

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023 4:00PM - 5:30PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Moderator: Libby Abbott, Sonal Patel, Co-Chair

Scribe: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 4:01 PM

Category	Name	Attendance
Community Member	Vacant	
Community Member	Deanna Drake	Yes
Community Member	Mark Borges	Yes
Vice-Chair	Elisabeth Abbott	Yes
Community Member	Phillip Summers	Yes
Public Health Professional	Vacant	
Public Health/Health	Vacant	
Vice-Chair	Sonal Patel	Yes
Community Member	Chase Smith	Excused
Community Member	Bekalu Amare	Excused
Public Health/Health	Sara Bowsky	
Public Health Professional	Vacant	
Public Health/Health	Vacant	
Community	Vacant	
Community	George Meyer	Yes
County Staff	Stephanie Kelly	Yes
County Staff	Lori Miller	Yes
County Staff	Andrew Mendonsa	
County Staff	Tim Lutz	Yes
County Staff	Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio)	
County Staff	Noel Vargas (Ex-officio)	

Guests: Emily Halcon, Monica Rocha-Wyatt, Farla Kaufman, Liz Blum, Lynn Berkley-Baskin

Review of Minutes: June minutes were approved. (Motion: Meyers; Second: Drake; unanimous vote)

Update from HIV Health Services Planning Council

Ryan White funding provides supportive services to consumers in Sacramento County. The Planning Council determines what services are needed as well as the populations that need care. The Council decides what services to fund in the Transitional Grant Area (TGA) and how much Part A funding should be used for each of these services. There are 23 seated Council members. 11 seats are held by Ryan White Consumers. More information on the HIV Health Services Planning Council can be found [here](#).

Correctional Health

PHAB will not pursue letter to BOS on correctional health staffing. After discussion with ACH, it is noted that vacancy rates have decreased, approved staffing has increased, and a staffing analysis is underway.

See ACH update for details of report.

Opioid Settlement Funding Updates

The survey was distributed electronically through various County committees. A hard copy was also available for those who could not complete the survey electronically. The County received 300 responses. The responses show that the community is interested in funding Harm Reduction and Youth Programs. The RFP will go out in a few weeks. The contracting process is estimated to take a few months.

SUPT will reach out to engage a member from PHAB to join the funding review panel.

Health of the Unhoused

The County created a [Department of Homeless Services and Housing](#) that can work across departments to improve the lives of the unhoused. The department has 26 people consisting of planners and analysts. The department aims to increase efficiency in its practices by collaborating with county departments such as the Park Rangers and external partners.

The department conducts outreach in encampments, assesses the needs of the unhoused, and links them to treatment and housing services. They also provide the unhoused with basic supplies in their encampments.

The department has enhanced shelters that the unhoused can use. One of these facilities has 1100 beds. There are plans to expand this capacity.

The Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART) coordinates with Sacramento County's Department of Homeless Services and Housing, Department of Human Assistance, and the Sacramento City's Department of Community Response team to better connect individuals to services and supports, including health and behavioral healthcare. The presentation on HEART can be found on the [Sac County Website](#).

Discussion

The Homeless Services and Housing Department helps link the unhoused to medical services and helps them locate shelter in adverse weather conditions.

Public Comment

A question was asked about the measure of success rates as it relates to meeting gaps and service needs among the unhoused population. Success is measured by an increase in the rate of individuals who transition out of homelessness.

Affordable housing continues to be a challenge in the region. This is made more difficult by the fact that housing vouchers are no longer a guarantee to securing affordable housing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM