

The Board of Supervisors requested a list of PHAB's top 5 priorities for the fiscal year 2022-2023 (see the request at the bottom of the nominated topics list below from Dr. Damiano). There will be a very short meeting on September 9th at 12:00 where each PHAB member will vote on their top 5 topics.

List of PHAB's Nominated Priority Topics:

1. Expanding Mental Health Services within Correctional Health.
2. Additional Resources for Alternatives to Incarceration.
3. Need to Expand Health Care Access to Vulnerable Populations-
 - i. (thinking not just mental health, but screening for HIV/HCV, syphilis, medication assisted treatment and sexual health as well as case management services and resources/housing for the homeless, and management of outbreaks in vulnerable settings like correctional health on the planning side).
4. Behavioral Health Continuum of Care.
5. Sacramento County Public Health Infrastructure/Staffing.
6. Climate Change and Impact on vulnerable populations, in particular wildfires and health equality.
7. Homelessness supports and services.
8. COVID-19 (and general emergency respond preparedness).
9. Adult Correctional Health.
10. Underfunded Programs – Emergency Medical Services and WIC (Women and Infant Care).
11. COVID.
12. Health Equity Issues (vulnerable communities, communities of color, homeless).
13. Community Nursing (field nursing).
14. STDs - especially for youth and marginalized communities.
15. CalAim implementation for the underserved.

Message from Dr. Damiano:

In June, the Board of Supervisors approved a Community Engagement Plan for the FY 2022-23 budget. The FY 2022-23 budget process is designed to increase transparency and to provide an opportunity for public input, as well as have a more robust public engagement process. Sacramento County is seeking input from the County's advisory boards and commissions in order to identify community needs and help determine budget priorities. This feedback will inform the recommendations that will be made to the Board of Supervisors, in order to formulate a scientific public opinion poll to help set priorities for the County's budget. Your input now will ensure the best polling tool is created so that the community at large can express their opinions early next year.

We have been asked to reach out to our boards and advisory groups to ensure our group's priorities are included. Please take a moment to review the attached Budget Brief for information on the County's current investments. After your review, please send us an email with your top 5 (ranked) priorities. You can simply fill in the ranking below and I will synthesize all responses into a top 5 priorities list and send to the County Executive's team.