



Santa Cruz County Syringe Services Program Advisory Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Hybrid: Virtual and Physical: 1400 Emeline Ave, Bldg. K, Rm 206
PRESENT: Damon Bruder (*3rd District*), Eric Sturm (*4th District*), Joe Hernandez (*2nd District*), Sarina King (*5th District*), Steve Plumb (*1st District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Rahshan Williams (*Program Coordinator*), Socorro Gutierrez (*Health Services Manager*), Jennifer Herrera (*Assistant Health Services Agency (HSA) Director*), Nicky Meza (*Administrative Aide*), Megan Holland (*Administrative Services Manager*)
GUESTS: Julia Anderson, Senior Health Educator, County of Santa Cruz

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions:
Meeting convened at 6:00 PM.
2. Review and Approve October 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve October Minutes
Motion/Second: Plumb/Sturm
Motion passed unanimously
3. Assembly Bill AB 361:
Motion to Continue with Hybrid/Virtual Component for December Meeting
Motion/Second: Plumb/Hernandez
Motion passed unanimously
4. Correspondence: none
5. Public Comment: none
6. Program Updates- Program Staff:
6.1. Rahshan Williams presented the program updates. The Watsonville Exchange completed its move over to 1430 Suite B. Testing is scaled back to every 2nd and 4th Wednesday and will assess if interest increases. Work continues with the City of Santa Cruz to improve sharing of CRSP Syringe Litter Reports and Williams provided some statistics. Some participants were reluctant to use HRCofSCC delivery services due to concerns about discretion. Williams shared updates from the 13th National Harm

Reduction Coalition Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Attended sessions conducted by service providers from Pennsylvania (Lehigh Valley Health Network) and California (Access Support Network). CASEP (California Syringe Exchange Program) met with leaders and staff from other CA exchanges and shared information about successes and challenges. Julia Anderson provided Syringe Assessment Project update which assesses and addresses barriers to Syringe Access and Disposal in South County. The project is a 9-month contract with the Community Action Board (CAB) of Santa Cruz County and funding comes from the California Harm Reduction Initiative (CHRI) grant. Commission was interested to hear more about conference in Puerto Rico and other programs' successes. Questions arose around the Syringe Assessment Project and if our program is collaborating with the City of Watsonville. Anderson confirmed that while we are collaborating with them they have not been informed of the project but that will be something to consider. Commission was interested in learning about the success of the Mobile Outreach from the Access Support Network and inviting them to a future meeting. Williams confirmed that he would reach out to them and suggested that a commissioner attend a site visit with staff. Gutierrez updated the Commission on board directives. Supervisor Koenig requested that staff look into mobile accessibility for North County. Commission discussed doing a special meeting in December to review this topic.

Motion to have special meeting to discuss the proposal to move Exchange out of Emeline Campus and find alternate ways to continue services

Motion/Second: Sturm/Plumb

Motion passed unanimously

8. New Business/Action Items:

8.1. Further discuss Resource Planner IV

Motion to table topic for beginning of next year

Motion/Second: Sturm/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously

9. Topics for Future Meetings/Action Items:

9.1. Discuss Access Support Network Exchange Mobile Services

9.2. Further discussion on the 1-minute HIV test

9.3. Resource Planner IV

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion/Second: King/Plumb

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Submitted by Lucero Cosio-Santos (*Administrative Aide*)