

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission Meeting

Friday, April 17, 2020; 9:00am-11:00am

Via Zoom Conference Call

FINAL MINUTES

HCH Commissioners Present:

Laura Guzmán (Chair)
Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair)
Lynette Lee
Lois Bailey Lindsey
Julie Lo
Shannon Smith-Bernardin
Ana Bagtas
Samuel Weeks, DDS
Michelle Schneidermann

County Staff/Partners Present:

Lucy Kasdin LCSW, ACHCH Director
Luella Penserga, ACHCH Deputy Director
David Modersbach, ACHCH program
Kathy Barron, ACHCH program

Public Present:

Heather MacDonald-Fine, AHS
Alexis Lozano

Absent:

Fr. Rigo Caloca-Rivas
Claudia Young

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A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Laura Guzman Adopt agenda – Agenda adopted by Commission	Motion: G. Crowell; 2 nd L. Bailey Lindsey Yea: unanimous
B. PUBLIC COMMENT**	Heather MacDonald-Fine/AHS Statement	
C. CLOSED SESSION	No closed session	
D. CONSENT AGENDA Action Item: Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2020	ACHCH Commission review and approve Commission Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2020.	Motion: L. Bailey Linsley, 2 nd G. Crowell Yea: unanimous

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<p>E. ACHCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH Program Director, presented the Director's Report (attached). Highlights that were discussed:</p> <p><u>Personnel (Strategic Area: Clinical Care, Leadership, and Advocacy)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up second interviews for the BH Clinician position (four candidates) • RNII position - will be hired in next month • Three Program Services Coordinators - will be hired in late May, early June • Medical Director - will hire provisionally <p><u>David Modersbach: HRSA COVID and CARES Emergency Expansion Funding:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Supplemental Funding: ACHCH has been awarded \$63,641 in HRSA FY 2020 Coronavirus Supplemental Funding for Health Centers. ACHCH will utilize this funding to increase staffing and supplies needed to support COVID emergency response operations. • CARES Funding: ACHCH has been awarded \$750,995 in Health Center Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding. ACHCH is currently developing plans for utilizing this one-time-only funding and will present plans to HCH Commission in May 8 meeting. <p><u>Program Highlight COVID-19-19 (Strategic Area: Clinical Care, Leadership and Advocacy, and Community Awareness and Marketing)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The situation is rapidly changing. For the latest update, please refer to the COVID-19-19-19 Response: https://www.achch.org/coronavirus.html <p><u>Street Health Teams:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Aames and David Modersbach are having weekly calls with providers, work closely with city partners, doing assessments, supply distribution, sanitation, and food. Great coordination on the ground. Working across city and county so that we are engaging with and protecting our most vulnerable unsheltered people. <p><u>Shelter Health:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kari Jennings-Parriott and David Modersbach have done a tremendous amount of work engaging with shelters, doing assessments, working/helping with screening, education, supplies, and weekly calls (100 	

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	<p>people a week on the calls – both shelter and outreach). We are working with Dr. Harrison Alter (ER doctor from AHS) who has been at Operation Comfort for the last three weeks and has led teams going into shelters, recruited a team of doctors to go into shelters and are screening people. Jay, LifLong Medical Center/Trust Health Center, is bringing in the most vulnerable people into Safer Ground (people are leaving shelters into individual hotel rooms). We are decompressing the shelters to allow for social distancing, proper hygiene practices, etc. so that everyone is safe.</p> <p><u>Project Roomkey:</u> These are the two state leased hotels. <u>Operation Comfort</u>(opened 2-3 weeks ago): houses individuals that have symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive, or contact with confirmed positive. Teams, hospitals, and shelters are identifying folks that may have COVID-19. Each individual stays 10 days and is receiving meals, three breaks a day, and staff are checking on them. Shannon Smith-Bernardin has been talking with Seth Gomez in regards to a real harm reduction approach to get folks to stay at hotel. An assessment around SUD and alcohol as well as medication, telepsychiatry to keep folks in the hotel. Some have declined to go into hotel. <u>Operation Safer Ground</u> (opened two weeks ago): Highly vulnerable individuals and their households. Individuals on by name list were admitted; round two has been decompressing the shelters. HCSA is actively working to expand hotel resources, in the next two weeks approximately 400 hotel rooms will be added (150 in North, 250 in South) to serve both populations.</p> <p><u>Testing services:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing has been taking place at the Trust Clinic for several weeks. Testing started at Operation Comfort on 4/9/20, and at shelters for those transferring to Safer Ground on 4/13/20. Testing is being provided by LifeLong, and Hayward Fire. • ACHCH is in daily contact with Alameda County PHD to follow up on positives, the current number is less than 10 and none from shelters. Note that there is no central place where data on unhoused individuals tested is collected. By law, both negatives and positives must now be reported to PHD but there is missing data on negatives since no follow-up is conducted. 	

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	<p>Luella: Surge Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alameda County through its activated Emergency Operations Center (EOC), is coordinating with 14 hospitals to address the need for hospital beds for Covid-19 patients. • ACHCH staff (Luella Penserger) has been working from the EOC to support surge planning. • Hospitals are staffing up, repurposing space, and purchasing equipment (e.g. beds, ventilators). • Alameda County is responding to additional resource requests (PPE, supplies, staffing). The shelter-in-place policy appears to be having an effect in that the number of hospitalizations are increasing at a slower rate. • The County is focused on infection control in congregate living settings (shelters, nursing homes). 	
<p>F. ACHCH Health Center Compliance and HRSA Update</p>	<p>David Modersbach, ACHCH Grants and Special Projects, presented the HRSA fund that was awarded to ACHCH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$64,000 HRSA fund is a federal funding award and we are going to use these funds to cover all staff overtime due to the COVID-19 response. • A \$750,000 grant was awarded to ACHCH. We are starting the process of how to apply the grant based on our programs’ needs. We are looking at what the short and long term affect the COVID-19 response will be for our yearly budget (for this year and next year). ACHCH will submit a proposal to the commission once it’s drafted. 	
<p>G. REGULAR AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Committee 2. Budget/Finance and Contracts Committee 3. Clinical Committee 4. Report from HCH Consumer Community Advisory Board 5. Other ACHCH Commission Business 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Committee: Sam Weeks will be joining Executive Committee meetings. Laura Guzman will be asking Lucy Kasdin to give updates on staffing or topics of concern. Next meeting Monday, May 11, 2020; 12:00pm-1:00pm 2. Budget/Finance & Contracts Committee: Committee met on April 3rd and reviewed budgets, spend down report for 2019 and all of HRSA spending, reviewed fiscal year 2020 and developing budget. Thank you to Janice Edwards, Alex Martin, and David Modersbach for staying on top of the finances; excellent budget oversity. Next meeting July 10, 2020; 9:30am-11:00am 3. Clinical Committee – Meeting April 20, 2020; 11:00am-12:00pm 4. Consumer/Community Input – Report from ACHCH CCAB – Sam Weeks reported for CCAB members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed housing once people are out of the isolation housing; talked about Abode Service’s participation • Dispelled rumors regarding Operation Comfort and Safer Ground 5. Other ACHC Commission business – None 	

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H. ACTION AGENDA	<p>1. \$64,000 HRSA fund is a federal funding award and we are going to use these funds to cover all staff overtime due to the COVID-19 response. Commission voted and approved funding.</p> <p>2. Commission to determine if action is needed to support COVID-19 response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Guzman discussed drafting a letter regarding hiring more personnel to support ACHCH • Julie Lo, Ana Bagtas, Laura Guzman, and Lois Bailey Lindsey to be part of team to draft letter <p>Laura Guzman motioned to get team to draft letter around rapidly hiring staff for the ACHCH program so they can function in a way that is appropriate.</p>	<p>Motion: M.Schneidermann, 2nd S. Smith- Bernardin Yea: unanimous</p> <p>Motion: L. Guzman, 2nd S. Weeks Yea: unanimous</p>
I. OTHER ITEMS	<p>Next ACHCH Commission Meeting: Friday, May 15, 2020, 9am-11am (Zoom)</p> <p>Suggestions for upcoming Commission agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership, County discussion about governance of AHS Commission to create a policy. • Need for a virtual retreat? Board development needs to continue. • Standing agenda item: Heather MacDonald-Fine/AHS or chair of the AHS board to facilitate a presentation. <p>Next ACHCH CCAB Meeting: Friday, May 8, 2020; 12pm-3pm (Zoom call) ACHCH Commissioners Retreat: Postponed</p>	
J. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:00am</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ACHCH COMMISSION 4/17/2020 Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary ACHCH Commission Executive Committee</p> <p><u>Lois Bailey Lindsey</u> Date: <u>May 15, 2020</u></p>	