

San Francisco Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board

Monday, June 13th, 2022, 5:00-7:00pm

via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm
- Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement was read
- Member rollcall was taken, quorum was not established at this point in the meeting so no votes were taken at this meeting. Member attendance details available in table on last page of minutes.
- City Staff introduced themselves, and no members of the public were present
 - DPH: Kevin Hutchcroft and Bill Blum
 - Office of the City Attorney: Virginia Dario Elizondo and Henry Lifton
- Reviewed and decided together to move forward with the agenda's main presentation topics while skipping voting items since quorum would be needed
- There were three announcements:
 - Member James Pounders resigned from the HCH CAB
 - Vice-Chair Role Remains open and up for Election Today
 - Next HCH CAB Meeting on July 11th, 5:00-7:00pm on Microsoft Teams
- There was no public comment
- Member Neary presented a shortened version of the previous month's presentation on people living with HIV and experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. Details were shared regarding a quality improvement (QI) project to improve outreach and viral load suppression achievement for people experiencing homelessness and living with HIV.
 - Members provided feedback and insight into how we may be better able to tailor QI and outreach interventions, including:
 - Be very clear about the specific days and times sites are open, and the number to call for urgent care

- Work on pamphlet sharing resources with no cost of care
- Drop-in hours available at times throughout the day, including extended drop-in hours during evenings and Saturdays
- There needs to be enough access and availability for patients
- Need to call patients for follow-up when falling out of care to connect back
- Focus on how to get in touch with people
- Both Street Medicine and Syringe Access Services are good ways to spread messages
- Needle Exchange has an RN present and can share pamphlets while people are waiting in line (for example Friday night at St. James 80 people attend in 2 hours)
- Create an outreach form with a box people can check to request additional information or medical staff to call them back, or boxes to check expressing what your biggest challenge is
- Medical information can be attached to other items such as hygiene kits, water, and refer to longer term care options
- Community navigators can carry pamphlets (for example Glide, etc. navigators) with hours and phone numbers
- Linkage Center and street behind is a great place to get people interested in medical care
- Funding for incentives to bring people in, for example new client intake Safeway gift card
- LINCS – do they have gift cards?
- Street Medicine may be good fit for outreach
 - Can connect people with same providers for continuity
- Flyers can be placed in storefronts and in the community, can state “If you have HIV and no medical services – you can come here”

- Public restaurants, public restrooms, and public libraries are also good options for flyer placement and distribution
- Ask HIV Prevention how to reach people
- Medication
 - Locker program to hold both HIV/HCV and psych medications
 - Syringe @ SFAF may be closed lockers at the moment due to a fire near the lockers
- Education around the importance of HIV medical care and medications
- Giving out weekly pill boxes for medication, and outreach workers could help them fill pill box
- For people on a lot of medications, the amount of space available matters, as does 24-hour availability (may affect staffing, for examples hospitals may be a better fit or also Tom Waddell)
- Being open to working with people who are high or using drugs, for example staff drop-in w/ people good with these circumstances
- HCH CAB discussed an idea to bring HCH CAB together in person to tour a recently remodeled health center in August or September.
 - HCH CAB feedback included:
 - New sites – focus on accessibility
 - HCH CAB can ask for suggestions
 - Transportation?
 - Idea depends on hours, for example starting at 4:30 or 5:00 to avoid interrupting patients
 - Maxine Hall has new conference rooms and a new air filtration system
 - COVID testing before meeting in person? Rapid test?
- HCH CAB discussed difficulty in reaching quorum in June and July

- HCH CAB feedback included:
 - Email 3-4 days before meeting
 - Send a warning message to those who have not attended and are getting close to the three consecutive meetings missed
- The proposed topics for July HCH CAB Meeting were shared:
 - HCH Grant Application Materials
 - Conflict of Interest Training
 - Sunshine Ordinance Training
 - Virtual versus In Person Meetings
- Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

Roll Call and Vote Record for June 13th, 2022:

	Present at 6/13/22 Meeting
Anakh Sul Rama	No
Bernadette Okereke	Yes
Dan Jordan	Yes
Freddie Kendrick	No
Gregory McDowell	No
Vacant Patient Role	No
Libnir Telusca, Ph.D.	Yes
Manel Silva, MD	Yes
Maritza Penagos	No
Michael Discepola	Yes
Richard Sullivan	Yes
Beth Neary (non-voting)	Yes

Note: Minutes are in DRAFT form until reviewed and approved by Co-Applicant Board attendees.

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