chosen to provide updates to the PHAB committee regarding what takes place during the convening of California Covered Grantees. This item will be added to future agendas as needed.</li> </ul> <p>Raven Hoops – Harm Reduction Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted Demographics include homeless, active injection drug users, sex workers, individuals with mental health disorders, or individuals with warrants who may prefer to remain anonymous.</li> <li>• It is largely assumed that these users qualify for Medi-Cal due to income restraints, but several individuals do qualify for Covered California, therefore they risk paying the penalty for not having coverage or are not active in getting covered.</li> <li>• Raven is available to meet with Grantees for Outreach and Education as her supported demographic requires individual personal contact.</li> <li>• Harm Reduction Services can be reached by calling 916-456-4849. Their office is located at: 2800 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817</li> </ul>
Public Comments	<p>Este Geraghty:</p> <p>The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced the launch of the CDPH</p>

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	<p>Health Information Exchange (HIE) Gateway to assist eligible healthcare professionals and hospitals in meeting the requirements for Meaningful Use (MU) Public Health Objectives of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. The CDPH HIE Gateway will serve as a single point of entry for data submission to many state public health programs, although not all programs will begin using the CDPH HIE Gateway immediately.</p> <p>Starting October 1, 2013, all eligible healthcare professionals and hospitals in California that wish to register and submit data to the following CDPH systems should do so through the CDPH HIE Gateway, regardless of whether they are seeking to fulfill MU requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immunization reporting to the California Immunization Registries (CAIR) (7 regions only: NorCal, Bay, Greater Sacramento, Central Coast, Central Valley, LA-Orange, and Inland Empire) will need to register and submit data through the CDPH HIE Gateway. Note: The CAIR Immunization Messaging Portal is now integrated into the CDPH Gateway. If your Site has already registered at the CAIR Portal and is only interested in immunization reporting, you will not be required to re-register at the CDPH Gateway.</li> <li>• Electronic lab report submission to the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) system will need to register and submit data through the CDPH HIE Gateway.</li> </ul> <p>In future phases, the CDPH HIE Gateway will be expanded for registration of other CDPH electronic reporting systems. To access the Gateway and begin the registration process, thereby declaring intent to submit data to CDPH, one should go to <a href="http://hie.cdph.ca.gov">http://hie.cdph.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p>For questions related to meaningful use, one should please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:MeaningfulUse@cdph.ca.gov">MeaningfulUse@cdph.ca.gov</a></p>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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