

Public Health Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2022 12-1:30PM

Meeting Location

Zoom Meeting (Open to the Public)

Moderator: Farla Kaufman

Scribes: Liz Gomez

Meeting Opened: 12:03 PM

Those attending: Farla Kaufman, Steve Heath, Chase Smith, Sonal Patel, Elisabeth Abbott, Phil Summers, Ashley Sterlin, Barbie Law, Sara Bowsky, Jofil Borja, Larissa May, Sandy Damiano (ex officio)

Those not in attendance:

Board Members excused:

Other County Leadership: Lynnann Svensson, Rick Heyer, Debra Payne, Andrew Mendosa

Review of Minutes: December minutes approved.

YouTube link for the minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i14Kdzlkv0Q>

Farla Update

Welcome to our monthly board meeting we have two great speakers today. One of our business items is approval of December meeting minutes. Any edits or changes that we need to make? We have some incredible board members and we are seeking a few more so if you know of anyone. Christina Slee has resigned and Sonal is not vice chair. We now have a Primary Health Division Update first.

Public Health Division Updates – Lynnann

Lynnann indicated she will forward a few items to the group that we can post.

Primary Health Division Updates – Dr. Damiano

PHAB REPORT: Correctional Facilities/COVID-19

Juvenile Correctional Health

Case Data for the period of 12/26 – 1/1

- Total confirmed throughout pandemic: 63
- Total tests for period: 22
- Total new cases for period: 0
- Census as of 01/03 = 115

Vaccination Data

- Youth vaccinated as of 12/31/21: 102
- Incentive Program began in mid-July.

Adult Correctional Health

Data from the last posted dashboard is below. Information is posted once weekly.

Weekly COVID-19 Data as of December 29, 2021

Total number of COVID-19 tests since March 2020: 28,899 (*Net increase = 505*)

Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases since March 2020: 2,236 (*Net increase = 3*)

Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases during the intake observation/quarantine period since March 2020: 515 (*Net increase = 3*)

Total number of COVID-19 positive inmates currently in custody: Main Jail – 3 / RCCC – 0

Total number of COVID-19 related deaths: 2

SSO COVID-19 Link: <https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/covid19.php>

Outbreak

Staff reported a COVID-19 outbreak the week of October 18th. Outbreak was quickly resolved at Main Jail in November and resolved at RCCC mid-December. Early identifications and actions helped mitigate the extent of the outbreak.

Inmate Vaccination Incentive Program –

Began 7/23/21, incentive was enhanced 9/14/21, and further enhanced 10/25/21 for inmate workers. Incentive is \$20 (single dose vaccine) or \$10 per vaccination (for two dose vaccine). This was increased for inmate workers \$40 (single dose vaccine) / \$20 (two dose vaccine). Inmates will also receive the incentive for booster doses.

Vaccination Data – Inmates

As of 12/29/21, 2,684 inmates received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Facility	Total Patients	Total Doses	Completed Vaccine Series			Fully Vaccinated Patients	Booster Doses
			Moderna	Janssen	Pfizer		
Main Jail	1,629	2,205	540	834	37	1,411	55

RCCC	1,055	1,449	385	527	13	925	52
Total	2,684	3,654	925	1,361	50	2,336	107

This is a cumulative number since the inmate vaccination program began on 01/29/21. Total includes inmates who are no longer incarcerated.

State Public Health Order for Correctional/Detention Facilities - This order was amended 12/22/21 and mandates vaccination boosters for all eligible workers by 2/1/22. Staff who have qualified exemptions or who are booster eligible and have not received boosters must test weekly. Testing clinics are onsite twice weekly at the jail facilities.

ACH Staff Vaccinations for Onsite Staff – As of 11/16/21

- Medical/Admin – 95%
- Registry staff/contractors – 90%
- Mental Health – 97%

Correctional Employee & Inmate Worker Testing

Worker Testing Program	Week of 12.27
RCCC - General Testing	110
RCCC - Inmate Testing	87
Main Jail	154
Main Jail - Inmate Testing	54
Total	405

Weekly tests are required for workers with qualified exemptions and inmate workers. Mostly SSO and inmate workers due to high vacancy rate for ACH staff.

Vacancy Report

As of Date:	Type	Vacancies	In Background
12/29/21	Medical	29.5	6
12/29/21	Administrative	7	None
01/04/22	Mental Health	18	N/A

Only County positions require full background clearance by SSO. Registry and contracted staff have a shorter process.

State PH Order for Correctional Facilities Workers – Amended 12/22/21 which mandates booster vaccines for all eligible workers by 2/1/22.

Link: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Correctional-Facilities-and-Detention-Centers-Health-Care-Worker-Vaccination-Order.aspx>

VACANCY REPORTS - For full time staff only

Medical Vacant Positions as of 12/28/21		
Classification	Vacancies	Background
Medical Assistant Level	1	
Licensed Vocational Nurse	12	2
Registered Nurse	7	2
Supervising Registered Nurse	1	
Physician 3	6.5	1
Nurse Practitioner	1	
Dentist	1	1
Total	29.5	6
Administration Vacant Positions as of 12/28/21		
Classification	Vacancies	Background
Admin Services Officer 3	1 – EHR	
Admin Services Officer 1	1 – Medical Records	
Medical Records Technician	1	
Registered Nurse	2 – QI Nurse	
Supervising Registered Nurse	1 – Case Management	
Sr. Office Assistant	1	
Total	7	0

County permanent staff are required to have a full SSO background clearance. This is not required for contracted or registry staff.

Mental health vacancies, mostly comprising social workers at Main Jail.

<i>Area</i>	<i>Vacancies</i>
Main Jail	
Outpatient	5
Enhanced Outpatient Program (EOP)	6
Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)	1
Acute Psychiatric Unit (APU)	1
RCCC	
EOP	3
IOP	1
Jail Based Competency	3
Total	19

Additional notes from Primary Health:

Sandy noted the various barriers that are causing the vacancies including retirement of long term staff. She noted she will follow-up with breaking down the vacancies into what specific positions are seeing vacancies.

Questions for Dr. Damiano:

Libby: Definition was more narrow for Sheriff staff, can you tell us more about how they define that?

Sandy: If you look at the mandate, which I can give a link to after the meeting. But if you look at it is that it's broad – so any of our staff from ACH or contracted mental health even administrative staff they are all required to be vaccinated and those working off staff who go on site periodically are required to be vaccinated. For the Sheriff's Dept they have interpreted as those deputies that work within the health areas as being required to be vaccinated. All inmate workers are being required to be vaccinated or get tested regularly.

Steve: Reasons behind refusals for vaccinations for inmates?

Sandy: It is really hard. For anyone who has worked in a correctional facility you will get more refusals overall to anything so it takes more effort. Early on in the pandemic there are these young men and you would see a lot of asymptomatic cases which is what we see early on. Delta came and we saw more symptomatic cases. We have also had rumor control where people thought if they got vaccinated they would go to the prison, which was not true.

Steve: Psychiatric staff – that's all on contract with UCD right? There sometimes have to be a certain salary to bring people into a jail setting?

Sandy: For licensed medical professionals there is a shortage overall not just for the jails. Behavioral Health is having problems and you overlay with corrections we see even more

challenges recruiting. But the county can't compete with the UCD rates because those rates are really good.

Medi-Cal Dental Health Advisory Committee (MCDAD)

Presentation can be seen as attachment.

There are some that would like to see us go to fee for service and there are others that worry that managed care service departments would go away and patients would have challenges getting connected to care and patients would be on their own. We also haven't had a large fee for service system in Sacramento for many years so people are concerned if managed care dentists will sign up and participate in fee for service. So there could be quite a lot of disruption for Medi-Cal patients trying to get dental care.

The OR space has shrunk over the years. Dental cases are not as profitable as other things needing to be done in the OR. This is an issue we are working on, California Northstate University will be starting a new university at old ARCO Arena and they will build out a dental surgery center there that is a few years out. But, we are very excited to at least have the commitment to build dental dedicated surgery center.

Brown Act

Attached please find a presentation.

Anytime a majority of you are together and having a discussion relating to Public Health, that is a meeting.

Will we have the ability to meet virtually after the pandemic is over? There are two components to that question. (1) The members of the body being able to participate virtually whenever it is we are out of this pandemic, I don't know the answer to that. The Brown Act as it existed prior to the pandemic would not have allowed that. For those that participated remotely, you had to be in California and you had to be in a place that was accessible to the public and all of the rights that the public had in the physical meeting place they had to have in the space you were in (2) The Brown Act ever limited the public to only being in person. Even before COVID the Brown Act would have allowed for public participation it's just the infrastructure didn't exist. If the pandemic were to lift next month we could still allow the public to participate via zoom.

PHAB Working Committee Update – Libby

We have not yet had a chance to reconvene in our sub groups. We were talking about taking some of the emergent themes and diving them into smaller groups so we can divide into three focus areas. Steve is taking lead on networks and partnerships and we need to figure out next steps on the alternatives to incarceration group and the group focused on data, reporting, dashboards, etc. So not too much new there and happy to answer questions.

Public Comment

Any public comments?

Aparna: Questions we had for COVID-19 data on the sheriff's office and jail health services. I am wondering if Public Health has taken any initiatives to push the sheriff's office to be more transparent on the July 26th health order. We had talked in the past about the July 26th health

order which mandates vaccinations for all sheriff's office employees. Has the Public Health Department taken any initiatives on collecting data on compliance? I am sure Public Health would be interested in how many staff are vaccinated.

Sandy: I provide data weekly to Public Health, they get all of my data on vaccinations for Jail Health Services. You have to go to the sheriff's office for the data on jail staff's vaccination.

Aparna: The PRA process has not been successfully. Why hasn't the Health Department put in a request for the Sheriff data? The Sheriff needs to submit requests for this information. I would imagine as a public health body we would want this information. Farla, is there any movement you have been able to make in moving this forward?

Farla: I have not made any movement on this. It is on the to-do list in relation to the working committee but I am willing to hear any other progress from them and discuss next steps.

Aparna: It has been over 2 months so I think this a very important piece of information, what is the timeline you have in mind?

Farla: We can have a conversation about the next steps and perhaps as a part of that the working committee can meet with you again and go over exactly what we are able and willing to do maybe this week. I will circulate that to the members around the Sac Bee Observer Piece.

Question from PHAB member: Is there an interim meeting where this is discussed?

Farla: We will share information about other forums to learn about COVID-19.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Submitted by Liz Gomez, scribe