

**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Program  
 Consumer/Community Advisory Board (CCAB)**

**Meeting 11/15/2016 12:00 Noon – 3:00PM  
 1404 Franklin Street #209 Highlander Meeting Room**

**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 border="0"> <tr> <td>Bennie Whitfield</td> <td>Brenda Whitfield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kimberlee Burks</td> <td>Mark Smith*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Samuel Weeks* ABSENT</td> <td>Guitar Whitfield ABSENT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April Anthony*</td> <td>Ami Moe</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>David Modersbach, HCH Program (Ex Officio)</td> </tr> </table>	Bennie Whitfield	Brenda Whitfield	Kimberlee Burks	Mark Smith*	Samuel Weeks* ABSENT	Guitar Whitfield ABSENT	April Anthony*	Ami Moe		David Modersbach, HCH Program (Ex Officio)
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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>Review/Approval of Last Meeting Minutes.</b> Minutes reviewed and approved</li> <li>3. <b>Discussion/Announcements/Updates</b> (10 min)       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Elections Review</b>            Elections went well of course with the exception of nationally. Long discussion among HCH CCAB members around: Emotional Responses, 2)Questions that emerge; 3)Responses. We did a go-around on emotional responses, and then focused on making a list of questions:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is Trump really going to do those things? For Real?</li> <li>• What is this going to look like.</li> <li>• How can T---p get rid of Obamacare/ACA?</li> <li>• What can States like CA expect in respect to federal funding of low-income services?</li> <li>• Where do we go from here? Do people of color have a chance?</li> <li>• Being that as a population we might not have enough know-how to get what is currently available, and how do we fight to protect it?</li> <li>• Will T---p have to buy support from folks?</li> <li>• How will this affect construction of affordable housing or housing in general?</li> <li>• How can we turn people’s fear into a positive organizing tool?</li> <li>• How will this affect Medi-Cal? Will I lose my medi-cal?</li> <li>• How will this affect Alameda County’s HealthPAC program?</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>										

- How can we create efficiencies in our programs to be able to weather huge budget cuts in the future?
- How will this affect undocumented children and families?
- Is T---p really going to build a wall?
- What will it take to deport 3-6 million people?
- How will T—p do foreign policy?
- How can we get new, private, nonprofit, etc support for HCH mission/work?
- How can we learn lessons in Civics so we can understand what is going on and how to protect institutions of democracy?
- Will County of Alameda/HCSA implement plans or actions moving forward regarding:
  - Medi-cal
  - Loss of HHS/HRSA funding?
  - Deportations
  - Budget cuts in general (start now to build efficiencies and prepare)
  - Increased police state (people of color already experience that!)
  - Loss of abortion/reproductive services
  - Schools and undocumented families?
  - Sanctuary cities, stances
- How will threats against undocumented persons affect the whole population (diversion of resources to mass deport + who will clean, farm, build, etc).
- Should protests continue can we expect martial law?

The group read statements written by the Assembly /Senate of the State of California, and discussed re-traumatization and effects of the elections on persons experiencing homelessness and clients of the HCH program. David will share a statement (FAQ) written by the National HCH Council.

**b. Encampments**

Discussion of new Sanctioned Encampment run by City of Oakland, 35<sup>th</sup>/Peralta. Opened 10/17, about 40 residents, the encampment has toilets, trash, fenced, and is scheduled to end at end of April. Compared the HCH CCAB talking paper on Sanctioned Encampments in Place. Bennie raised the question of “Designed to fail?” as a goal of city-sanctioned encampment? April has attended community meetings including HOUR (housing our homeless residents) and Albany’s Diverse Housing Working Group (<http://diversehousingworkinggroup.weebly.com/>).

There is a homeless Connect Festival Sat 11/19 at the California Hotel. Discussion of needs of Vehicle-Housed persons.

A meeting of Sanctioned-In-Place advocates: SF Coalition on Homelessness, HCH CCAB, WRAP, a sociologist from UCB (Andrew Herring) should take place soon. More info when that is happening.

**c. Homeless Memorial Day 12/8/2016 St. Mary’s**

All are invited. There are also services in Fremont 11/18, Hayward 12/21? that

Kimberlee is involved in

**d. HCH Holiday gathering**

CCAB agreed that they want to attend a 12/16/16 HCH Program Holiday Gathering which will be held at 1404 Franklin Street Friday 12/16 11-1pm.

**4. Alameda County ALL-IN Community Listening Sessions (5 min)**

- a. Kimberlee will head up 2 Listening Session in S. Hayward
- b. April/Ami will head up one in Oakland.
- c. More information: <http://www.acgov.org/allin/involved.htm>

**5. HCH Optometry Program (10 min)**

- a. Kimberlee discussed lapse in HCH Optometry contract/services (contract with La Clinica Family Optical is set to expire 12/31/16, and shared her not-so-great experiences with Lenscrafters. HCH CCAB decided that a communication with HCH program leadership expressing their concern about the possible loss of optometry services, and sharing how important optometry services are to persons experiencing homelessness. As it turns out almost every member of the HCH CCAB got glasses through HCH optometry contracts.

Also discussed [www.zenni.com](http://www.zenni.com) as a possible way to provide low-cost glasses online for folks with an Rx.

**6. CCAB Board Member Meeting Stipends (5 min)**

Folks are getting stipend checks but many are experiencing issues with Social Security and overpayments over the stipends. There should be no issue of overpayment as the stipend is compensation for work performed and not a gift. But tell that to S.S. we're trying to rectify this with the individuals affected.

**7. Review of 2016 Homeless Election Forum & Future CCAB advocacy efforts (20 min)**

The 10/18 event was successful, there were 25 participants. Outreach was done through flyers and email. Voter registration was available but no-one registered. HCH CCAB members decided that next elections we would focus again on voter awareness and registration, and try to focus more on shelters and centers. The elections went well for Alameda County, with the Housing Bond winning, KK won, and renter protection ordinances winning.

**Next Meeting: Friday December 9, 12:00Noon  
1404 Franklin Street #200, Oakland CA**

**We have changed our regular meeting time! From December on, it will be the  
SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH at NOON.**

**Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 12 noon  
Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> 12 noon  
Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 12 noon**

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it's free and you can do it at:*

[www.nhchc.org/resources/consumer/](http://www.nhchc.org/resources/consumer/)