

**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission Meeting  
Friday, September 18, 2020; 9:00am-11:00am  
Via Zoom Conference Call  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**ACHCH Commissioners Present:**

Laura Guzmán (Chair)  
Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair)  
Lois Bailey Lindsey  
Lynette Lee  
Michelle Schneidermann  
Ana Bagtas  
Claudia Young  
Dr. Gerard Jenkins  
Fr. Rigo Caloca-Rivas  
Shannon Smith-Bernardin

**ACHCH Commissioners Absent:**

Samuel Weeks, DDS

**County Staff Present:**

Dr. Harrison Alter, MD, ACHCH Interim Medical Director  
Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director  
Luella Penserga, ACHCH Deputy Director  
David Modersbach, ACHCH program  
Kathy Barron, ACHCH program  
Supervisor Keith Carson  
Amy Shrago, Supervisor Carson’s Office  
Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director, HCSA  
Terri Moore, ACHCH program

**Public Present:**

Heather MacDonald-Fine, AHS  
Lindsay Peterson

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Commissioner Laura Guzmán, Chair Quorum achieved <b>Motion to Approve:</b> L. Bailey Lindsey; 2 <sup>nd</sup> G. Cox-Crowell <b>Motion Passed;</b> 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 – August 21, 2020 <b>Motion to Approve:</b> L. Bailey Lindsey; 2 <sup>nd</sup> L. Lee <b>Motion Passed;</b> Meeting minutes approved by Commission
E. ACHCH DIRECTOR’S REPORT	Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director, HCSA presented update on recruitment of ACHCH Medical Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Harrison Alter is in the provisional position since the beginning of June. The average hiring process time is 150 days from request to hire. County HRS will be posting the position October 1<sup>st</sup> and formal recruitment will begin. HRS will send out the posting to LinkedIn and other job posting platforms. Usually when recruiting for a medical position, word of mouth is how to find candidates.</li> <li>• The posting will stay open for about eight weeks (through November), then interviews will be conducted with candidates who have applied and meet minimum qualifications (MQs). We hope to have someone fill the position by the end of the year.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The County is using COVID-19 dollars to create a second position so we will have an AHCHC medical director and a COVID-19 hotels medical director (until COVID-19 dollars last).</li> <li>• Dr. Clanon can send Commission members a print out of this timeline.</li> </ul> <p>Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director, presented the ACHCH Director’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core health center work has been overlaid with COVID-19 and with hazardous air quality due to wildfire smoke the last two weeks.</li> <li>• We are actively engaged around COVID-19 and flu vaccine campaign.</li> </ul>
F. GUEST SPEAKER	<p>Supervisor Keith Carson, Alameda County Board of Supervisors (District 5) presented and conducted Q&amp;A with Commissioners. Sup. Carson’s remarks included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressing pride in the work that is being done in Alameda County during this time to address homelessness in the face of growing challenges.</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of the increasing number of people who are couch surfing, sleeping in vehicles, unsheltered. There is a moratorium on evictions but people are in tenuous situation with unemployment rate so high. The county is stretching the dollar, putting in processes, placing people where possible.</li> <li>• Commissions play a vital role with the Board of Supervisors (BOS). BOS put together an ongoing process to have engagement from the community. In addition the BOS health committee, social services, and public safety committees meet on a regular basis and are open meetings.</li> <li>• BOS is bound by regulatory restrictions, with 20% discretionary of the total budget.</li> <li>• Housing: Cities have jurisdiction over housing except for unincorporated areas where BOS has jurisdiction. BOS works with cities and weighs in on decisions in a non-voting role.</li> </ul> <p>Q: How is BOS focusing dollars for more permanent housing (instead of temporary housing) for those unhoused: What are the jurisdictional issues between cities and the county?  A: BOS approved money to go toward tiny homes, trailers, ADUs for assisting people to extend their properties to take people in.</p> <p>Q: NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard)  A: BOS experiences this on every issue, e.g., permits, public health department doing inspections. BOS attempts to be out in the community, partnering with institutions, informing people. At some point BOS has to make hard decisions and they may not satisfy everyone; good to have commissions, open mic, community participation to allow everyone to be heard.</p> <p>Q: What are the barriers for recruiting/hiring Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) and how do we change them?  A: We need a more formal process around integrating representatives from our community; at the same time data shows that the ethnic make up of Alameda County employees is very much representative of the ethnic community in Alameda County. We need to look at how we can streamline the process.</p>

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	<p><u>Amy Shrago (remained in the meeting when Sup. Carson had to leave)</u>  Comment from Commissioner: There is a big diversity gap and equity gap and we want to ensure that we are hiring people that are both qualified and look like the people they are serving.</p> <p>Commissioners request: that ACHCH be able to present at a BOS Health Committee meeting.  A: There are health committee meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. People are able to present via Zoom (Amy Shrago will send an email to Sup. Chan’s office and will look to see what’s available in October).</p> <p>Q: There are quite a few large former military bases in the area (Oakland army base), are there any plans for these areas to be used for tiny homes or trailers?  A: The county has been at the table and have had conversations for best use of those properties. We have a great partnership with the City of Alameda &amp; the Alameda point Collaborative.</p> <p>Q: Trash dumping is a major issues in homeless encampments. Is there a group or collaborative focused on these issues?  A: Supervisor Miley has a project around that; in West Oakland it is not the encampments that bring the trash but the people in the neighborhood that take advantage to illegally dump and hide it in the encampment.  ACHCH staff: We are exploring a program that the City of San Jose started over a year ago called “Cash for Trash.” The program is similar to collecting recycling in that people receive \$4 per bag of trash. We’ve been having discussions with the City of San Jose to learn more and are planning on rolling out (in phases) these interventions in unincorporated areas of Alameda County.</p> <p>Dr. Clanon shared current ACHCH priorities: flu vaccines for unsheltered people, medical assessments for the first time for people living outside with many neglected illnesses, chronic illness, diabetes programs, hypertension program, and how to prevent hepatitis. Dr. Clanon inquired how Commissioners viewed the linkage between trash and healthcare, to help inform how Health Care for the Homeless prioritizes work.</p> <p>Commissioners: When people see trash, they think public health hazard that brings in vermin, affects neighbors, and the health of people in the encampment and neighborhood. Living in a place with trash also impacts the mental health of people that are living in encampments.</p>
<p>G. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER &amp; ALAMEDA HEALTH SYSTEM SUBRECIPIENT REPORT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heather MacDonald-Fine, Alameda Health System, presented program report – Not Presented</li> <li>2. David Modersbach, ACHCH Grants &amp; Special Projects, presented HRSA update during Director’s Report</li> </ol>
<p>H. REGULAR AGENDA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consumer/Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – Not Presented</li> <li>2. Executive Committee – Not Presented</li> <li>3. Budget/Finance and Contracts Committee – no report</li> <li>4. Clinical Quality Committee – no report</li> </ol>

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I. ACTION AGENDA	<p>1. Approval of Oakland Pharmacy Standard Services Agreement (\$25,000)</p> <p><b>Motion to Approve: S. Smith-Bernandin; 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Lee</b>  <b>Motion Passed;</b> Oakland Pharmacy Standard Services Agreement approved by Commission</p> <p>2. Approval of COVID-19 Amendments to Existing ACHCH Contracts :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Primary &amp; Specialty Care: Alameda Health System (\$150k)</li> <li>b. Street Health Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. South County - Bay Area Community Health (\$10k)</li> <li>ii. Central County - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (\$10k)</li> <li>iii. West Oakland – LifeLong Medical Care (\$10k)</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Dental Consulting – Bahar Amanzadeh, DDS Consultant (\$10k)</li> </ul> <p>Lucy Kasdin presented background: Street Health Team amendments are based on field-based responses in regards to COVID-19. Teams are playing an additional role to go out and provide field-based testing, with additional response capacity. The AHS amendment is based on a request from AHS due to the impact of COVID-19 and will support FTE in their organization.</p> <p><b>Motion to Approve: M. Schneidermann; 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Bagtas (Nay: G. Cox-Crowell)</b>  <b>Motion Passed;</b> COVID-19 Amendments to Existing Contracts approved by Commission</p>
J. OTHER ITEMS	<p>1. Welcome Dr. Gerard Jenkins, new commissioner</p> <p>2. Julie Lo has resigned as commissioner due to accepting a new position with the State as Executive Officer of the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.</p> <p><b>Next ACHCH Commission Meeting:</b> Friday, October 16, 2020, 9:00am-11:00am  <b>Next ACHCH Joint Commission/CCAB Meeting:</b> Friday, December 18, 2020; 9:00am-11:00am  <b>ACHCH Commissioners Retreat:</b> Postponed</p>
K. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:00am</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>October 16, 2020</u></p>