



Santa Cruz County Syringe Services Program Advisory Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 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*)
EXCUSED: Steve Plumb (*1st District*)
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 September 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve September Minutes
Motion/Second: Sturm/Hernandez
Motion passed unanimously
3. Assembly Bill AB 361:
Motion to Continue with Hybrid/Virtual Component for November Meeting
Motion/Second: King/Hernandez
Motion passed unanimously
4. Correspondence:
5. Public Comment: none
6. Program Updates- Program Staff:
6.1. Staff member Julia Anderson presented the program updates. The Watsonville exchange will be moving from 1430 Suite A to Suite B. The City of Santa Cruz began sharing its Community Request for Service Portal Needle Count Reports, where we now have data from September 2018 to August 2022. SSP will continue to receive monthly updates. SSP continues to work with the City of Santa Cruz for alternate placement of the kiosk located at San Lorenzo Park/Benchlands. They have also placed a kiosk at City

Overlook Encampment. SSP is finalizing their contract with the Community Action Board which will be funded by the CA Harm Reduction Initiative (CHRI). The goal is to assess the barriers to access SSP services, including Syringe disposal, and determine hotspots. This will be done by in-depth interviews, survey and documentation, outreach, education, etc. Commission had questions regarding what the average monthly totals are for the City's needle count reports. Staff will have this information at the next meeting. Commission also inquired if the numbers on their report was from all syringes collected in the city or just from the County's boxes. Staff clarified that the numbers are just based on the number of calls they receive reporting syringe litter. Commission is interested to find out more about the CHRI grant and conference that SSP staff attended in Puerto Rico.

7. Focus Area Updates

7.1. Update from Community Engagement Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Sturm discussed sending the SSP Commission meeting link to all county public health employees to try to get more interest/involvement. He will discuss with the leaders in public health. Staff will follow up with Commission Sturm.

8. New Business/Action Items:

8.1. Vote to Approve the Biennial Report

Commission thoroughly reviewed and proposed some changes for the Biennial Report.

Motion to add bullet point to explore additional funding opportunities

Motion/Second: Sturm/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to approve Biennial Report as written and adjusted

Motion/Second: Sturm/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously

8.2. Vote to Approve Amended Bylaws

Motion to approve the language to adjust meeting cadence of Bylaws

Motion/Second: Sturm/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously

8.3. Discuss questions for Resource Planner IV

Commission discussed doing a meet and greet with the new Resource Planner IV and then inviting them back for a future meeting to ask further questions. Commissioner Sturm has taken on the task to reach out directly Department of Public Works (DPW) and staff will follow up on this.

9. Topics for Future Meetings/Action Items:

9.1. Further discuss connecting with the new Resource Planner IV from DPW.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion/Second: King/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

Submitted by Nicole Meza (*Administrative Aide*)