

Sacramento County Mental Health Board Adult System of Care Committee

MINUTES– TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Members Present: William Cho, Brad Lueth, Ryan Gallant, Patricia Wentzel

County Staff: Jason Richards, Angelina Woodberry, Robin Barney, Michael Amenityro, Kelli Weaver

Guests: Joseph Smith, Janelle Surrey-Miller, Julie DePrada-Schott, Anil Vega, Melinda Avey, Kaino Hopper, Maria Padilla-Castro

Recorded for minutes preparation only.

AGENDA ITEM
<p>I. Welcome and Introductions Members, Staff and Guests Chair Cho commenced the meeting (<i>at or shortly after 4:00pm</i>) and introductions were made.</p>
<p>II. Presentation HOPE Cooperative and City of Sacramento Outreach and Engagement Center (Auburn Boulevard), Joseph Smith, Program Director</p> <p>Chair Cho provided a brief background on ASOC and MHB’s interest in HOPE Cooperative as an intro to Joseph and Janelle. Joseph and Janelle introduced themselves, both Program Directors for HOPE Cooperative. Joseph shared his screen with slides on Homeless Outreach Program (HOP) and Outreach & Engagement Center (OEC), located in Sacramento City, District 2.</p> <p>HOP for outreach, case management, crisis intervention to people experiencing homelessness. Provides for survival supplies, document and transportation assistance. Does referrals to benefits; Medi-Cal, health, food stamps, cash aid. Connects to services; shelter, mental health providers, medical, substance use disorder treatment, culturally appropriate community partners (ie. LGBTQ Center). Community resources: Weather respite centers, meals/showers. Provided data on encounters and services delivered with 63% success rate.</p> <p>OEC a day-today, overnight respite in Sacramento City District 2. A safe place for people and their pets to sleep with food, showers/hygiene/clothes, case management and connection to services. Case management includes documentation acquisition, housing resources, referrals to mental health services, SUD/recovery services, primary care. Numbers served as of 4/19/23: 383 people with 332 adults and 51 children. Average monthly unduplicated: 55 people. Total winter weather respite: 1737 bed nights. Concluded the slide presentation with their contact information.</p> <p>Chair Cho thanked Joseph/Janelle for the presentation and asked for stats on ethnicities, genders, ages. Chair Cho mentioned the concerns of the neighbors not wanting the facility in the area, being near the Children’s Home. Asked specific outreach efforts and what more they plan to do. Also inquired on future expansion plans. Joseph responded on stats,</p>

average age is 58 years old with about 38% seniors. Most of the seniors are kinless and lost their housing. Janelle on Children's Receiving home, they did the work ahead of opening to mitigate the concerns such as adjusting the entrance door, managing traffic, making sure they're not in the neighborhood and staff doing rounds around the entire property. Also doing work in the park, ensuring guests doesn't linger and leave trash. Security team is in communication if any youth crosses over. Joseph to send presentation and stats to Chair Cho. On expansion, Joe doesn't see it at the current property at this time as it all depends on what the neighbors will tolerate.

Member Lueth, asked if anyone can walk-in from anywhere. Per Joe, walk ups are not allowed. Need to call 211/311 to put in a request and a referral will be made. Sacramento Community Response sends a team to where the person is. If engaged in D2, then the center becomes an option. If not, then it would be other options. Services are in referral basis unless in weather activation where they can accept anyone from anywhere. On screening process; pre-assessment for mental stability, stabilizes them before bringing to the clinic. Also screens for registered sex offenders, weapons/contrabands, alcohol. Gate has a 24-hour security. Member Wentzel asked if screening team included a licensed clinical social worker or licensed professional that can determine 51/50 Hold. Per Joe, no but they're fairly trained to get people to the right place for help. Per Janelle, if not sent to the hospital, folks are referred to the Crisis Center. In the situation with someone in crisis an ambulance is called. People referred to CalAIM, are those that need a higher level of care for appropriate housing since HOPE is only temporary.

Public comment 1. Lives in the area, thinks HOPE is a good neighbor, rarely sees homeless people loitering around and appreciates it.

Public comment 2. Asked if any decrease in unhoused people in the area with the facility. Joe responded there's been a lot of enforcement activity around the area, not just the facility, but with the diligent work done in the park and in the neighborhood, only folks passing through or those who are at the center are seen. Otherwise, District 2 has seen an uptick because of enforcement activities.

III. Member Discussion of Presentation and Alignment with Goals

Member Lueth would like to see some initiative in ASOCs part in representing the board to study what HOPE is doing and how they're doing it and seeing if can be applied county-wide. Impressed by numbers and people they're serving and amount of referral they do. This would help greatly with homelessness throughout the county. Chair Cho agreed.

Member Wentzel, inquired if people were actually moved to housing. Asked for proportion of people getting housing. Per Joe, in March had 52% placement into housing; motel, shelters and transitional living. Rare for anyone in short-term respite center into permanent housing. Janelle added, all indicative with the shortage in housing. Member Wentzel asked Kelli if BH program people at the outreach/engagement center have been successful in moving people into FSPs. Kelli responded that she's happy to come back with the numbers and confirmed that staff does the screening for FSP level of care and added that there's also a number of folks eligible for managed care plan as well as folks enrolled in CORE, outpatient system. Kelli asked the committee if they would be interested in HEART presenting with update/data. If just data, Kelli can send to Chair Cho. Member Wentzel mentioned she heard there were some changes in assessment for FSPs. Kelli confirmed, LIST (Level of Intensity Tool) which

went live last month and now used instead of Locus. Member Wentzel wants to see comparison between number people coming in/out of FSP as a result of this change compared to when Locus was used. From NAMI perspective, it's been difficult getting into FSP and interested to see more people qualifying than before. Member Wentzel asked if the HOPE team considered referring folks to AOT? Per Janelle, haven't yet and knows it's an option.

Chair Cho thanked Joseph/Janelle and informed them that he will compile the committee's questions prior to visit at their facility. Joseph thanked the committee and will send the slides to Chair Cho with some of the data he already had on age groups and demographics.

IV. Member Announcements or Comments

Member Wentzel announced the NAMI Walk on May 6th and hopes everyone participates.

V. Public Comment

3 Minutes per Person

No public comment.

VI. Adjournment Until Next Meeting 5/23

4th Tuesdays of Each Month

Chair Cho thanked everyone for their attendance with a reminder that the next MHB meeting will be on May 3rd at the County building.

This meeting closed at 49:55 minutes from beginning of recording.