

**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
Commission Meeting
Friday, October 15, 2021; 9:00am-11:00am
Via Zoom Conference Call
MEETING MINUTES**

ACHCH Commissioner Present:

Laura Guzmán (Chair)
Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair)
Lois Bailey Lindsey (Secretary)
Lynette Lee
Michelle Schneidermann
Gregory Kats
Sabrina Fuentes
Shannon Smith-Bernardin
Sam Weeks, DDS
Dr. Gerard Jenkins

County Staff Present:

Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director
Luella Penserga, ACHCH Deputy Director
David Modersbach, ACHCH
Theresa Ramirez, ACHCH
Dr. Kathleen Clanon, HCSA Medical Director

Public Present:

Damon Francis, Alameda Health System
Lois Butler, City of Alameda

ACHCH Commissioners Absent:

Jeannette Johnigan

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
<p>A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda</p>	<p>Meeting Chaired by Commissioner Laura Guzmán Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved Commission reviewed the Commission agenda</p>
<p>B. PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Lois Butler from the City of Alameda introduced herself</p>
<p>C. CLOSED SESSION</p>	<p>No closed session</p>
<p>D. CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>1. Approval of minutes of Sept. 17, 2021 Commission meeting: Motion to Approve: Commissioner Bailey-Lindsey made a motion to approve, Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion Passed: The motion passed unanimously. No rejections, no abstentions.</p> <p>2. Approval of Amendments to Extend Existing ACHCH Dental Contracts Lucy Kasdin, Director provided a brief overview of the 2 ACHCH dental contracts: (1) Onsite Dental Foundation mobile van that provides intensive services over a period of</p>



	<p>time before moving to each site, working mostly in Central County and (2) La Clinica dental clinic in the Fruitvale district, Oakland. Extension of longstanding contracts.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Commissioner Schneidermann made a motion to approve the dental contracts; Commissioner Crowell seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion Passed: The motion passed unanimously. No rejections, no abstentions.</p>
<p>E. ACHCH DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p>	<p>Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director, presented the ACHCH Director’s Report</p> <p>David Modersbach said a few words about GG Greenhouse, former ACHCH Director in 1990s-2000s. He reported that GG Greenhouse passed away in September. In addition to her leadership with ACHCH, her accomplishments included organizing Black social workers in Alameda County, and starting one of the first programs at Santa Rita to help women who are incarcerated. GG had wide impact with mentoring, focus on race equity, creating an expansive HCH Council; lifting ACHCH to be part of the larger health care system. There have been gatherings to honor her, and there will be a family celebration for GG in December.</p> <p>Lucy Kasdin reported on ACHCH, including some funds to support telehealth. Commissioner Guzmán mentioned successful use of telehealth for MOUD – Medication Opiate Use Disorder.</p> <p>Medical respite – Alameda County is supporting 27 medical respite beds at LifeLong Adeline site (W. Oakland), and 15 beds at Fairmount Tiny Homes site (San Leandro). Commissioner Schneidermann commented that Alameda Point Collaborative is probably breaking ground 2023. HCSA is negotiating with health plans to support Street Health team referrals to medical respite.</p> <p>Roomkey: Over 1,000 people have transitioned from Safer Ground sites (Roomkey hotels) to housing.</p> <p>COVID-19: ACHCH is not using vaccination status as a primary factor for response planning, because even when vaccinated, people continue to have prolonged exposure to COVID, e.g., sleeping next to people with COVID. Recently had positive people in 4 different dorms in a homeless shelter. AHCH pushes for everyone to be vaccinated. Dr. Evans commented that hospitalizations continue to be among unvaccinated.</p>



	<p>Lucy Kasdin reported that ACHCH is rolling out vaccine incentives through internal resources and through Public Health Dept. ACHCH regional coordinators are training vaccine ambassadors, coordinating with City of Oakland’s work with community organizations (e.g., WORLD).</p> <p>ACHCH applied to National Health Care for the Homeless (NHCHC) to support ACHCH vaccine ambassadors; piloting ambassador work in Wood Street, Oakland and in shelters. Commissioner Fuentes asked for a definition of ambassador. David Modersbach will share what NHCHC is working on and ACHCH training. Commissioner Guzmán shared AIDS Council promotores information. Commissioner Schneidermann shared https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Vaccine-Ambassador-Program-and-Job-Description.pdf David Modersbach shared: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Vaccine-Ambassador-Program-and-Job-Description.pdf</p> <p>ACHCH provided over 10,000 COVID-19 tests. ACHCH staff Ghaly Ebid, RN is moving on to another County – he made a significant contribution, providing almost 60% of tests.</p>
<p>F. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Damon Francis, Alameda Health System, presented program report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Francis reported on the AHS mobile van services: dental services are now offered. Dr. Joshwin Hall and Dr. Charmaine Ng, AHS Dental Director are the dental leads who can report to the Commission in the future. • AHS is focused on bridging people into primary care; tend to see people 1-2 times, challenge bringing them into primary care. Piloted having Wanda Johnson, NP working at Eastmont Wellness Center. Benchmark to connect people w/in 30 days of a mobile health to primary care, however even with best programs like the VA, it’s a challenge. • Also exploring models like the Trust Clinic that are more targeted, drawing patients into primary care practice because patient met the same provider on the street and so is someone familiar. Piloting this at Eastmont Wellness Center and looking at potential of Hayward Wellness to participate in this model. • Commissioner Guzmán commented that the SF Health Care for the Homeless rotates providers from different clinics on their van to get people into primary care. Dr Francis mentioned his experience on the SF HCH van and agreed with moving towards this with intention so there’s consistency.

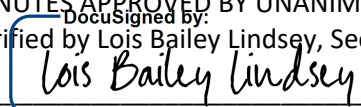


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Crowell asked how people are getting to Eastmont Wellness Center and accessibility. Dr. Francis responded: bus, friends driving, managed medical plans to get to visits via Lyft. We’ve always provided lots of transportation support but now there’s the attractor (i.e., they’ve seen Wanda Johnson, NP, know who you will see vs. someone different with much higher barriers at a clinic). • Commissioner Jenkins asked if AHS is tracking new patients vs. follow up. Dr. Francis responded that AHS is not tracking the breakdown yet in the data. Challenges with turnover; data analysis support is limited. <p>2. David Modersbach, ACHCH Grants & Special Projects, presented ACHCH Operational Site Visit Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billing and Fee Schedule: David Modersbach provided an update. Billing and collections. HRSA is requiring a billing and collections systems; ACHCH originally deliberately focused services to be services non-billable since services are designed for homeless people (e.g., community health, street outreach). To address the HRSA condition ACHCH will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop fee schedule based on prevailing costs, and what services are provided. Doing a survey of our providers. b. Review potential for Medi-Cal billable services, e.g. medical respite, any billable nursing or behavioral health services in shelters or street. Commissioner Guzmán commented that we need to position ourselves so we can recoup health care financing. c. David Modersbach noted that the frame for this P&P is ACHCH’s directly provided, not contracted, services. <p>3. Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Evans presented on QI/QA and commented that the work is focused mostly on prescribers, and to some extent LCSWs. The responsibility is for the credentialing/privileging. b. Dr. Evans presented an overview of Quality strategy and approach. Commissioner Guzmán commented that macro strategy should specifically include racial equity, not just equity.
<p>G. REGULAR AGENDA</p>	<p>1. Consumer & Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – report from October 8, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Weeks spoke about vaccine hesitancy, and that the CCAB supports hiring of vaccine ambassadors. The CCAB is also discussing where people are going as encampments are abated, and strategy for housing for low-income people. Commissioner Guzmán suggested that



	<p>the CCAB do an update at the December joint meeting: on the encampment sweeps, especially on Berkeley/Oakland border where sweeps are flagrant. For example Berkeley people organized to get an injunction so vehicles are not impounded.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Budget, Finance, and Contracts Committee – report from October 1, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Bailey-Lindsey welcomed Commissioner Lee as the newest member of the committee. Commissioner Bailey-Lindsey reported on the committee’s work to review the 2021 HRSA spend down, and HRSA COVID funding. 3. Clinical Quality Committee – no report 4. Executive Committee – report from October 4, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Guzmán reported that Commissioners Crowell and Weeks will facilitate the Nov meeting. The Executive committee has delayed the Director’s evaluation; will have the evaluation in Nov 2021, and will have closed session in Jan 2022. Asked all Commissioners to submit comments to Commissioner Bailey-Lindsey. Commissioner Fuentes requested to please check emails are correct. Commissioner Bailey-Lindsey stated that the Director’s evaluation period is: Oct 2019 to Sept 2021 (2 years).
<p>H. ACTION AGENDA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Acceptance of two HRSA grant awards: Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP). 2. American Rescue Plan Award (ARPA) Capital Improvement. David Modersbach provided a review of the two grant awards. <p>Motion to Approve: Commissioner Crowell made a motion to approve the two HRSA grant awards; Commissioner Fuentes seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion Passed: The motion passed unanimously. No rejections, no abstentions.</p>
<p>I. OTHER ITEMS</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Bailey-Lindsey reminded Commissioners to continue to recruit new potential Commissioners. Commissioner Guzmán mentioned that with Fr. Rigo stepping down we still need to recruit for people representing immigrant populations/day laborers. • Next month: want to open the possibility of others chairing and co-chairing, and then in December the Commission will vote. • January – Point in Time (PIT) count of people experiencing homelessness in Alameda County. Next meeting is next week. ACHCH and CCAB has always been involved. Great for any Commissioners interested in the kick-off https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eiod1k5h9ce46570&oseq=&c=&ch= • There was discussion about organizing a holiday event.



	<p>Next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCAB: Friday, November 12, 2021; 12:00pm-1:30pm • Commission: Friday, November 19, 2021; 9:00am-11:00am
<p>J. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:00am MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ACHCH COMMISSION DocuSigned by: Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary ACHCH Commission Executive Committee  Date: 2/10/2022 41FBB6BD806441E...</p>

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