

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2023 4:00PM - 5:30PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Moderator: Libby Abbott, Sonal Patel, Co-Chair

Scribe: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 4:08 PM

Category	Name	Attendance
Community Member	Vacant	
Community Member	Deanna Drake	Yes
Community Member	Mark Borges	Yes
Vice-Chair	Elisabeth Abbott	Yes
Community Member	Phillip Summers	Yes
Public Health Professional	Vacant	
Public Health/Health	Vacant	
Vice-Chair	Sonal Patel	Yes
Community Member	Chase Smith	Yes
Community Member	Bekalu Amare	Yes
Public Health/Health	Sara Bowsky	
Public Health Professional	Vacant	
Public Health/Health	Vacant	
Community	Vacant	
Community	George Meyer	Yes
County Staff	Stephanie Miller	Yes
County Staff	Lori Miller	Yes
County Staff	Andrew Mendonsa	Yes
County Staff	Tim Lutz	
County Staff	Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio)	Yes
County Staff	Noel Vargas (Ex-officio)	

Review of Minutes: May minutes were approved. (Motion: Borges; Second: Summers; unanimous vote)

HIV Health Services Planning Council Appointments

Members voted to appoint Christopher Kendrick-Stafford, Troy Stermer, and Donald Scherschligt to the HIV Health Services Planning Council with a majority vote.

HSCC and First Five Updates

First 5 will be holding a meeting in July. No new updates were available.

Staffing Updates

Agency and County mental health worker vacancy rates have dropped.

SUPT Updates

- The Safer Sacramento initiative collaborated with partners to develop an ad campaign that includes billboard ads and flyers to educate the community about the dangers of opioid use.
- There is a Fentanyl Awareness Summit on August 17th at Sac State that will highlight emerging strategies for managing the opioid epidemic/fentanyl, prevention, harm reduction, and community-level solutions. More information can be found [here](#).
- Data shows that meth is the most abused drug. Cocaine and heroin use are becoming more prevalent. SUPT is working to address the substance abuse disorder among seniors ages 55 years and over because it is killing this age demographic.
- Arrive Alive have given presentations to youth on opioid substance use and encourages the use of Narcan to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. The goal is to expand Narcan distribution to all college campuses. The FDA approved non-prescription Narcan in March 2023. Sacramento County provides Narcan and Fentanyl test strips to public-facing organizations upon request.
- The County received 21 informal proposals for Opioid Remediation funding and conducted stakeholder meeting to gather feedback from the community on the funding proposals.

- The County is looking to expand the number of residential treatment beds to meet demand.

Public Health Updates

- Both the Federal and the State COVID-19 Emergency mandate officially ended.
- Fewer COVID-19 cases are being reported and the variants that were circulating have stabilized. Community transmission remains low.
- Sacramento County Department of Public Health is working on attaining National Accreditation. The process will take about a year.
- SB 1383 (2016) requires generators of food such as grocery stores to divert 20% of excess food to help individuals in need of food by 2025. The Department of Health Services is leading a multi-jurisdiction county and city-wide work group to oversee this initiative. This project is intended to serve low-income areas and the unhoused population.

Correctional Health Letter

More information on the Correctional Health Letter will be shared at the July PHAB Meeting.

Homelessness Discussion

The unhoused population experiences harmful effects of environmental exposure such as fires and poor sanitation. They are also susceptible to violence and human trafficking. Topics of interest to PHAB include policy decisions impacting the unhoused populations' physical health, mental health, and safety. Other topics include the implications of abatement and camp sweeps for the unhoused population and how it also affects their physical health, mental health and safety.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM