

**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless  
Joint Consumer Community Advisory Board (CCAB) & Commission Meeting  
Friday, March 19, 2021; 9:00am-11:00am  
Via Zoom Conference Call  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**ACHCH Commissioners Present:**

Laura Guzmán (Chair)  
Lois Bailey Lindsey  
Lynette Lee  
Sam Weeks, DDS  
Michelle Schneidermann  
Dr. Gerard Jenkins  
Shannon Smith-Bernardin  
Ana Bagtas  
Sabrina Fuentes

**ACHCH Commissioners Absent:**

Claudia Young  
Greg Kats  
Jeannette Johnigan  
Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair)

**County Staff Present:**

Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director  
Luella Penserga, ACHCH Deputy Director  
David Modersbach, ACHCH  
Kathy Barron, ACHCH  
Theresa Ramirez, ACHCH  
Supervisor Richard Valle (District 2)  
Dr. Kathleen Clanon, HCSA Medical Director

**Public Present:**

Heather MacDonald Fine, AHS  
Ginny DeMartini  
Gabriela Christy

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Commissioner Laura Guzmán Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved  ACHCH Commission review and approve Commission agenda <b>Motion to Approve:</b> L. Bailey Lindsey ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Weeks <b>Motion Passed:</b> Meeting 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 – February 19, 2021 <b>Motion to Approve:</b> L. Lee; 2 <sup>nd</sup> L. Bailey Lindsey (L. Guzmán abstained) <b>Motion Passed:</b> Meeting minutes approved by Commission
E. GUEST SPEAKER	Supervisor Richard Valle, Alameda County District 2  Supervisor Valle got into politics because he wanted to impact social justice, create jobs and opportunities for people who are the most vulnerable in our communities; “Change

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	<p>really starts outside your front door.” He has been in the same neighborhood for 70 years.</p> <p>Initiatives that Supervisor Valle has created:  Niles Canyon Trail: working with CalTrans to build a eight mile trail on other side of alameda creek for cyclists</p> <p>Raising Leaders: created partnerships/internships with county departments where kids who drop out of school (and many are homeless) can get paid \$15-\$17/hr. Initiative funded by Supervisor Valle’s office. It was started 18 months ago and have 64 kids every cohort.</p> <p>Habitant restoration in Union City: planting trees on 200 acres.</p> <p>The health and homeless needs right now in District 2:  Supervisor Valle rides his bike along the railroad tracks from South Hayward to Fremont to visit homeless encampments. People he encounters ride bikes and use the recycle centers; 10% of recycle center customers are homeless.</p> <p>Quarry Lakes: meeting with cities to enhance quality of life for those that are living near the river.</p> <p>Newark: County is leasing/purchasing Springhill Suites and several other hotels; the County purchased two hotels in Oakland with the potential of 5 other hotels. Board of Supervisors met yesterday to discuss federal money to purchase the hotels outright which would create more living space for homeless.</p> <p>Conducting focus groups in Hayward with the Latinx homeless population to find out what their needs are and partnering with Tiburcio Vasquez and La Clinicia. Spoke with Tiburcio Vasquez’s new director last Monday and vaccines and testing are taking place at the fire house clinic in South Hayward (Tennyson and Huntwood).</p> <p>\$16M raised to build youth and family center in South Hawyard (goal is \$32M). Supervisor Valle is working with partners to provide services and building plans are being designed. This center will assist undocumented families.</p> <p>Q&amp;A:  Q: What are the biggest gaps you see in the community?  A: The misconception that homeless people are a threat to the community/neighbors. The community needs to overcome the fear of the homeless.</p> <p>We fight very hard in the south county to build housing for those that are unsheltered and people always bring up how it will disrupt their lives and businesses. We need to educate elected officials of misconceptions.</p> <p>Q: American Rescue Plan Stimulus  A: Measure W was passed and will create \$150M per year. The County has not</p>

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	<p>designated where that money will go; it will go on the agenda in March and will hold funds until court challenges are complete. Money will go toward homelessness (unwritten rule). Need to work with the City of Oakland because they are getting money as well (\$192M) and want to use money to backfill funding gap with balancing their budget; we'd rather see that go toward the homeless. Measure W will be an infusion of capital.</p> <p>Q:How can we as continue to make sure money is divided fairly?  A: There needs to be geographic equity in our spending. Unless you see the homeless in your city, you don't know it's there. Supervisor Valle is meeting with Supervisor Haubert to visit the homeless in Livermore and in Union city. Homeless people are hidden in their districts.</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"> <li>• AHS Subrecipient monitoring: next quarterly site visit is April 9, 2021 and it will cover management, administration and governance.</li> <li>• Homeless oral health under the leadership of Dr. Bahar Amanzadeh, DDS; presenting at oral health conference in April</li> <li>• Project Roomkey update</li> <li>• Vaccine update</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Kathleen Clanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Director position update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nine candidates passed the minimum qualifications (MQs) and conducted County oral interviews this past week with seven of those candidates (on March 18<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>○ We are not finding the racial equity that we need and we are at a crossroads</li> <li>○ All seven candidates interviewed will be on the County list. The next step is to reconvene and do a departmental interview with these candidates. There are not any African American or Latinx candidates in this group.</li> <li>○ It's been very difficult recruiting in part because of COVID-19 and it's a lengthy process.</li> <li>○ Should we go ahead and do the departmental interview or expand the pool?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Q: Is the lack of diversity due to the county process?  A: It's hard to recruit physicians of color (Physician III classification) who has leadership experience of leading a big unit or department. The process is slow which discourages some people. There were no black or Latinx people that inquired about the position either. Increasingly worried about not having the help but also it's a really important position to be operationalizing our values. The issue of diversity and inclusion is really important so we will have a vacant position.</p> <p>Q: In the interview, can we ask scenario questions?  A: Yes, HR encourages those questions.</p>

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	<p>The team is going through growth, change, and innovation and has certainly felt the lack of clinical direction and leadership.</p> <p>It is important that the candidate has work experience with people of color and unhoused people. Would have to be mandatory for the candidate.</p> <p>Dr. Clanon suggests that the department interviews with the seven candidates be conducted to see if there is anyone that fits the position.</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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile health administering Janssen (J&amp;J) vaccine three days a week</li> <li>• PDSA for quality improvement activities</li> <li>• Leadership and advocacy update</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. David Modersbach, ACHCH Grants &amp; Special Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational Site Visit (virtual) tentatively scheduled for last week of July</li> <li>• Relinquishing grant awarded for hypertension improvement efforts</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Theresa Ramirez, ACHCH Quality Director, presented ACHCH Quality Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission recommends moving from behavioral health process measures to outcome measures (looking at it by race/ethnicity) and getting people access to behavioral health services through street health teams.</li> <li>• We need to be flexible in where and how we collect data; environmental scans (stopped in June).</li> <li>• Five quality priorities of 2021 reviewed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Time frame on acquiring EPIC EHR – ACHCH working on getting more funding; hoping in next fiscal year</li> <li>○ Recommend adding timeframe for priorities</li> <li>○ Pros/cons acquiring EPIC vs module that interfaces more with outpatient contractors. Will Commissioners be involved with this process? ACHCH would like feedback from commissioners/clinical quality subcommittee.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lucy, Laura, Luella, Theresa will meet to discuss how Commissioners can help further with collecting data</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p>H. REGULAR AGENDA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consumer/Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – Sam Weeks</li> <li>2. Executive Committee – Laura Guzmán</li> <li>3. Budget/Finance and Contracts Committee – No report</li> <li>4. Clinical Quality Committee – Michelle Schneidermann, MD</li> </ol>
<p>I. ACTION AGENDA</p>	<p>No action items</p>
<p>J. OTHER ITEMS</p>	<p>Other Items: Next ACHCH Commission Meeting: Friday, April 16, 2021; 9:00am-11:00am</p>
<p>K. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:00am MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ACHCH COMMISSION Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary ACHCH Commission Executive Committee <i>Lois Bailey Lindsey</i> Date: <u>April 16, 2021</u></p>