

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Program  
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**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Program  
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 Meeting FRIDAY 9/8/2017 12:00 Noon – 2:00PM  
 1404 Franklin Street #209 Highlander Meeting Room**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

<b>Meeting Location</b>	HCH PROGRAM/TRUST Clinic offices 1404 Franklin Street 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Highlander Meeting Room												
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><u>CCAB Board Members:</u> (*Executive Committee)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Bennie Whitfield</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Brenda Whitfield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kimberlee Burks</td> <td>Mark Smith*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Samuel Weeks*</td> <td>Guitar Whitfield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April Anthony*</td> <td>Ami Moe</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Invited:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Denise Norman</td> <td style="width: 50%;">David Modersbach, HCH Program (Ex Officio)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jeannette Johnigan</td> <td>Sabrina Fuentes</td> </tr> </table>	Bennie Whitfield	Brenda Whitfield	Kimberlee Burks	Mark Smith*	Samuel Weeks*	Guitar Whitfield	April Anthony*	Ami Moe	Denise Norman	David Modersbach, HCH Program (Ex Officio)	Jeannette Johnigan	Sabrina Fuentes
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<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Welcome and introductions</b> (5 min)</li> <li>2. <b>Meeting Roles</b> (facilitator: Denise Norman; Timekeeper: Brenda; Vibes-watcher: Bennie; Note-taker: David)</li> <li>3. <b>Review/Approval of Last Meeting Minutes.</b> (5min) April moved that minutes of 8/11/2017 HCH CCAB meeting be approved; Mark seconded, consensus of membership approved.</li> <li>4. <b>CCAB New Members</b> (closed session) 10 min Denise, Jeannette and Sabrina were excused while CCAB membership went into closed session. Sam reported that the HCH CCAB Executive Committee has recommended these three new members be appointed to the HCH CCAB:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Denise Norman</b> (former HCH client, and currently St. Mary’s Senior Committee and Seniors United member)</li> <li>• <b>Jeannette Johnigan</b> (former HCH client and currently Hayward Hunger Homelessness Task Force)</li> <li>• <b>Sabrina Fuentes</b> (former HCH client and current volunteer with ROOTS)</li> </ul> <p>After some discussion, Bennie moved that these three be <b>appointed as members of the HCH CCAB</b>; Ami seconded, and unanimous consensus.</p> <p>The CCAB Executive Committee recommended a moratorium on new members for the time being, to develop strengths of current Board. There was a consensus from members to maintain a cap of 12 CCAB members for the</p> </li> </ol>												

time being. Discussion on outside visitors coming to CCAB meetings, the CCAB is not a publicly-noticed meeting, but non-members can be invited to participate, present, etc., and CCAB will discuss and work on this question moving forward.

5. **Discussion/Announcements/Updates** (20 min)

a. **HCH Program Updates:**

**Mark Shotwell HCH Director** has resigned. Jeffrey Seal has assumed Interim Director role. HCH CCAB will request that he attend next CCAB meeting to introduce himself and meet the CCAB at Oct. Meeting.

**Quyen Tran HCH Finance Manager** has moved to Vietnam, she will be missed, and HCSA is recruiting for a new finance mgr.

b. **Health Care Legislation/Policy Updates:** Federal: AHCA & Budget; State: Single Payer update by David, we will be closely following Single Payer which is expected to be announced next week and of which CA Senator Kamala Harris is expected to be a co-sponsor.

c. **Encampments:** Oakland, Hayward, Berkeley

Long discussion on encampment situations. **Denise** reported on cleaning up actions on San Pablo Ave, with portapotties and garbage cans, and a sink. **April** reported that three encampments were cleared out last week in Oakland, one in Berkeley; no-one from encampments are directly involved in and planning, meetings or decision-making.

**Sabrina** reported that Mike Diamond is showing himself and his group as a real mover and shaker of homeless camp solutions at encampments, and there is a lot of suspicion as to his goals, and how connected he really is to city and funding. **Mark:** Camps shouldn't be permanent, are stop-gap solutions, and public does not support, and cities are bound by laws. **April:** State of Emergency declarations need to be partnered with real plans to meet Marks concerns; she is very concerned about personal agendas getting intermixed in approaches towards encampments. **Ami:** Local government is at a standstill, overwhelmed. She is also getting overwhelmed by the amount of help she needs to provide local camp.

**David** outlined State of Emergency: 1) Declaration; 2) Plan; 3) Creation of temporary bridge communities; 4) involvement of cities, counties and communities. Example of San Jose. Community pushing for City of Oakland to carry out the same.

**Sam** suggested that more CCAB members put their faces to the issue, not just send letter but face-to-face meetings. **Guitar** agreed that CCAB can play a greater role, schedule meetings. **Sabrina** wants to emphasize the costs of inaction and work on a death count; **Bennie** suggests CCAB focus on this issue and fight and concentrate on it, not magnify the problem, but what we can do; **April** says social media important; **Brenda** emphasizes groundwork that needs to be done; action plans, **Kimberlee** reported that Hayward is taking its responsibilities more seriously in response to a lot of organizing by local groups and HCH,

meetings with S.Hayward Neighborhood Collaborative. **Denise and Guitar** agreed CCAB members should read CCAB letter and learn it by heart and take it to face-to-face meetings.

d. **November CCAB Meeting (Veteran's Day Nov. 10)**. This meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> (but that is a conflict for DM – **checking to see if membership can do Weds Nov 8**)

**6. HCH Commission/CCAB Executive Committee Report** (Sam Weeks)

Sam reported that the HCH Commission is still learning their roles and responsibilities, especially interested in relationship with CCAB. Wants to hear what HCH CCAB wants and their goals, and take some direction from CCAB. HCH Commission proposes a joint HCH CCAB / HCH Commission meeting on **Friday December 15**, 10-noon followed by Winter HCH Program-wide Gathering. HCH CCAB members in consensus on offering that invitation to HCH Commission.

**7. CCAB Retreat Planning & Discussion**

HCH CCAB Retreat to be held on **Wednesday Oct 11 9-4pm at Joaquin Miller Park Ranger Station**. Fat Boy BBQ will cater; we'll organize transportation; boona cheema and Janny Castillo will help facilitate. Discussion of goals of retreat:

- Review/Update HCH CCAB Mission and Goals Statement
- Roles and Responsibilities of CCAB
- Asset Mapping – what are our individual strengths and goals
- HCH program operations and oversight
- Community Organizing – encampment issue
- Storytelling and Communication
- Having Fun and Relaxing, getting to know each other
- Creativity/art, music, games, activities.

Development of a Planning Committee which will Monday September 25 to work out details and plan. Members include Brenda, Denise, April, Bennie.

After discussion, HCH CCAB members agreed that the CCAB will schedule the October 2017 meeting for **Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> Noon**.

**HCH CCAB RETREAT Wednesday October 11, 9am-4pm**

**Joaquin Miller Park Ranger Station  
3540 Sanborn Dr, Oakland, CA 94602**

**Next meetings: Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> Noon-2pm**

**Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> Noon-2pm**

**Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> 10am – noon (HCH Commission Joint Mtg;  
followed by Winter HCH Gathering)**

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