



### **Health Care for the Homeless**

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# Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission Meeting Friday, April 19, 2024; 9:00am-11:00am MEETING MINUTES

#### **ACHCH Commissioner Present:**

Laura Guzmán (Chair)
Gloria Crowell (Co-chair)
Gregory Kats
Lois Bailey Lindsey (Secretary)
Julie Lo
Lynette Lee
Marcie Soslau Johnson
Michelle Schneidermann, MD
Sabrina Fuentes

#### **ACHCH Commissioners Absent**:

Gerard Jenkins, MD Josh Thurman Melissa Hellums Sam Weeks, DDS Shannon Smith-Bernardin, PhD, RN

#### **County Staff Present:**

Jonathan Russell, OHCC Kerry Abbott, OHCC Tracy Hazelton, ACBH Noah Gallo, ACBH Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH Luella Penserga, ACHCH David Modersbach, ACHCH Deidra Perry, ACHCH Andrea Zeppa, ACHCH Qinglin Wu, ACHCH

#### **Public Present:**

Damon Francis, MD, Alameda Health System

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Commissioners Laura Guzmán Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved  Commission approved the agenda Motion to Approve: Commissioners L. Bailey Lindsey; G. Crowell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion Passed: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission
B. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.
C. CLOSED SESSION	No closed session.
D. CONSENT AGENDA	<ol> <li>Approval of Commission Minutes of March 15, 2024</li> <li>Approval of Commission Ad Hoc Minutes of March 19, 2024</li> <li>Approval of ACHCH Strategic Plan</li> <li>Motion to Approve: Commissioners G. Crowell; G. Kats 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>Motion Passed: Meeting minutes and ACHCH Strategic Plan adopted and approved by the Commission.</li> </ol>

#### E. ACHCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH Director presented Director's Report.

Alameda County Health Care Services will now be called Alameda County Health. The Office of Homeless Care and Coordination will now be called Housing and Homeless Services (H&H). Health Care for the Homeless will retain our program logo, with updated coloring to align with the new branding:









Commissioner Guzman asked if the increased funding via HRSA will always go to HCH. Lucy Kasdin answered that the proposed budget is earmarking specifically for HCH programs Section 330 (h) to receive additional funding to expand street health and street medicine services. If that gets passed, we will have the opportunity to compete for those funds.

Commissioner Crowell asked what are doing about the people living in the encampments. Lucy Kasdin emphasized the critical need to address homelessness and the high rates of illness and death among homeless populations. She highlighted the integration of housing services into the program's suite of offerings, including efforts to transition people into housing. Kerry Abbott mentioned recent \$4.7 million funding awarded for encampment resolution, indicating a collaborative effort between the program and city partners to address homelessness through housing initiatives.

#### F. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER

Damon Francis, MD, Alameda Health System presented the Alameda Health System Subrecipient Report.

Dr. Francis mentioned the delivery of a mobile health dental van, funded in part by the HCH, which will enhance dental service delivery. The van aims to provide dental assessments, X-rays, and some procedures, serving as a gateway to connect individuals with broader healthcare services. He emphasized the transformative impact of dental care on engagement and overall well-being.

## G. PRESENTATION & GROUP DISCUSSION

Tracy Hazelton, MPH, Division Director of Alameda County Behavioral Health Department, presented the update on MHSA and the passage of Proposition 1.

Commissioner Crowell asked where people go after Care Court and how they align

	with the proposed changes. Tracy Hazelton answered that funding for housing under Prop 1 could support post-Care Court housing plans, but specifics were still being worked out. Kerry Abbott added that Prop 1 could potentially sustain the behavioral health Bridge housing beyond 2026.
	Commissioner Schneidermann asked about the effectiveness of Full-Service Partnerships (FSPs) in engaging unsheltered homeless individuals and the opportunities for more intensive case management programs. She mentioned the stratified levels of care and partnerships with organizations like HCH for more effective engagement.
	Commissioner Guzman suggested including substance use disorder programs in discussions and strategic planning, emphasizing their effectiveness in engaging and supporting individuals. Tracy expressed openness to exploring partnerships with programs and integrating their expertise into service delivery models.
	Commissioner Guzman asked whether the tax on millionaires was still in place. Tracy confirmed yes.
	David Modersbach, ACHCH Grants Manager, presented the ACHCH 2023 HRSA Uniform Data System (UDS) Report.
H. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ol> <li>Consumer/Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – report from April 12, 2024.</li> <li>Budget &amp; Finance Committee – report from April 5, 2024.</li> <li>Clinical Quality Committee – no report.</li> <li>Executive Committee – report from April 8, 2024.</li> </ol>
I. OTHER ITEMS	<ol> <li>Announcements: Commission Group Photo</li> <li>Next Meetings:         <ul> <li>Clinical Quality Committee: April 29, 2024; 9:30am-11:00am</li> <li>Executive Committee: May 6, 2024; 12:00pm-1:00pm</li> <li>Community Consumer Advisory Board (CCAB): May 10, 2024; 12:00pm-1:30pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Commission: May 17, 2024, 9:00am-11:00am</li> </ol>
J. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 11:00am  Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary  6/2/2024
	Lois Bailey Lindsey Date:

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