

## Public Health Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023 12-1:30PM

### Meeting Location

Zoom Meeting (Open to the Public)

**Moderator:** Sonal Patel, Co-Chair

**Scribes:** Cynthia Dossman

**Meeting Opened:** 12:07 PM

### Board Members:

Category	Name	Attendance
Community Member	Vacant	
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Community Member	Elisabeth Abbott	Excused
Community Member	Phillip Summers	Yes
Public Health Professional	Vacant	
Public Health/Health	Ashley Sterlin	
Vice-Chair	Sonal Patel	Yes
Community Member	Chase Smith	Yes
Vice-Chair	Bekalu Amare	
Public Health/Health	Sara Bowsky	Yes
Public Health Professional	Vacant	
Public Health/Health	Vacant	
Community	Vacant	
Community	George Meyer	Yes
County Staff	Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio)	Yes
County Staff	Sandy Damiano (Ex-officio)	

**Other County Leadership:** Lori Miller

**Review of Minutes:** December minutes cannot be approved until there is a quorum.

**YouTube link for the minutes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVICExEyWlQ>

### Update

Introductions from attendees

## **Admin Updates – Meeting Structure & PHAB Recruitment**

Currently we do have some vacancies due to people who termed out of their chairs in December 2022, and one of the exciting things that Farla was able to do before she departed was work really close with the public information officer at Sacramento County to develop a recruitment flyer and that's the link that's on the page that Stacey is sharing. Please pass the information on to others.

Recruitment Flyer Link: <https://www.saccounty.gov/news/latest-news/Pages/Public-Health-Advisory-Board-Looking-for-New-Members-.aspx>

## **Guest speaker: Sacramento Metro Fire Mobile Integrated Health Unit-Perryman. Schmalz**

First I would like to say Thank you, for the opportunity to be able to share with you what Metro Fire has done with mobile Integrated Health in the Sacramento region. Here's a little bit of information about the EMS system, so when someone calls 9-1-1 as a paramedic I only have two options those options are either take you to the emergency room or you just stay there on the scene and you kind of figure it out on your own, so as paramedics we only have one option and that's to take you to the hospital and that's just to the emergency room and we then realized that wasn't the only option so started looking at things and that's where mobile Integrated Health popped up so we began to talk to a lot of different areas or resources in the Sacramento area, looked at what was specifically needed and how we could actually be a benefit to the system cause once again not everybody needs to go to the emergency room by ambulance. (Click link for more information).

<https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/Public-Health-Advisory-Board/PHAB-Meeting-Documents/2023/Presentations/Sacramento%20Metro%20Fire%20Mobile%20Integrated%20Health%20Unit%20%28Perryman%20and%20Schmalz%29.pptx>

**Q:** Is your program interfacing with 988 as well?

**A:** It's not currently integrated with 988. It a little difficult because this is Sac Metro's area.

**Q:** Is this only through 9-1-1, you did answer that in some ways is there another way to request your Service?

**A:** As Dr. Schmalz was saying we did get requests from different health organizations like Sutter and Kaiser, they would reach out to us, so there's a pathway for that to happen. But not from the general public.

**Q:** Is this being done elsewhere?

**A:** This started in Mesa Arizona, where they actually were having an influenza pandemic and because of they closed down one of their hospitals because it was just too intense and they transported those patients to other hospitals.

**Guest speaker: SCHC Mobile Integrated Health and Street Medicine Unit-  
Mishra. Orsulak**

I would like to start by giving everyone a background on our homeless services, our focus is the homeless, so for many years when we were (CMISP) County Medical Medically Indigent Services Program we had a Federal Grant to take care of the homeless so we had a full service homeless site at Loaves and Fishes with a provider doing full scope care, along with the nurse times change recession happened a lot of things managed Care came into the forefront and we sort of stopped everything and we just had a nurse out there providing navigation, sort of transportation and TB services, fast forward 2020 came along and some of the providers, Management and says it's time this is a pandemic and we need to do more for this population so we worked with Loaves and Fishes and we started back our Primary Health Services in a different location, but still within the Lowe's and Fishes park at the Delaney Center. There we provided full scope services five days a week. In 2021 with a grant from HRSA we got a mobile unit then we began our mobile services in the parking lot just to get our feet wet, and amazingly a lot of people showed up to the van and when they don't come to our clinic it's pretty striking to me. Hopefully very soon in the next month we'll be starting up our street medicine services.

To see more information on Sacramento County Primary Health Mobile & Street Medicine Team. (Click on link:

<https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/Public-Health-Advisory-Board/PHAB-Meeting-Documents/2023/Presentations/SCHC%20Mobile%20Integrated%20Health%20and%20Street%20Medicine%20Services%20%28Mishra%20and%20Orsulak%29.pptx>

**Q:** Is it possible to get a team out on the street to help sign homeless up for Medical and or Medicare? Are you looking for volunteer providers? The SSVMS Spirit program may be able to help.

**A:** We currently have someone here at the clinic and Loaves and Fishes that does both, she signs up patients and also sees what they're qualified for and then signs them up for Medicare and or Medical.

**Q:** Is the L&F clinic and mobile unit usage at capacity?

**A:** Right now we are only able to offer two half days a week.

**Q:** Will needle exchange be available? What about accepting old/expired medications?

**A:** From Phil, info on Deterra disposal of old medication <https://deterrasystem.com>

**Approval of December Meeting Minutes –Sonal**

We weren't able to finalize December minutes we'll vote in a future meeting.

**Public Comment**

Any public comments?

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20PM.

Submitted by Cynthia Dossman, scribe