

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission Meeting

Friday May 17, 2019 10:00am -12 noon

APPROVED MINUTES

HCH Commissioners Present

Lynette Lee
 Claudia Young
 boona Cheema (chair)
 Lois Bailey Lindsey
 Michelle Schneidermann
 Laura Guzman
 Shannon Smith-Bernardin
 Ana Bagtas
 Samuel Weeks DDS

Absent:

Fr. Rigo Caloca-Rivas
 Gloria Crowell
 Denise Norman

County Staff/Partners Present:

Lucy Kasdin LCSW, HCH Interim Director
 Jeffrey Seal MD, Medical Director
 Heather MacDonald Fine AHS
 David Modersbach HCH
 Luella Penserger, Consultant
 Omar Rascon, HCH

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations	Action
A. CALL TO ORDER 1. Welcome & Introductions 2. Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by vice-Chair boona cheema . Convened 9:05am Adopt agenda – Agenda adopted by Commission.	Motion: L.Lee; Second: C.Young Yea: unanimous
B. CLOSED SESSION	No Closed Session.	
C. PUBLIC COMMENT**	No Public Comment.	
D. CONSENT AGENDA	Review, edits and Approval of Minutes of 4/19/2019 HCH Commission Meeting. Minutes approved by unanimous consensus of HCH Commissioners.	Motion: L.B.Lindsey; second, L.Lee Yea: unanimous
E. HCH DIRECTOR REPORT	E. HCH Program Director Report – Lucy Kasdin Program Director See Attached Director’s Report 5/17/19 Contracts Discussion: Plan was to get outstanding contracts: AHS, Lifelong TRUST and Street Health Contracts to Commission for approval today. But delays in contract creation mean that these contracts may require a special HCH Commission meeting 6/10/19 to review/approve before 6/12/19 Board of Supervisors meeting. ROOTS Street Medicine: Lucy Kasdin shared that the HCH Program has been informed by HCSA that the ROOTS Street Medicine Contract is to be extended through the rest of 2019. ACHCH staff is to develop language for oversight/monitoring/funding. Dr. Seal stated that the approval of this contract extension and the funding source is still ultimately up to the Commission.	

Discussion: Commission is willing to approve funding contingent on deliverables and current contract status, and the goal is to avoid gap in services while new contractor transitions into the area. The CCAB was not pleased with ROOTS for not submitting proposal for RFP. The Commission expressed concern regarding current contract deliverables and funding. Commissioners expressed concerns about lack of Commission participation when ROOTS contract discussion was taking place with HCSA leadership and ACHCH. However, the Commission would like to continue to have discussion around street-based medicine outreach services and model. Members of the Clinical Committee had a discussion around the development of Street Medicine model in their meeting the prior week.

There was a unanimous consensus within Commissioners that HRSA funding should not be used to continue to fund ROOTS mode after July 2019; however, the focus is now to closely monitor the current street-based model and continue to support new model set forth by ACHCH. Due to increase in homelessness, the goal is to expand reach and street-based medicine services.

Commissioners asked how can ACHCH avoid this from happening again with future contractors? ACHCH is currently strengthening contract monitoring efforts and as finance committee continues to monitor our HRSA budget, we expect more oversight from the commission to share monitoring responsibilities.

Commissioners asked if there any merit to extend the contract a couple months? – The tentative plan is to extend contract until they develop transition plan to benefit the patients. ROOTS has not submitted data to support the need for a lengthy transition/ramp-down plan for patients. ROOTS provides some UDS data but the number of patients is small and does not warrant a lengthy transition plan for patients who want to continue service. ROOTS alleges that there are approx. 500 patients who need transition plans. However, the data does not support such claim. From July 2019 to Dec 2019, ACHCH would like UDS and financials data, but the county will fund for the remainder of the contract.

Question: What happens with the attorney request? – ACHCH plans to respond to the public information request made by ROOTS.

Jeffrey will send out nurse-led model information to Commission. Provide overview and more information during joint meeting w/ CCAB.

Conclusion: ACHCH Commission shares consensus that the HCH program should fund ROOTS contract until June 2019, and recommends to HCSA that the remainder of contract should be funded using non-federal and non-program funds and HCSA oversight and include the condition that ROOTS submits UDS data and financial reports. ACHCH Commissioners can attend the June 18th BOS meeting to stand behind the Street Health model.

Community Involvement/Engagement

Street Health was featured by UCSF Dept. of Psychiatry in video, played for all.

Recommendation: ACHCH should provide overview explaining why psychiatrist is used versus nurse-led team.

Recommendation: ACHCH StreetHealth staff should have an ACHCH patch on their backpacks for visibility.

ACHCH program has submitted a Change In Scope to HRSA to add the Highland E2 Clinic to the ACHCH scope of services.

<p>G. AHS Subrecipient Report</p>	<p>G. AHS Subrecipient Report Heather MacDonald Fine of AHS Homeless Coordination Office presented: AHS carried out first informal meeting for new AHS Co-Applicant Board which will be the subrecipient co-applicant governing board for AHS-wide homeless health center operations. There are 9 confirmed members, including 4 patients, 3 with lived experience. AHS CAB members will be approved by AHS Board of Trustees on Thursday May 23.</p>	
<p>H. HCH Commission Orientation: UDS Report</p>	<p>Grants Manager David Modersbach provided an overview of the 2018 UDS report. Recommendation of Commissioners was to develop methods to track services provided by type of homelessness (street, doubled up, shelter)</p>	
<p>I. REGULAR AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Item: ACHCH Contract review and approval: Lifelong TRUST Clinic and Fruitvale Optical. https://www.achch.org/commissioners---private.html 2. Point In Time Count Presentation 3. County/City Budget Hearings Update 4. Consumer/Community Input – Report from HCH Consumer/Community Advisory Board 5. Executive Committee report 6. Street Health Committee 7. Budget/Finance and Contracts Committee 8. Clinical Committee <p>Other HCH Commission Business</p>	<p>I. REGULAR AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Items: Review of ACHCH Contracts: Discussion: There was a discussion around HCH Commission approval process before presenting contracts to Board of Supervisors; HCH Commission is to formally approve all contracts before going to BOS for approval. Contracts are not ready for approval. There will be a special-meeting to review and approve contracts prior to BOS meeting (ideally, week before June 18) to review overview of all contracts. – reminder, this will be a public meeting. 2. Point In Time Count Presentation: Laura Guzman Discussion: Homelessness rising throughout Bay Area and California. Up 42% in Alameda County. Number stands at 8,022. Survey data is still being analyzed. Only half of people who enter HMIS system are getting housed – and dropping. Explosive growth in homeless residents living in vehicles -- How are outreach services going to modify their efforts to accommodate them? There was a discussion around safe-parking efforts that are taking place in cities. Executive summary will be provided mid-June and Laura will provide overview during joint meeting. 3. County/City Budget Hearings Update: cities and counties are having budget hearings. 4. Consumer/Community Input – Report from HCH Consumer/Community Advisory Board: Dr. Sam Weeks shared that the CCAB is working on Street Health, supporting the StreetHealth Team with their “pitch” to clients; TRUST Clinic improving atmosphere; business cards, NHCHC conference, and planning a retreat. 5. Executive Committee report: Discussed meetings, new members, ROOTS contract. 6. Street Health Committee; Meeting tentatively scheduled 5/31 7. Budget/Finance and Contracts Committee; no update; meeting 7/5 8. Clinical Committee Discussion: the committee discussed structure of standardized quality meeting and metrics that will need to be submitted and reviewed. There was a discussion around merging metrics that overlap to avoid overburden on providers who are required to submit RBA data. Discussion of Street Medicine/Street Health with recommendation to rename the initiative Street Health to prevent further confusion as focus is on street-based engagement. Need standards for new Street Health teams. 	

	<p>9. Other HCH Commission Business: Executive committee will interview new applicant for HCH Commission Julie Lo.</p>	
<p>I. OTHER ITEMS 1. 2019 NHCHC Conference DC 2. Items for upcoming agendas:</p>	<p>HCH Commissioners attending NHCHC Conference 5/22-24 are Laura Guzman and Lois Bailey Lindsey. HCH CCAB members attending are Sabrina Fuentes and Jeannette Johnigan.</p>	
<p>H. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:56am.</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF HCH COMMISSION 6/21/2019 Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, HCH Commission Executive Committee Secretary</p> <p>_____ Date:_____</p>	<p>11:00 AM</p>