

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission Meeting
Friday, June 19, 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
 Julie Lo
 Fr. Rigo Caloca-Rivas
 Claudia Young
 Shannon Smith-Bernardin
 Michelle Schneidermann
 Ana Bagtas

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
 Kerry Abbott, Director, Alameda County Office of Homeless Care and Coordination

Public Present:

Heather MacDonald-Fine, AHS

Absent:

Samuel Weeks, DDS

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Commissioner Laura Guzmán, Chair Quorum achieved Motion to Approve: L. Lee; G. Cox-Crowell - Motion Passed. Agenda adopted by Commission
B. PUBLIC COMMENT	Heather MacDonald-Fine, representing AHS, shared letter from the AHS CAB, and presented the AHS report. Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on data to be submitted to ACHCH • Wanda Jackson to return in July • CEO message in response to George Floyd’s death was made public as well as message from ambulatory leadership staff. • Promoting mobile health team internally via AHS newsletter Laura Guzmán mentioned discussing AHS CAB letter at the next ACHCH Executive Committee meeting in July.
C. CLOSED SESSION	No closed session
D. CONSENT AGENDA	ACHCH Commission review and approve Commission Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2020. Motion to Approve: M. Schneidermann; L. Lee Abstention: L. Guzmán

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	<p>Motion Passed; Meeting minutes approved by Commission</p> <p>ACHCH Commission review and approve Special Commission Meeting Minutes to approve ACHCH contracts - May 29, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not approved as meeting minutes need to be amended to capture some of the discussion of the meeting. • Postpone vote until July 17th commission meeting
E. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER	<p>David Modersbach, ACHCH Grants & Special Projects, presented the Compliance and HRSA update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRSA has planned will be interviewing patients in the fall for their patient experience activity. • Operational site visit (most likely virtual) is projected for spring 2021. • ACHCH is now six months into the next three year grant period. • ACHCH will present to the commission a draft budget to review in July and will approve the final budget in August.
F. GUEST SPEAKER	<p>Kerry Abbott, Director, Alameda County Office of Homeless Care and Coordination, presented on the program (see attached slides)</p> <p>Q&A:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can scattered sites become transitional or permanent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less likely to keep because they are hotels willing to rent not give up management of the site. The county is looking at other hotels for sale and looking at CCRs, property reports, etc. 2. Does Alameda County have more restrictions than San Francisco? Are they barriers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not found that Alameda County has more barriers. There has been support and encouragement for bringing in unhoused folks. 3. City of Alameda has been receiving calls from HOA's not being engaged before sites are opened. How is the County engaging with neighbors before projects are opened? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've done a pretty mediocre job of that and could do better. We haven't had the resources to fully engage the community. The deals happen quickly (sometimes we have only two weeks notice) and multi-agencies are involved. It's also difficult to have community meetings during COVID. We do our best to have a point person. As far as Alameda, the director of Building Futures distributed contact information for neighbors. People can contact us at covidhousing@acgov.org if they have questions. 4. How are you triaging folks in Project Roomkey and how are you measuring equity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triage for Operation Comfort is straight forward. For Operation Safer Ground, we are taking the top 500 most vulnerable from the by-name list and cross referencing with CDC criteria. We run a weekly report on race equity comparisons for the homeless population overall, by-name list to ensure we aren't underserving the black and Hispanic populations. We are starting our 100 day challenge and moving people to housing from Operation Comfort. Kerry Abbott will share race equity care in housing information with Commission. 5. What proportion of folks are staying and why are people leaving? What has been the challenges for overdoses and substance use? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few people have left Safer Ground and we move people from Operation

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	<p>Comfort to Safer Ground, if needed. For people in Operation Comfort, it's a real challenge for folks to be in isolation and we are using a harm reduction approach. A number of people have declined Operation Comfort because of being isolated. Seth Gomez has done a great amount of work in assisting people with substance use.</p> <p>[L. Guzmán left meeting at 10:03am/G. Cox-Crowell co-chaired]</p> <p>6. Given the climate around policing and outcry from the community, what conversations is the County having regarding having less policing and more services for housing, mental health, and social services. How can the commissioners get themselves at the table to support that movement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County's budgeting perspective is just beginning; Oakland has dived into it ahead of the county. Personally (not speaking for HCSA/County), how we can respond better to 911 calls for people that are homeless and have a serious mental illness and what resources do we need as a system of care. Whoever is responding is a question of safety and efficacy and we want to be in the best possible position. We want to be careful how we present those services. If we are under resourced, the shift goes to homeless providers that are paid at a lower rate. If we get more money, we are ready to take action. <p>7. Project Roomkey isn't closing for at least the next few months; evaluating in fall for resources going into 2021. May want to write an editorial for East Bay Times for the November initiative. Kerry Abbott will send initiative materials to commissioners.</p> <p>ACHCH is working very closely with Kerry Abbott and her office.</p>
G. ACHCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT	<p>Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director presented the ACHCH Director's Report</p> <p>[S. Bernardin-Smith left the meeting at 10:55am]</p>
H. ACTION AGENDA	<p>Revise by-laws to read: All members of the ACHCH Commission shall be residents of Alameda County or employed in Alameda County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Guzmán suggested postponing this action agenda item.
I. REGULAR AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Committee 2. Discussed commission retreat and how do we reincorporate those issues into monthly commission meetings since we are doing virtual meetings. Would like ideas from commissioners. This includes collaboration with the CCAB (joint Commission/CCAB meeting in August). 3. Budget/Finance and Contracts Committee – no report 4. Clinical Committee – no report 5. Consumer/Community Input - no report
J. OTHER ITEMS	<p>Next ACHCH Commission Meeting: Friday, July 17, 2020, 9am-11am (via Zoom call)</p> <p>Suggestions for upcoming Commission agenda: None</p> <p>Next ACHCH CCAB Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2020; 12pm-1:30pm (Zoom call)</p> <p>ACHCH Commissioners Retreat: Postponed</p>

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K. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 10:56am MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ACHCH COMMISSION Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary ACHCH Commission Executive Committee <u>Lois Bailey Lindsey</u> Date: <u>July 17, 2020</u>