

**Sacramento County  
Public Health Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 5, 2026 4:00PM - 6:00PM

**Meeting Location**

3400 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

**Facilitator:** Angelina Olweny

**Meeting Opened:** 4:03 PM

| <b>Category</b>  | <b>Name</b>                     | <b>Attendance</b> |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Member | Chase Smith                     | Yes               |
| Community Member | Bekalu Amare                    | Yes               |
| Community Member | Rachel Weinreb                  | Yes               |
| Community Member | Nia Jones                       | Excused           |
| Community Member | Stacy Anderson                  | Yes               |
| Community Member | Ellen Shank                     | Yes               |
| Community Member | Samantha Rapp                   | Yes               |
| Community Member | Naomi Thompson                  | Yes               |
| Community Member | Nathanael Bailey                | Yes               |
| Community Member | Michael Wong                    | Yes               |
| Youth Member     | Michael Lee-Chang               | Yes               |
| County Staff     | Nick Mori                       |                   |
| County Staff     | Ivan Mendoza-Manzoi             | Yes               |
| County Staff     | Lori Miller                     | Yes               |
| County Staff     | Andrew Mendonsa                 |                   |
| County Staff     | Tim Lutz                        |                   |
| County Staff     | Michelle Besse                  | Yes               |
| County Staff     | Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio) | Yes               |
| County Staff     | Noel Vargas (Ex-officio)        | Yes               |

**Review of Minutes:** The December minutes were approved unanimously (Motion: Weinreb Second: Smith)

**HIV Health Services Planning Council Appointments:** PHAB members approve the appointment of Necati Aris to the HIV Health Services Planning Council (Motion: Shank Second: Rapp)

**PHAB Officer Elections:** Members appointed Ellen Shank, Michael Lee-Chang, Rachel Weinreb, Samantha Rapp and Stacy Anderson to the executive committee. (Motion: Smith, Second: Amare)

- **CIRCLE Clinic Presentation**

- The Comprehensive Integration of Resilience into Child Life Experiences (CIRCLE) Clinic provides services to children and families involved in child welfare, those at risk for involvement in child welfare, and children with complex medical and mental health needs. The clinic also serves children within the juvenile justice system.
- CIRCLE Clinic utilizes trauma-informed and evidence-based practices to deliver care to these children and their families.
- Family navigators at the clinic assist in coordinating the care that families receive, which includes appointments with a pediatrician and mental health screenings. Additional resources include connections with the MIND Institute, which specializes in screening for developmental delays in children.
- One challenge faced by the clients is that foster children and youth are often enrolled in Managed Medi-Cal without consulting their families. This lack of communication disrupts continuity of care and negatively affects referrals to specialty care.

- **Substance Use Prevention Treatment (SUPT) Updates**

- The County's Behavioral Health Services Screening and Coordination (BHS SAC) department connects residents to behavioral health services. Clinicians at the call center assist individuals in accessing mental health and substance use prevention services.
- The SUPT division at the Department of Health Services has expanded services in the County. This includes enhanced services at four existing sites for Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient programs and increased capacity at residential treatment facilities.

- The Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services offer lower-barrier access to care. Patients have access to telehealth services, same-day walk-in assessments, and evening and weekend hours. This expanded service delivery allows patients to receive substance use treatment services within ten days.
- Overall, the County had a reduction in methamphetamine and fentanyl related deaths in 2025.
- **Public Health Updates and Primary Care Updates**
  - The Department of Public Health is currently preparing the budget for the fiscal year.
  - The Primary Care Clinic has received FQHC certification from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
  - There was an incident involving poisoned mushrooms in Sacramento that resulted in four hospitalizations; however, no new cases have been reported since then.
  - The Board of Supervisors has approved the County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP) as well as the Healthy Partners Program.
  - Adult Correctional Health (ACH) has completed a series of monitoring visits mandated by May's Consent Decree. These visits will take place approximately every six months to identify areas for improvement in ACH facilities.
- **PHAB topics of the year**
  - Members discussed possible topics for further discussion at PHAB meetings this year. They include Youth Mental Health, the lack of trust among the immigrant population that prevents them from seeking care, pre-natal services for undocumented individuals, maternal infant health for women of color and the rollout of SB 81.
- Adjourned 6:00 PM