

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless  
Weekly Shelter Provider COVID-19 Zoom Call #58  
Wednesday, April 28, 2021; 10:30am-11:30am

**48 Participants & Programs Represented:**

Dorothy Day House Shelter, Ruby's place, Code for America Design Fellow, City of Oakland, Oakland Dream Center, Alameda Alliance for Health, Health Homes, City of Union City, city of Berkeley, Woodson – BACS, CES Dept. of VA, Oakland Catholic Worker, Abode Services, HCEB, St. Vincent de Paul Alameda County, St. Mary's Center, Fred Finch Turning Point TAY, EOCP

1. **Introduction:** This is the 58<sup>th</sup> weekly call hosted by the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program. Calls will be **every Wednesday at 10:30am-11:30am on Zoom.**

- Thank you for all your hard work! This is a marathon not a sprint, so take care of you so that we can continue to support our shelter community and those who are unhoused.
- The purpose of this call is to bring together countywide shelter providers to share updates, knowledge, practices, build supportive community, and develop effective responses to protect our health and the health of the persons living in our shelter environments.
- If shelter staff have specific issues or challenges with individuals who may be symptomatic, infected or at-risk of COVID-19, email [achch@acgov.org](mailto:achch@acgov.org) with details so we can follow up.
- To be added to the email list, contact Kathy Barron at [kathryn.barron@acgov.org](mailto:kathryn.barron@acgov.org).

2. **Situation Report:**

**David Modersbach, Health Care for the Homeless**

- Refer to [Alameda County COVID-19 Dashboards](#)
  - Countywide totals as of 04/28/2021: 85,683 confirmed cases; 1,491 deaths
- Check Alameda County Public Health website for testing sites; <https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing.page>
- If you need COVID supplies, please contact your city EOC or supply chain **before** contacting ACHCH. If there are supplies they are unable to provide, please contact Kathy Barron at [kathryn.barron@acgov.org](mailto:kathryn.barron@acgov.org) to order and pick up supplies.
- Winter shelters: [HUD information sheet](#) re: winter shelters and COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccination roll out: ACHCH is currently planning and prioritizing how to facilitate vaccinations in shelters and will be reaching out to shelter leads. If you have questions, please email [achch@acgov.org](mailto:achch@acgov.org).
- COVID-19 vaccination information and to register, visit [MyTurn](#) website
- Visit [East Bay Getting to Zero](#) for information on COVID-19 vaccination
- Vaccinations: call (510) 208-4VAX
- Paratransit is providing transportation for those who need it for vaccination appointments.
- No documentation or identification is needed; people can self-verify (self-attest) address and in identifying themselves.
- Visit our website for more information and to watch the COVID-19 presentation video: <https://www.achch.org/vaccine-guidance.html>

### 3. City and County Check-in:

#### **David Modersbach, Health Care for the Homeless**

- Starting Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will merge both calls and have one homeless service provider community call from 10:30am-11:30am.
- The Johnson and Johnson vaccine was determined to be safe and the risk of blood clot is extremely low, and a warning label will be added so communities can make an informed decision.
- Alameda County will resume administering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine next week.
- In our vaccination efforts, we will offer a choice between Moderna and Johnson & Johnson
- Community care vaccination sites in Oakland, Fremont and Hayward. We are going to be having regular testing and drop-in events. Event calendar will be available soon.

#### **Dr. Mini Swift, Alameda Health System**

- AHS is in the process of developing their workflow regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Until we are able to come up with a protocol, we will not provide the J&J vaccine.
- Highland campus has a walk-in hours - Monday-Friday from 8:30am-12pm and will be providing the Pfizer vaccine for those we have served in the past three years.
- Planning for boosters to be provided in primary care and are still figuring out how and when that will be provided.

#### **Dennis Johnson, Swords to Plowshares**

- Location moved to Jack London Square at 330 Franklin Street, Suite 100
- Beginning focus groups for veterans

#### **Linda Spangler, Options Recovery**

- We are going to have our whole hose vaccinated and we are going to resume independent living so that during the day they can go out and come back to a fully vaccinated house
- Still mask in the house
- We will also have two houses that we will bring new people in and those houses will have the same restrictions as the past year as those will be new people or people who are hesitant to be vaccinated
- We don't allow visitor and we never have
- We don't have staff as houses are independently run

#### **Patricia at EOCP Family Matters.**

- Most of our staff are fully vaccinated, with 1 or 2 declining for medical reasons.
- Out of our 61 clients, though, I believe we have less than 5 who have been vaccinated.
- but a clarification- of those 61 clients at Family matters, 31 of them are children, and not eligible for the vaccine.

## Highlights:

- COVID-19 vaccination information
  - To register, visit [MyTurn](#)
  - Visit [East Bay Getting to Zero](#) for information on COVID-19 vaccination
- Frontline Workers Counseling Project; [www.fwcp.org](http://www.fwcp.org)
- Three rental assistance programs launched:
  - Alameda County: [ac-housingsecure.org/tenant](http://ac-housingsecure.org/tenant) for online portal to apply.
  - City of Fremont: <https://www.fremont.gov/KeepFremontHoused>
  - City of Oakland: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/housing-resources-erap-emergency-rental-assistance>
- If you need paper application or language assistance with completing application, please call 211. Calls are sent to a voicemail which Centro Legal will be answering and contacting people.

Thank you all! Remember all the successes you and your staff are accomplishing. Be compassionate in your care for yourself and others. We appreciate all of you and your creativity to support the unhoused community. Please continue to remind residents to wear a mask, wash hands, and practice social distancing.