

Contra Costa County Health Services

Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Governing Board

The mission of the Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board is to oversee, guide and assist the Program in its efforts to deliver high quality health care to a diverse and medically underserved community. The Co-Applicant Board will use its skills, expertise, and life experience to make policies and operational decisions which will provide the best benefit to the Program and client.

MEETING MINUTES

DATE, TIME: Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, 11:00-12:30pm

LOCATION: Walker Room, 1220 Morello Avenue, Martinez, CA 94553

ATTENDANCE: Claude Battaglia, Wendel Brunner, Michael Callanan, Teri House (telephonic), Daisy Gallegos, Bill Jones, Stephen Krank, Jennifer Machado, Rachna Pandya, Jonathan Russell (telephonic).

ABSENT: None

HCH STAFF ATTENDANCE: Heather Cedermaz (HCH Lead Provider), Linae Altman (HCH Planning & Policy Manager), Lauren Healy (HCH Mental Health Supervisor), Gabriella Quintana (HCH QI Team)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Jill Ray, Ron Britton, JR Wilson, Chapley

Agenda Items for Approval and/or Review:

1. **Action Item: APPROVAL – February Meeting Minutes**

Welcome & Introduction

1. Ron Britton, Public Advocate
2. JR Wilson,
 - a. US Army Veteran with lived experience
 - b. Founded Delta Veterans Group to support veterans experiencing homelessness with housing, health, education, and employment.
3. Chapley, St. Anne's Byron

Action Item: Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes

1. No comments on the minutes.

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Motion

- A. **Statement:** *I move to approve the minutes from February 2023.*
- B. **Motion Made by:** Jennifer Machado
- C. **Seconds the Motion:** Stephen Krank
Roll Call Vote: Each voting member must verbally approve or oppose
- D. **IN FAVOR:** Claude Battaglia, Wendel Brunner, Michael Callanan, Teri House, Daisy Gallegos, Bill Jones, Stephen Krank, Jennifer Machado, Rachna Pandya, Jonathan Russell
OPPOSED: None
ABSTAINS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion Result: PASSED

Standing Item: HCH Services Update

Lauren Healy (HCH Mental Health Supervisor),

1. HCH Mental Health Updates

- a. Currently 2 clinicians on staff with a presence at all HCH sites
- b. One clinician supporting outreach five days a week.
- c. Looking to hire another clinician to join the team to support respite clients.
- d. Question from board member on the classification the team is looking to hire?
 - i. Position is called a Mental Health Clinical Specialist
 - ii. Candidates can be licensed or working toward licensure.
 - iii. Position is expected to travel across the county to meet clients
 - iv. Clinic schedule is available on the HCH website for those interested in seeing where the team is regularly located.
 - v. Encourage all who are interested in working with the population to apply.
 - vi. HCH Team to send link to position description.
- e. Question from board member on the barriers to hiring?
 - i. Salary is competitive but the clinician pool has been depleted since the pandemic.
 - ii. Remaining candidates may not want to work in the field or with the homeless population.
 - iii. Similar shortage being experienced by other healthcare organizations.
- f. Working closely with Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services to bridge homeless clients into the Behavioral Health System of Care

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- i. Transitions Team follows up with clients who have been seen in Psychiatric Emergency
 - ii. A3 Initiative – Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere
 - 1. New program, currently staffing up.
 - 2. Aim is to provide crisis support to clients in the community.
 - 3. Mental Health professionals will respond to incoming crisis calls and attempt to de-escalate situations without police intervention.
 - 4. Calls will come into a new dispatch center (988) or may be routed from traditional 911 or 211 contacts numbers
 - 5. Anticipate overlap with HCH patient population.
 - iii. Youth Crisis Center Stabilization
 - 1. Diversion program to keep young people out of psych emergency.
 - 2. Will also include new Telehealth services with UCSF Psychiatric
 - 3. Will be housed in the Miller Wellness Center and overseen by the hospital system.
2. HCH Medical Updates
- a. Nurses returning from leave to support respite referrals.
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Standing Item: Board Member Recruitment & Training
(All)

- 1. Membership Update - current Board Membership sits at 10 (9-25 is the allowable range)
- 2. Brown Act and in-person meeting requirements
 - a. Moving forward must be able to meet in-person quorum requirements at each meeting (6 members present in-person)
 - b. Each board member is allowed to join meetings telephonically twice per year
 - c. Concern that in person requirement will hinder board recruitment efforts
 - d. HCH team is in contact with neighboring counties who have expressed similar concerns in being able to recruit diverse members who may have barriers to meeting in person.
 - e. New legislation introduced to Board of Supervisors (AB817)
 - i. Would allow advisory bodies who are not decision makers to meet remotely. The county is supportive of this.
 - ii. Unfortunately, would likely not apply to Co-Applicant Governing Board due to designation as a decision-making body.
 - f. Board of Supervisor offices are all equipped or in the process of being equipped with IT infrastructure to support hybrid meeting models.

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- i. These offices will be open to use as in person meeting locations.
 - g. Advocating to allow remote attendance.
 - i. Brown Act is a state law, would take state legislation to amend.
 - ii. Recommend advocacy letters be sent to state representatives.
 - iii. Will add to next agenda to begin drafting process.
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Standing Item: Quality Improvement

(Gabriella Quintana, HCH QI Team)

- 1. UDS Review
 - a. Submitted 2/15 to HRSA
 - b. Only two follow up questions received from the auditor.
 - i. Explanations were sufficient, and report was accepted as complete.
 - c. Trends
 - i. Increase in patients served compared to last year, but not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.
 - ii. No significant changes in clinical measures
 - iii. Discussion around decrease in childhood immunization rates resulting from the pandemic, delaying in person care and heightened vaccine resistance.
 - iv. Discussion around connecting new HIV positive patients to care. HCH is meeting with Communicable Disease and CORE every two weeks to review patient lists and support in connecting into treatment.
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Standing Item: Field Trips

- 1. Next HCH all Staff Meeting scheduled for April 5th, 1-3 PM
 - a. Claude to present but all board members are invited to attend
 - b. Will be hosted via Zoom.
 - c. Welcome presentations from other board members in the coming months
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Standing Item: Community Updates

- 1. Delta Veterans Group
 - a. Next open meeting scheduled for April 11th at 6:30
 - i. Antioch Veterans Memorial Building or virtual attendance options.
 - b. Next stand down event will be open to the community, September 8th -11th at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds

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- i. Volunteer link for Stand Down will open in middle of April, visit [Delta Veterans Group](#) to sign up
 - ii. End of May registration will open for veteran attendance.
2. Pallet Shelter
 - a. Building tiny home communities in north and south bay
 - b. Demonstrated good outcomes but requires community support to stand up
3. Bombas Socks
 - a. T-shirts, underwear, and socks available for distribution to the homeless
 - b. Large order of XS socks in storage, ideas for donations?
 - i. GRIP, Love a Child, BARM family shelter sites may benefit
4. Update on Shelters
 - a. Following the pandemic, congregate shelters have been redesigned to increase bed spacing. Has resulted in reduced capacity.
 - b. Brought on Delta Landing as converted hotel model.
 - c. Limited affordable housing leads to long term residency at shelters
5. BACS Update
 - a. Partnering with city of Antioch to open Antioch Bridge Housing Program
 - b. 30 room hotel located in Antioch, similar to Delta Landing model
 - c. Anticipate opening in the spring,
6. Hacienda Heights Senior Housing in Richmond
 - a. 148 units, now fully leased.
 - b. Includes low income and permanent supportive housing.
 - c. HCH Team shared positive patient feedback and onsite services available

Standing Item: Future Matters

1. Consumer Feedback
2. Brown Act & Remote Meeting Advocacy Letters

Standing Item: Next Meeting and Time

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023

11:00-12:30pm

1220 Morello Ave, Martinez CA

Approval of HCH Co-Applicant Board Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2023

Board Chair Signature ~~Stephen Krank~~_____

Date ~~4/19/2023~~_____