

## PHAB December 2, 2020 Meeting

**Board Attendees:** Jennifer Anderson, Jofil Borja, Sandy Damiano, Steve Heath, Olivia Kasirye, Farla Kaufman, Barbara Law, Steven Orkand, Sonal Patel, Emanuel Petrisor, Jeff Rabinovitz, Phil Summers, Annie Tat, Jack Zwald

### Board Members

**Absent:** Paula Green

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**Excused:** Tina Slee

**Guests:** Libby Abbott

**Scribe:** Steve Orkand/Farla Kaufman

Meeting started at 12:01

November meeting minutes for the November 4<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted. The vote on approval of the special November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was as follows:

ayes – Steve Health, Jeff Rabinovitz, Phil Summers, Sonal Patel, Farla Kaufman, Annie Tat;

abstain – Jack Zwald, Jennifer Anderson, Emanuel Petrisor

Barbara Law first voted aye with edits if needed, then voted nay

Farla listed vacancies and encouraged members to find interested, talented people with appropriate backgrounds.

Steve Orkand gave a brief summary of the Human Services Coordinating Council. There are two seats reserved for PHAB. We have had a couple of inquires that Farla is aware of, with one having applied. The Board has representatives from all the major Boards and Committees that relate to human services: Public Health, Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug, Children's Coalition, Aging, Disabilities, etc. The ex-officios represent the major departments.

Jeff briefly described First 5 Advisory Board. They advise a semi-independent agency, First 5, which is funded partly by the Federal Govt. Deals with issues effecting children 0-5.

Public Health Update. Dr. K provided an update. Increase in hospitalization. It is a very bad picture. Talked primarily about COVID pressures on the health care system and the skilled nursing facilities.

Dr. Damiano provided an update including the following:

As of **12/2/20**:

Total Inmate Population (Main Jail & Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center):

Total number of COVID-19 tests: 6,602 (*Net increase = 253*)

Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases: 151 (*Net increase = 25*)

Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases during the intake observation/quarantine period: 150

Total number of COVID-19 positive inmates currently in custody: Main Jail - 26 / RCCC - 0

Total number of COVID-19 related deaths: 0

SSO Link: <https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/covid19.php>

We discussed the letter to the Board in support of the whistleblowers in the Department of Health Services. There was very little discussion. We didn't take the position that we could support complaints emanating from specific interactions. But we felt we knew the complainants to be knowledgeable and honest, and thought the descriptions of a toxic workplace were disturbing.

Unanimous vote to send the letter to the BOS in support of County staff.

PHAB topics for 2021. Farla distributed a list of topics that had been nominated by email and asked the members to list their top 5 choices, in order of preference (first choice first). Steve Orkand will tabulate.

Officers: Farla announced vacancies for all the Executive Committee positions. Farla, Tina, Sonal and Emanuel all sought reappointment. Phil accepted nomination for the remaining position. Chat room vote was taken, one candidate at a time. All the proposed members were accepted unanimously.

Reviewed the various topics we discussed during 2020. I don't remember further discussion of that.

There was no public comment.

Ended at 1:25