Sacramento County Public Health Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 9th, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ZOOM MEETING

Facilitator: Effie Ruggles, Chair

Scribe: Stacey Kennedy

Meeting Attendees:

• Elaine Ellers

Katie Andrew

Rebecca Lewis

Fay Bursch

Tosha Ulcini

• Dr. Ryan Spielvogel

Paula Kuhlman

• Dr. Kevin Keating

Robyn Alongi

Leesa Hooks

Stacey Kennedy

• Christina Newport

Robin Blanks-Guster

• Effie Ruggles

• Nicole Blanchard

• Emely Arienza

Aman Dhuney

Absent Members:

- Dr. Ravinder Khaira
- Christi Kagstrom
- Mary Baston
- Robert Hickman
- Ashley Sterlin
- Amber Hill
- Dr. Harry Wang

Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Effie Ruggles
Agenda and Minutes	September minutes reviewed and approved with changes by the Board
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Public Health Officer's Report	 Notes sent by Dr. Law Influenza activity is sporadic in the state. CAHAN on Flu vaccine and masking mandate for healthcare workers was sent out last week. Sexual Health clinic is looking to recruit MD/DO or NP who have experience in STI treatment.
MCAH Update	 Presented by Leesa Hooks The MCAH Program has been trying to gather some data on COVID-19 vaccination rates and pregnancy. Dr. Spielvogel will be presenting at an MCAH training on 11/17 to discuss COVID-19 and Pregnancy. The nursing staff has been discussing the COVID-19 vaccine with their clients and finding out that many OB providers are not discussing the vaccine with them. Congenital Syphilis is going up in Sacramento County. We are looking at what we can do to support and partner with our Sexual Health Program to provide services. Would like to be able to assist with care coordination. The Fetal Infant Morality Review Team is taking a deeper dive into congenital syphilis to identify the risk factors. Could possibly work with CPS foster program on congenital syphilis risk factors and children that have been exposed. Sacramento County will be providing 4 midwifery scholarships through our Perinatal Equity Initiative. As of January 1st the GMC's were scheduled to begin offering Doula services to all pregnant women on Medi-Cal. The date to go live with this benefit has been pushed back to July 1, 2022.
Anthem, Start Smart benefit	Presented by Emely Arienza, Aman Dhuney, & Nicole Blanchard • Shared multiple resources that are currently available (resource flyers are attached)
Sutter Teen Programs	Presented by Elaine Ellers • Program for pregnant and parenting youth in Sacramento (Power Point Presentation attached)
COVID-19 Update	Presented by Stacey Kennedy • Vaccines for 5-11 year olds are now available (Power Point Presentation attached)

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NFP Update	 Presented by Fay Bursch and Tosha Ulcini The CHVP State staff attended the last meeting while conducting their program audit. In fiscal year 21/22 there will be a reduction in the Cal Works allocation which will reduce that staffing from 4 nurses down to 2 nurses. We currently have 2 open positions that will not be filled so no staff will have to leave. Both NFP and AAPH programs are fully staffed. There are currently 162 clients enrolled. Referrals are keeping the case load up but there is still room for additional clients. Recent trainings attended include COVID-19 and Pregnancy and Prenatal Oral Health Some clients continue to request the telehealth option but nurses are encouraging in person visits. All nurses are continuing to ask clients about their vaccination status and providing education on vaccines. Many don't understand why the need a vaccine if they have already had COVID. They are finding that many clients on Medi-Cal are not being counseled by their provider about the vaccine.
Policy Update	 Presented by Katie Andrew We are in a new legislative session Children Now sponsored a bill to reduce racial disparities in childhood chronic diseases – it was vetoed by the Governor – stating that they currently have other health equity related bills. There is a new Community Health Worker benefit – the requirements for that will be pushed out to July 1, 2022 to allow more time to structure it. It looks like the new budget will be about 19 billion above the June budget- much of that may be one time funding. Children Now sponsored a bill to eliminate Medi-Cal premiums for children and pregnant women. Currently running a sign on letter.
Board Member Updates/Announcements	 Katie Andrew mentioned that the MDRAN – Medical Dental Referral and Navigation System now has 121 providers using the system and there have been over 2,000 referrals made. They are piloting the system in San Joaquin County.
Wrap-Up/Adjournment	 Adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Next Meeting is on January 11th