

**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission Meeting
Friday, November 20, 2020; 9:00am-11:00am
Via Zoom Conference Call
DRAFT MINUTES**

ACHCH Commissioners Present:

Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair)
Lois Bailey Lindsey
Lynette Lee
Claudia Young
Michelle Schneidermann
Dr. Gerard Jenkins
Shannon Smith-Bernardin
Greg Kats
Ana Bagtas

ACHCH Commissioners Absent:

Laura Guzmán (Chair)
Samuel Weeks, DDS
Fr. Rigo Caloca-Rivas

County Staff Present:

Dr. Harrison Alter, Interim ACHCH Medical Director
Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director
Luella Penserga, ACHCH Deputy Director
David Modersbach, ACHCH program
Kathy Barron, ACHCH program
Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director, HCSA

Public Present:

Damon Francis, AHS
Jared Savas, Central District Director, Supervisor Wilma Chan's office

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A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Commissioner Gloria Cox-Crowell, Vice Chair Quorum achieved Motion to Approve: L. Bailey Lindsey; 2 nd L. Lee Motion Passed: Agenda adopted by Commission
B. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment
C. CLOSED SESSION	No closed session
D. CONSENT AGENDA	ACHCH Commission review and approve Commission Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2020 Motion to Approve: A. Bagtas; 2 nd L. Bailey Lindsey Motion Passed: Meeting minutes approved by Commission
E. GUEST SPEAKER	Jared Savas, Central District Director of Wilma Chan, presented and conducted Q&A with Commissioners. Jared Savas's remarks included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonderful cooperation with ACHCH and Wilma Chan's office. • Acknowledged that Measure W (new half-cent sales tax measure) is up by 1,100 vote. Assuming passage, this money will be collected April 2021 and will take 4-6 months before money is available (should be available summer of 2021). Amount to be collected is at least \$100M a year if not more. Funds will be allocated to the general fund. Board of Supervisors (BOS) will vote to earmark the funds for

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	<p>homeless and housing related services. An advisory committee called Home Together Plan (by HCSA) will be formed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent housing is a priority of Supervisor Chan’s and will be strongly pursuing in the coming year. Home Together Plan committee will also be priority. Measure W will allow the county to look at this at a much larger scale as well as funding for street level services/encampments • Equity lens of homelessness: those that are disproportionately impacted are the black and Native American communities; four times higher than the general Alameda County population. <p>Q: What is your plan for housing and fighting NIMBYism? A: We need to work with landlords in accepting Section 8 and other subsidies. Our office is very much committed in engaging with communities and stakeholders to make sure that homelessness is seen through a human lens.</p> <p>Q: Can some of the Measure W dollars be spent on a strong homeless communication specialist to meet NIMBYism resistance? A: Can’t speak to what is being considered but will let Supervisor Chan know that we talked about this.</p> <p>Q: Is there an effort to have black, indigenous people, and people of color in county staff leadership (in general and regarding homelessness in particular) A: Supervisor Chan is very supportive of that; one of her priorities is that the voices of those individuals being impacted are heard as we move forward and the advisory group represents the community.</p> <p>Q: With Measure W coming available in April, we have Project Roomkey hotels they aren’t being purchased or there isn’t any money to purchase them, and a lot of people are going to be displaced. I heard Supervisor Chan talk about how the Measure W money will be used to continue the operation of some of those hotels so people aren’t displaced. What is going to happened between now and April? A: ACHCH is doing a presentation at the Health Committee meeting with Supervisor Chan on Monday and that would be a good time to ask her that question (at the presentation).</p> <p>Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH Director, shared an update on Project Roomkey and the county’s exit strategy: Earlier this week, the governor announced an additional \$67M for the state in funding for Project Roomkey and we will also have funding when Meausre W funds become available. There’s a tremendous amount of work happening right now to identify resources so there is a place for everyone that is leaving the hotels. In addition, the county is looking at what funding sources we can leverage for each site to remain open as long as possible. We have not yet determined a closing date for the hotels.</p> <p>Commissioner Bagtas: When we talk to some of the providers, like Building Futures, about the hotels and placing people into permanent housing, they are saying there aren’t places for people to go. Messaging from the county is different from the providers persepective and there seems to be a communication gap between county and providers. Everyone needs to be on the same page.</p>

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	<p>Commissioner Young: What would be helpful for the cities is if the county shared who is getting housed and how many people are being housed. Send updates to the cities so they know that it's actually happening because right now it sounds like just a plan.</p> <p>Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director, HCSA: Measure W won't be certified until the first week of December. None of the county contracts for extending the hotels can be processed or brought to the board until it's certified. We are looking to Measure W or an extension of the CARES Act or Whole Person Care funds. Currently, we have 1,100 people in the hotels that need to have housing. There are approximately 4-8 people each week that are exiting from hotels. We have purchased hotels and 240 people who are medically/ critically ill will transition into them and we are looking at staffing and how we can pay for it (at Days Inn).</p> <p>Q: We have a new supervisor coming into District 1 (Tri Valley area), do you (Jared Savas) have any suggestions as far as advocacy. A: Recommend getting in contact with him and advocating for ACHCH from day one. Supervisor Haggerty has a good understanding around homelessness.</p> <p>People participating in the Health Committee presentation on Monday, November 23rd: Lucy Kasdin, Lois Bailey Lindsey, Gloria Cox-Crowell, Laura Guzman, Dr. Gerard Jenkins, Shannon Smith-Bernardin</p>
<p>F. ACHCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director, presented the ACHCH Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel: ACHCH has done a large amount of hiring (all listed in the newsletter). Used CARES funding to do COVID testing; over 300 tests given since hiring new staff. • David Modersbach presented efforts for Homeless VOTE2020. • Street Health: LifeLong (Zone 12) is having challenges hiring for team; so far they hired a social worker that will be starting December 1st. • Project Roomkey: Operation Comfort will remain open through the end of June 2021. One of the hotels is converting to permanent supportive housing. The county is creating a contingency plan if Operation Comfort reaches capacity. • COVID-19 Response Update: ACHC has seen an increase in COVID-19 in both shelter and unsheltered environments. There have been days of multiple potential outbreaks in the last couple of weeks. ACHCH is working with winter shelter providers in preventing outbreaks. • Rapid testing pilot at First Presbyterian Church: Dr. Harrison Alter is conducting a pilot at First Presbyterian Church by doing rapid tests three days a week. This strategy is used at nursing homes and schools where a group of people are being tested and when someone is positive they remove the person from the group. If someone has a positive test, they are housed at Operation Comfort. ACHC have tested 2500 people at over 160 sites. <p>Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director, HCSA, presented update on recruitment of ACHCH Medical Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting for position; we may look for someone who may be able to be interim medical director for a couple of months.

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G. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER & ALAMEDA HEALTH SYSTEM SUBRECIPIENT REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Damon Francis, Alameda Health System, presented program report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance visit from ACHCH in September and some recommendations came out of that regarding charges reported. Many charges are for people who are above our (and federal) threshold of income. • AHS now has a registry that allows them to report accurate data for people that are experiencing homelessness. People remain on registry for 365 days. • Mobile health update: we are seeing the same trends and are meeting our enabling services but half of visits on the medical side. COVID has changed the reality of what mobile health looks like. • Leadership/advocacy: AHS has a new medical director at Hayward Medical Center. • Board of Trustees: AHS will have new trustees by December. BOS has committed to consulting stakeholders by March 2021 regarding the change in Board of Trustees. 2. David Modersbach, ACHCH Grants & Special Projects, presented HRSA update during Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRSA virtual operational site visit: projected for June/July 2021. ACHCH is working in getting ready for the visit (virtual). • ACHCH is putting together a request for an additional \$120K (per year for three years) for hypertension among health center patients. How are we going to use technology (Bluetooth tech) to help us to reduce hypertension among patients. Shannon Smith-Bernardin may have old protocols for a SF hypertension program to share with ACHCH.
H. REGULAR AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consumer/Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – Presented by David Modersbach 2. Executive Committee – Presented by Lois Bailey Lindsey 3. Budget/Finance and Contracts Committee – No Report 4. Clinical Quality Committee – No Report
I. ACTION AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of New Commissioner Applicant – Sabrina Fuentes Motion to Approve: L. Lee; 2nd L. Bailey Lindsey Motion Passed: Approval of New Commissioner Sabrina Fuentes by Commission 2. Approval of Contracts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Primary and Specialty Care <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Alameda Health System ii. LifeLong Trust Clinic b. Dental <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. On-Site Foundation ii. La Clinica Motion to Approve Primary & Specialty Care and Dental Contracts: L. Bailey Lindsey; 2nd M. Schneidermann Motion Passed: Approval of Primary and Specialty Care and Dental Contracts 3. Approval for ACHCH Change In Scope submission to HRSA for the following Street Health Sites (Zones 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14)

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	<p>Motion to Approve: G. Cox-Crowell; 2nd C. Young Motion Passed: Approval of ACHCH Change In Scope submission to HRSA for the following Street Health Sites (Zones 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14)</p>
J. OTHER ITEMS	<p>Other Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory AB1234 Ethics Training Requirement – Annual Notification 2020 <p>Next ACHCH Joint Commission/CCAB Meeting: Friday, December 18, 2020; 9:00am-11:00am</p>
K. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:53am</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ACHCH COMMISSION</p> <p>Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary ACHCH Commission Executive Committee <i>Lois Bailey Lindsey</i> _____ Date: <u>December 18, 2020</u></p>