

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2025 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Facilitator: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 4:05 PM

Category	Name	Attendance
Community Member	Sonal Patel	
Community Member	Chase Smith	Excused
Community Member	Bekalu Amare	Excused
Public Health Professional	Alex Schmalz	Yes
Public Health/Health	Rachel Weinreb	Yes
Community Member	Nia Jones	Yes
Community Member	Stacy Anderson	Yes
Community Member	Ellen Shank	Yes
Community Member	Samantha Rapp	Yes
Youth Member	Michael Lee-Chang	Yes
County Staff	Nick Mori	
County Staff	Tianna Hammock	
County Staff	Ivan Mendoza-Manzoi	Yes
County Staff	Lori Miller	Excused
County Staff	Andrew Mendonsa	
County Staff	Michelle Besse	Yes
County Staff	Tim Lutz	
County Staff	Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio)	Yes
County Staff	Noel Vargas (Ex-officio)	Yes

Guests: Giselle Garcia.

- **NorCal Resist Presentation**

- NorCal Resist's California Rapid Response Network provides training for immigrants on their rights and needs.
- Data indicates that most detained immigrants are the primary earners for their families. In the event of immigration raids, NorCal Resist supports impacted families by offering food and other essential assistance.
- Many immigrant communities are withdrawing from Medi-Cal services due to fears of being targeted for accessing state-funded programs. Additionally, immigrant families are experiencing significant mental distress caused by current immigration policies. To help them cope, NorCal Resist has established mental health support groups and after-school programs for the children of immigrant communities.

- **Sacramento County Primary Care Clinic Services**

- The Sacramento County Primary Care Clinic is a designated Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The board is composed of 51% patients and 49% community members, ensuring a balanced representation.
- The clinic offers a variety of services, including adult care, pediatric care, family medicine, and a specialized refugee health clinic. Additionally, it provides primary care services to foster children and supports the unhoused population through mobile outreach, a medical mobile team, and collaboration with Loaves and Fishes.
- The presentation on Primary Care Clinic can be found on the [Public Health Advisory Board](#) website.

- **Public Health Updates**

- The federal funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which supports nutritional education in schools for families receiving SNAP benefits, will end at the end of September. The County is working with the Department of Personnel Services to find alternative assignments for impacted staff. Additionally, there will be budget cuts to the emergency preparedness and hospital preparedness programs.
- The Governor announced the creation of the Western Health Alliance, which includes Washington and Oregon. The alliance will provide vaccine recommendations for Western States.

- **Primary Care Updates**

- Adult Correctional is collaborating with a consultant to evaluate the delivery of medical services in correctional facilities. The goal is to determine if there is a need for an intake health service facility at the main jail and the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center.

- **Sacramento EMS Grant**

- Sacramento EMS received a grant from the state to establish a buprenorphine and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program for Sacramento County residents. The grant will help create a buprenorphine hotline.
- Individuals who call the hotline will be able to enroll in treatment programs. They will receive a clinic appointment and be assigned a substance use navigator within 24 hours. Additionally, they will be provided with a prescription for suboxone within 24 hours, as well as up to 90 days of treatment while they wait to be connected to local resources.
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