

# HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2021

10:07 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

**Meeting Location: Via Teleconference. No in-person meeting.**

Zoom Teleconference Info: 1-669-900-6833

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Zoom Passcode: 336937

**Facilitator:** Kristina Clark, Council Chair

**Scribe:** Emitai Bishop, County Staff and Paula Gammell, County Staff.

**Council Member Attendees via Teleconference:** Beth Valentine, Charles McDonald, David Contreras, Kane Ortega, Kristina Kendricks-Clark, Melody Law, Metzli Castro, Michael Ungeheuer, Michael Wofford, Minerva Reid, Richard Benavidez, Rick Myers, Ronnie Miranda, Steve Austin, Susan Farrington, Tom Hannon, Tracy Thomas and Zachary B.

**Members Excused:** Chelle Gossett, Dennis Poupart, Judy Vang, Kaye Pulupa, and Linda Ryan

**Members Absent:** Robyn Learned, and Tracy Jenkins.

**Guests:** Rashida Green, Wanda Vasquez, Janet Parker, Jake Bradley-Rowe, Tracy Lee, Tara Raoufi, Michelle Besse and Clarmundo Sullivan

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Welcome, Introductions and Announcements	<p>One Community Health is implementing a new telephone system.</p> <p>The dates for the NorCal AIDS Cycling event have changed. It will now be held September 30 through October 3, 2021.</p> <p>The Affected Communities Committee has coordinated with Wanda Vasquez, of Janssen Pharmaceuticals, to host a U=U presentation on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.</p>
Agenda and Minutes Review*	<p>Motion to approve Agenda as presented was made by Rick Myers with a second by Beth Valentine and approved by consensus.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Kane Ortega with a second by Richard Benavidez. Discussion noted a correction to the spelling of a participant's name and a correction on page 7 under Public Comments. Kane Ortega amended the motion to approve the Minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Richard Benavidez and passed by consensus.</p>
Presentation: Michelle Besse - Sacramento County System of Care	<p>Michelle Besse provided an overview of Sacramento County's System of Care. Sacramento County provides services for everyone. You don't have to have HIV nor do you have any Mental Health Issues in order to receive services. Unfortunately at this point they are unable to take out-of-county referrals. You must be a Sacramento County resident.</p> <p>Assessments can take place at Sac County Jail, Probation Dept., Primary Care, Guest House Homeless Clinic, Juvenile Court, Youth Detention Facility's &amp; Children's Receiving Home. Assessments are from 9am-4pm by appointment.</p> <p>Patients are screened for Covid-19 when they do go into residential housing. Currently there isn't waiting list for women, but a 4-6 week waiting list for men.</p> <p>Residential Treatment Facilities are for Adults only and there is 1-90 day stay. Currently</p>

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	<p>we are exploring a Youth Residential Treatment Facility in Sac County System. We offer Sober Living Environments which has a 12-18 month stay. It can be accessed through SOC access Point locations.</p> <p>Additional Services are Treatment on Demand, Interim Education Groups and Prenatal Program. Referrals can be made by calling 916-395-3552 ext. 1272.</p> <p>Any Questions, Comments or Suggestions can be directed to Michelle Besse (Mental Health Coordinator) 916-875-2058 or <a href="mailto:bessem@saccounty.net">bessem@saccounty.net</a>.</p>
<p>Office of AIDS (OA) Update February 2021</p>	<p>OA is observing National Black HIC/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD). NBHAAD is a celebrated annually on February 7, to increase awareness, support those living with HIV and highlight the work being done to reduce HIV in the Black/African American communities. The theme this year is “We’re in This Together”, it is meant to emphasize we all play a role in ending HIV. We can do our part to promote access to HIV education, testing, prevention and lifesaving treatments for those with HIV or at risk.</p> <p>Black/African American communities are significantly impacted by physical and structural determinants of health to include racism, homophobia, transphobia, access to housing and mass incarceration, to name a few. They contribute to the impact of increased HIV diagnosis, lack of access to critical information and low uptake or preventative and lifesaving measures such as PrEP, PEP, HIV treatment, re-engagement and retention to care.</p> <p>According to CDPH HIV Surveillance data, in 2018 Black/African Americans made up app. 6% of California’s population, yet they accounted for 17% of living HIV cases and 18% of new cases. As part of the National Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative, CDC has launched Let’s Stop HIV Together, a campaign aimed to empower communities, partners and healthcare providers nationwide. It can be found at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/stophivtogether/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/stophivtogether/index.html</a>.</p>

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	<p>OA is committed to providing updated information related to COVID-19. We have disseminated a number of documents in an effort to keep our clients and stakeholders informed. Please refer to our OA Website at <a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/doa/pages/oamain.aspx">www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/doa/pages/oamain.aspx</a> to stay informed.</p> <p>Assembly Bill 2077 is a change to the state law regarding Syringe Access Law. As of January 1, 2021, many several changes have been made related to syringe possession and distribution. Most importantly the bill removed all conditions on possession of syringes for personal use and extended authorization of physicians and pharmacists to furnish syringes without a prescription until January 1, 2026. It is lawful to possess syringes for personal use, it won't be defined as drug paraphernalia pursuant to state law.</p> <p>There is no limit on the number of syringes someone may possess for personal use, no age limit for possession, and it is lawful to possess syringes obtained from any source.</p> <p>Syringes may be furnished without a prescription by staff and volunteers of SSP's pharmacists and physicians.</p>
Council Self-Assessment	<p>Council Staff requested seated Council Members to complete the annual Council Self-Assessment and return them in the postage paid envelope enclosed with their documents.</p>
HIV/STI Prevention Updates	<p>Council Staff advised that since the Prevention Committee was dis-banded, the HIV/STI Prevention Updates will be a standing agenda item.</p> <p>Susan Farrington advised that the California Planning Group will be meeting next in May.</p> <p>Council Staff advised that the Sacramento Working Group to Improve Sexual Health (SacWISH) will be next in April.</p>

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<p>COVID-19 Updates</p>	<p>Council Staff advised that there are various websites maintaining updates on COVID-19. Council Staff does not have any additional information other than what is provided on the websites below.</p> <p>State of California: <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/">https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/</a></p> <p>El Dorado County: <a href="https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19-Cases.aspx">https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19-Cases.aspx</a></p> <p>Placer County: <a href="https://www.placer.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/46267/dashboard?bidId">https://www.placer.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/46267/dashboard?bidId</a></p> <p>Sacramento County: <a href="https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx</a></p> <p>Yolo County: <a href="https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/health-human-services/adults/communicable-disease-investigation-and-control/novel-coronavirus-2019/dashboard">https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/health-human-services/adults/communicable-disease-investigation-and-control/novel-coronavirus-2019/dashboard</a></p> <p>One Community Health advises that they have some vaccines available. Delivery of vaccines have been impacted by inclement weather.</p>
<p><u>Fiscal Agent Reports</u> December 2020 Monthly Fiscal Report*</p> <p>SOA Ending the HIV Epidemic Update</p>	<p>A copy of the December 2020 Monthly Fiscal Report was presented for review and approval. El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento Counties are presently under-spending. However, Susan Farrington advises that she anticipates both Placer and El Dorado will be spending all but approximately 5% of their funds. Beth Valentine anticipates Volunteers of America spending their funds. Jake Bradley-Rowe advised that Sunburst Projects will spend out all its child care funds. Motion to approve the FY20 December Monthly Fiscal Report was made by Kristina Kendricks-Clark with a second by Zach B. and approved by consensus.</p> <p>Council Staff advised that the County was in the process of purchasing a van for mobile services when word was received that the Centers for Disease Control informed the State Office of AIDS that any vehicles would have to be purchased by the State, rather than</p>

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HRSA Part A Ending the Epidemic Update	<p>the County. The County is awaiting further instructions from the State.</p> <p>The County is proceeding with the “build out” of space at the Sacramento Sexual Health Center to accommodate four exam rooms for HIV medical services.</p>
Committee Updates	<p><b>Administrative Assessment Committee (AdAC):</b> Susan Farrington advised that the Administrative Assessment Committee will meet next on June 11, 2021.</p> <p><b>Affected Communities Committee (ACC):</b> Council Staff advised that ACC met and reviewed the Positive Advocate, Training Calendar and Outreach Calendar. The Planning Council is now 40% reflective.</p> <p><b>Priorities and Allocations Committee (PAC):</b> Susan Farrington advised that the Committee will meet next on March 8, 2021.</p> <p><b>Quality Advisory Committee (QAC):</b> Council Staff advised that QAC met and reviewed the five service standards presented below for review and approval. With an approved motion by Susan Farrington and a second by Kane Ortega, the documents were voted on as one item rather than individually.</p> <p>SSC11 Medical Transportation*: The Medical Transportation service standard was updated to reflect that Part B does not allow reimbursement for staff using personal vehicles to transport clients. The State wants providers to utilize company vehicles, ride-share companies, and/or provide gas cards for client use.</p> <p>SSC15 Housing*: The Housing standard was updated to reflect changes by the State Office of AIDS. While the State Office of AIDS permits the back payment of rent for up to three months, the TGA does not have the funds to permit three months of back rent payments. Richard Benavidez motioned to remove the language regarding back payments which was seconded by Susan Farrington and approved by consensus.</p> <p>SSC16 Emergency Financial Assistance: The Emergency Financial Assistance standard</p>

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<p>Financial Assistance*</p> <p>SSC20 Health Education/Risk Reduction*</p> <p>SSC21 Non-Medical Case Management*</p> <p>FY21 QAC Work Plan</p> <p>FY20 Post Card Survey Update</p>	<p>was updated with wording changes by the State Office of AIDS.</p> <p>SSC20 Health Education/Risk Reduction: This standard was updated to include language on compliance with Service Standard 05 Eligibility and Fees.</p> <p>SSC21 Non-Medical Case Management: After discussion, this service standard was updated by removing the information regarding referring clients who are lost to follow-up, back to the County for re-engagement activities.</p> <p>Motion to approve the service standards as discussed above was made by Susan Farrington with a second by Ricky Myers and approved with one abstention.</p> <p>A copy of QAC's FY21 Work Plan was presented for informational purposes.</p> <p>Council Staff has been inputting the various post card responses. There are approximately 15 post card responses from ambulatory care in which respondents indicated that the client did not have a medical appointment in the past 12 months or in which the response was blank but the other questions were answered. Similarly, there was one dental post card response in which the client stated they had not had a dental appointment but the other questions were answered. After discussion it was decided that Council Staff will not include the responses in the primary tally however make note of the responses in the written report.</p> <p><b>Needs Assessment Committee (NAC):</b> NAC will be meeting next in March 2021.</p> <p><b>Governance (Gov):</b> Michael Ungeheuer advised that he has been reviewing the various documents monthly and will report back if there are an areas of concern.</p>
<p>Binder Updates</p>	<p>The following updates for the HIV Health Services Planning Council's Policy and Procedure Manual were included in seated Council Members' meeting documents/packets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 11 Table of Contents</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal Service Standards</li> <li>• SSC01 Medical Case Management</li> <li>• SSC03 Dental Services</li> <li>• SSC14 Mental Health</li> </ul>
Technical Assistance Needs	Please contact Chelle Gossett, Paula Gammell or Kristina Kendricks-Clark for any technical assistance.
Public Comments	None noted.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 11:27 a.m. Next meeting: March 24, 2021