

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023 12-1:30PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Moderator: Libby Abbott, Co-Chair

Scribe: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 12:03 PM

Board Members:

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

Guests: Liane Bruckstein (Harm Reduction Services), Shilo Jama (SANE)

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

Announcements

Sacramento County Public Health is transitioning PHAB staffing to Valley Vision. Valley Vision will provide logistical support and perform administrative duties for the PHAB. Valley Vision will consult with the co-chairs as they perform this role.

Sacramento County Strategic Plan Feedback, Bylaws Updates, PHAB Meeting Survey

Sacramento County is requesting feedback on its Strategic Plan in the next week. Send comments to Meghan Sheffield.

The bylaws are being updated and are nearing completion.

Angelina Olweny is collecting feedback on proposed new PHAB meeting times and asked members to complete the survey.

Adult Correction Health Update on Staffing

- Long-term goals and short-term goals have changed to address gaps in Adult Correctional Health.
- Adult Correction seeking to renew their contract with UC Davis and increase FTE in the agreement.
- Physician staffing is adequate, but challenges persist in the recruitment of registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses.
- A Quality Improvement team will review the mental health report and will analyze staffing challenges.
- Cal AIM plans to roll out in January 2024. This program aims to provide a continuum of care for justice-involved individuals. The program's focus will be on providing care for 90 days before individuals are released from prison.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) has a pilot program to provide services that can be easily accessed by individuals who have been released from prison. The program will work with the Public Defender office and the Sheriff's department on the pilot project

Safer Alternatives through Networking and Education (SANE)

- SANE has a syringe service program that aims to reduce infections through syringe exchange
- SANE partners with NEXT to provide syringe exchange services in California
- SANE has provided 50,000 free naloxone doses
- Medication, counseling and behavioral services are provided patients with opioid use

disorder through Medication-Assistance Treatment Clinics (MAT) clinics

- Other services provided to the unhoused population include delivering water to encampment sites

Harm Reduction Services (HRS)

- Harm Reduction Services focuses on community outreach to people affected by opioid substance abuse
- HRS is looking for support to provide services such as
 - Biohazard disposal of needles, syringes
 - More syringe kiosk for disposal around the county
- HRS and SANE have an active engagement with the unhoused population and have been providing services for 30 years.
- The county has a mobile medical team that provides medical care services to the unhoused and can partner with SANE to provide complementary care in encampments

Discussion

- The county has Opioid Settlement Funds that it is distributing to organizations that help individuals affected by opioid substance abuse
- According to Decarcerate Sacramento, drug overdose is the leading cause of death in jail.
- Well Space is piloting a drug treatment program
- Systemic barriers exist that make it difficult for unhoused individuals with opioid use disorder to get access for help with resources and treatment for withdrawal symptoms
- The County Alcohol and Other Drug Program has funding that supports the treatment and prevention of opioid substance abuse disorder. This funding includes service dollars from organizations such as Johnson and Johnson, CVS and Walgreens.
- The county is working with forums to help prioritize community needs.

Public Comment

A comment was made about effective messaging to make the community aware about substance abuse treatment programs, housing and initiatives to help the unhoused

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33PM.