

## **HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes**

June 23, 2021

10:02a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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

Zoom Teleconference Info: 1-669-900-6833

Zoom Conference ID: 912 5123 7390

Zoom Passcode: 836671

**Facilitator:** Kristina Clark, Council Chair

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

**Council Member Attendees via Teleconference:** Chelle Gossett, David Contreras, Dennis Poupart, Janet Parker, Judy Vang, Kane Ortega, Kaye Pulupa, Kristina Kendricks-Clark, Melody Law, Michael Wofford, Richard Benavidez, Robyn Learned, Ronnie Miranda, Steve Austin, Susan Farrington, Tom Hannon, Tracy Thomas & Zachary Basler.

**Members Excused:** Charles McDonald, Michael Ungeheuer, Minerva Reid, Rick Meyers, and Tracy Jenkins

**Members Absent:** Beth Valentine & Metzli Castro

**Guests:** Rashida Green, Becky Gonzales, Melissa Willett, Tracy Lee, Tara Raoufi, Williams Rhodes, Steven Nicholson, Angeliqe Skinner & Monique Harris.

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<p>Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</p>	<p>Harm Reduction Services has COVID Vaccinations available on Thursdays from 3:30 – 6 p.m.</p> <p>Just a reminder that the NorCal AIDS Cycle event has been postponed from May 2021 to September 2021.</p> <p>Also just a reminder: Jake Bradley-Rowe with Sunburst Projects are hosting an in-person fundraising event October 16, 2021 at Hagen Oaks Golf Course. Please contact <a href="http://www.sunburstprojcts.org">www.sunburstprojcts.org</a> for more information.</p> <p>Another Reminder: The US Conference on AIDS is being held in-person October 28, 2021 through October 31, 2021. The event will take place in Washington D.C. Go to <a href="https://uscha.life/">https://uscha.life/</a> for more information.</p>
<p>Agenda and Minutes Review*</p>	<p>Motion to approve then Agenda as presented was made by Kane Ortega with a second by Richard Benavidez and approved by consensus.</p> <p>Motion to approve Minutes as presented was made by Richard Benavidez with a second by Tom Hannon. Richard Benavidez noted an error on page six. Richard Benavidez amended the motion to approve the Minutes with the elimination of an extraneous “a” on Page 6 under the Priorities and Allocations Committee update on line 2. Tom Hannon seconded the amended motion which was approved by consensus.</p>
<p>Presentation: SHRA David Contreras <a href="mailto:DCONTRERAS@SHRA.ORG">DCONTRERAS@SHRA.ORG</a></p>	<p>The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) serves as the Housing Authority for the City and County of Sacramento. They also managed the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) program which is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). <a href="http://www.shra.org">www.shra.org</a></p> <p><b>HOPWA Eligible Services</b> include Short Term Rent (STRMU), Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Short Term Temporary Shelter Assistance and Operations, Supportive Services,</p>

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	<p>Acquisition Rehab, Conversion, Lease and Repair of Facilities to Provide Housing, and New Construction (For Single Room Occupancy [SRO] Dwellings and Community residences only).</p> <p><b>Eligible Participants:</b> A Household Member Must Have at Least One Person Verified to have an HIV or AIDS Diagnosis.</p> <p>The total amount income must be at or below 80%. A household must have legal residency in housing and/or be responsible for utility payments; and, a household must demonstrate need for the assistance.</p> <p><b>Sacramento County Services</b> <i>Volunteers of American – Open Arms</i> is a 90 day, 12 bed emergency housing shelter for men and women in Sacramento. It includes three meals a day, snacks, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling referrals with intensive case management.</p> <p><i>Colonia San Martin Resident Community Center</i> Supportive services including Transportation, Child Care Services, Mental Health Services, and Employment Assistance are provided to 40 eligible households.</p> <p><i>One Community Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term rent, mortgage and utility payment assistance (STRMU) to eligible patients and their families utilizing for no more than 21 weeks in any 52 week period</li> <li>• Supportive services include health/mental health assessment, drug and alcohol abuse treatment/counseling, and nutritional services</li> </ul> <p><b>Yolo County</b> <i>CommuniCare Health Center</i> provides Short Term Rent Payment Assistance for no more than</p>

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	<p>21 weeks in a 52 week period and supportive services including Health/Mental health assessment, drug and alcohol abuse treatment/counseling, and nutritional services.</p> <p><b>El Dorado and Placer Counties</b>  <i>Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation provides</i> Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Payment Assistance (STRMU) to eligible patients and their families for no more than 21 weeks in a 52 week period. Tenant-based rental assistance is also available.</p> <p><b>Courtyard Inn</b>  This 144 room hotel has been converted into a 92 unit apartment with 1 and 2 bedroom units. 11 units are reserved for HOPWA eligible individuals at the Courtyard Inn.</p> <p><b>Capitol Park Hotel</b>  Was built in 1912 and operated as a 180 unit hotel. It has now being converted into 134 studios apartments. They will be used as affordable, permanent supportive, workforce housing units and as a temporary shelter. Eight units will be for HOPWA eligible individuals at the Capitol Park Hotel.</p> <p>In 2020, SHRA provided the following rental/housing services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacramento County (STRMU):189 Households served</li> <li>• Sacramento County Short-Term Supported Housing:74 Individuals served</li> <li>• Yolo County (STRMU): 15 Households</li> <li>• Placer County (STRMU): 30 Households</li> <li>• El Dorado (TBRA): 1 Household</li> <li>• El Dorado (STRMU): 30 Households</li> </ul> <p><b>COVID-19 CARES ACT</b> Services from May 2020 to December 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacramento County (STRMU):121 Households served</li> <li>• Sacramento County (TBRA):6 Individuals served</li> <li>• Yolo County (STRMU): 3 Households</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placer County (STRMU): 7 Households</li> <li>• El Dorado (STRMU): 1 Households</li> </ul>
<p>Presentation – Sacramento Ending the Epidemic Plan</p>	<p>Monique Harris with Facente Consulting and Angelique Skinner with the California State Office of AIDS presented an overview of Sacramento County’s Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan.</p> <p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded funds to the State of California, California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, to coordinate and monitor the California Consortium. The California Consortium consists of six of the eight Phase I counties designated in California as part of the Ending the HIV Epidemic in America (EtHE) initiative: Alameda, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San Diego. The funding was insufficient to provide the addition of support staff to each county, therefore, OA hired Facente Consulting to assist each of the counties in the development of the EtHE Plan. The six counties are in various geographic regions and have differing prevention needs for their distinct populations. Therefore, the California Consortium EtHE Plan is designed with a specific plan for each county, and a chapter on the role of OA.</p> <p>In collaboration with OA and Facente Consulting, each county was able to host at least one community forum prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the outbreak, the community contributed to the plan through teleconferences, key informant interviews, and surveys. In May 2021, Sacramento County held a focus group with the Youth Advisory Board for inputs on ideas to create a “Youth Friendly Clinic”.</p> <p>Sacramento County has identified nine new innovative efforts, summarized in Exhibit 4 on page 4, that will help propel us toward ending the HIV epidemic. These efforts will require close partnership with several existing and new partners in order to be successful. New activities are described in full detail in the EtHE plan and address all four EtHE pillars. EtHE activities will focus on the regions and populations experiencing high and disproportionate HIV burden, including people under the age of</p>

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	<p>30, people of color, and MSM.</p> <p>In addition to the listed activities, Sacramento County will work with key partners, including organizations serving MSM of color, the transgender community, youth, People Who Inject Drugs (PWID), and those with technical expertise to develop and implement the proposed interventions.</p> <p>Additionally, Sacramento County will make special efforts to build a workforce that mirrors the priority populations demographically, linguistically, and in lived experience in order to increase our capacity to reach these priority population.</p> <p>All interventions are funded through the CDC grant unless otherwise specified.</p>
<p>Office of AIDS (OA) Update June 2021 Kaye Pulupa and Tracy Lee</p>	<p>Kaye Pulupa and Tracy Lee with the State Office of AIDS (OA) provided an overview of the OA Voice June Update which included the following:</p> <p>June 5<sup>th</sup> was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the national public health surveillance system identification of five cases of rare illnesses among gay men, initiating awareness of what became the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Forty years later there are still new HIV infections, and more than 1.2 million people in the United States, including 137,785 people in California, are living with HIV. Nationally one out of seven have HIV infection but are unaware testing is still vital. HIV medication suppresses the virus to undetectable levels, and those who are undetectable cannot transmit the virus to others.</p> <p>Fifty-six percent of people living with HIV (PLWH) in the United States are currently virally suppressed, access to ongoing health care and medication is still vital.</p> <p>Gay men and men who have sexual contact with men have always led the epidemic and currently young men gay men 13 to 24 years of age are infected more than any other age group, removing stigma and homophobia is still vital.</p> <p>June 5 is also recognized as HIV Long Term Survivors Day, with admiration of those</p>

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	<p>who have been living with HIV for decades, many from before HIV medications achieved the effectiveness and simplicity compared to the days of severe side effects and challenging medication regimes requiring many medications taken throughout the day and night. They not only survived the virus, but the discrimination, loss of family and friends due to fear and ignorance and the grief of losing their lovers and peers. HIV Long Term Survivors also include those who remained HIV negative throughout the epidemic but were present with those living with HIV, fighting for healthcare provided with dignity and respect.</p> <p>OA is recognizing and celebrating Pride Month. Gay pride or LGBTQ+ pride commemorates the LGBTQ+ movement against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people remembering the beginning of the movement with the Stonewall Riots in 1969.</p> <p><i>COVID-19</i>  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.</p> <p>Collaborating with syringe services programs (SSPs) for vaccine distribution is one way to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines among people who use drugs and others underserved by traditional healthcare systems.</p> <p>Sacramento County will be participating in an EtHE Strategy Meeting with the Facente Consulting group and State Office of AIDS on Thursday, June 24, 2021 via Zoom.</p>
HIV/STI Prevention Updates	<p>The Sacramento Workgroup to Improve Sexual Health (SacWISH) meets next virtually on July 21, 2021, at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Sacramento County Public Health’s U=U Campaign pamphlets and handouts are being translated into Spanish.</p>

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	<p>Janet Parker with One Community Health advises that they have HIV self-test kits available.</p>
<p><u>Fiscal Agent Reports</u>  FY20 February 2021 Part A Monthly Fiscal Report*</p>           FY20 March 2021 Part B Monthly Fiscal Report*	<p>FY20 February 2021 Monthly Fiscal Report  The Fiscal Year 2020 Monthly Fiscal Reports were broken out into two separate reports for Part A and Part B funding for greater transparency.</p> <p>Part A final expenditures total \$3,043,816 or 88.26% of the total grant award. Thus, there is 11.74% remaining for carryover. While this exceeds the mandated limitation on carryover to not exceed 5% of the total grant award, those limitations were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion to approve the Part A FY20 February 2021 Fiscal Report was made by Ronnie Miranda with a second by Tom Hannon and approved by consensus.</p> <p>Part B final expenditures total \$1,221,348 or 96.76% of the total grant award. No carryover is permitted for Part B funds. Motion to approve the Part A FY20 March 2021 Fiscal Report was made by Dennis Poupart with a second by Kane Ortega and approved by consensus.</p> <p>SOA Ending the HIV Epidemic Update  The County's Division of Primary Health Services is having a mobile health van being built and will be allowing Public Health to use the unit to provide HIV and sexual health services. We are also looking at the possibility of providing shower and laundry services to homeless residents utilizing the mobile van. Moving forward with hiring Staff.</p> <p>HRSA Part A Ending the Epidemic Update  The HIV Clinic build-out is proceeding slowly. Lead and asbestos have been found in the building which has further complicated the project. HIV services are presently only available on Fridays.</p>



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FY20 Part A Annual Progress Report	<p>COVID Funding Update A no-cost extension was submitted allowing the use of the FY20 remaining funds to be used in FY21. Three providers are receiving the funding. Funding is available for housing, transportation, food and personal protection equipment.</p> <p>FY20 Part A Annual Progress Report The FY20 Part A Annual Progress Report was presented for informational purposes.</p>
<p>Committee Updates/Work Group Updates</p> <p>FY20 AdAC Year End Findings</p>	<p><b>Affected Communities Committee (ACC):</b> The Planning Council continues to exceed the mandated Reflectiveness requirement of 33%. There will be some changes in reflectiveness due to several appointments/resignations to/from the Council. ACC will be tabling at the Recovery Happens event in September, providing information on the Planning Council and services for people living with HIV.</p> <p><b>Administrative Assessment Committee:</b> A copy of the FY20 AdAC Year End Findings was presented for informational purposes. There were no negative findings. The FY21 mid-year assessment will be held 11/19/2021.</p> <p><b>Priorities and Allocations:</b> There was a discussion regarding the FY22 Part A Grant Application Funding Request. In the past several years, the TGA has only been permitted to request an approximately 5% increase. However, with the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY22, the permitted ceiling request was greater than 5%.</p> <p>With an increase in the “ceiling request”, Council Staff presented a draft of the FY22 Part A Grant Application Funding request based on a 5% increase across all service categories based on the FY19 Final Expenditures with the exception of Child Care Services as the agency providing the services declined an increase in funding for that service. Any remaining funds in excess of the 5% increase were also distributed evenly across all service categories. Motion to approve the FY22 Part A Grant Application Funding request was made by Susan Farrington with a second by Richard</p>

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<p>FY20 Post Card Survey Findings</p> <p>FY20 Client Satisfaction Survey Findings</p>	<p>Benavidez and was approved by consensus.</p> <p><b>Quality Advisory Committee:</b> A copy of the FY20 Post Card Survey Findings was presented for informational purposes.</p> <p>A copy of the FY20 Client Satisfaction Survey Findings was presented for informational purposes.</p> <p><b>Needs Assessment Committee:</b> The Needs Assessment survey process has been completed and the survey results forwarded to the consultant for analysis and a report of findings.</p> <p><b>Governance:</b> Committee Chair Vacancies 7/1/2021 include AdAC, PAC, NAC, and QAC. Richard Benavidez has expressed interest in Chairing AdAC. Janet Parker has expressed interest in Chairing QAC. Ronnie Miranda and Jake Bradley-Rowe have expressed interested in being the Chair of PAC.</p> <p>Committee Chairs are also automatically members of the Executive Committee which meets the second Thursday of each month, from 3 – 5 p.m.</p> <p>As there has been interest expressed by more than one individual to Chair a specific committee, the Council will vote on the Chair appointments at the August Council meeting. Members may submit a statement of qualifications to Council Staff and/or make an oral statement prior to voting.</p>
<p>Binder Updates</p>	<p>An updated Council Roster, dated 6/11/21, was provided in meeting packets.</p>
<p>Technical Assistance</p>	<p>Please Contact Paula Gammell, Chelle Gossett and/or Kristina Kendricks-Clark for any Technical Assistance.</p>

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Public Comments	None noted.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m. Next meeting: August 25, 2021

**\*Action Items**