



Santa Cruz County Syringe Services Program Advisory Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023
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*), Steve Plumb (*1st District*), Joe Hernandez (*2nd District*)
EXCUSED: Sarina King (*5th District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Rahshan Williams (*Program Coordinator*), Socorro Gutierrez (*Health Services Manager*), Nicky Meza (*Administrative Aide*), Lucero Cosio-Santos (*Administrative Aide*) Laurel Gazza (*Administrative Aide*)
GUESTS: None

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions:
Meeting convened at 6:00 PM.
Chair Bruder Confirmed attendance.
2. Review and approve November 8, 2022, and December 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve November Minutes
Motion/Second: Sturm/Plumb
Motion passed unanimously.
Motion to approve December Minutes
Motion/Second: Plumb/Sturm
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Assembly Bill AB 361:
Motion to continue with Hybrid/Virtual Component for February Meeting
Motion/Second: Plumb/Hernandez
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Correspondence: none
5. Public Comment: none
6. Program Updates:
6.1 Williams provided an update of the Watsonville Exchange location to Suite B. This space provides a more client centered operation and more accessibility to supplies, education and the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. Program applied for

a two-year Grant for participants to overcome barriers to entering drug treatment. Program expects to hear back in March if awarded. Other grants are available through The California Clearinghouse and staff are looking into the process of applying for these. Program staff along with Commissioner King visited the Action Support Network (ASN) in December at their Monterey mobile location. ASN services offered at this site include a Doctor, HIV/HCV testing, harm reduction supplies and syringe collection. Watsonville Exchange staff performed outreach in the levee area to direct residents to shelter and transportation services during the storms. A Kiosk was removed from San Lorenzo Park due to flooding concerns. Commission asked program staff if ASN services are similar to those offered in our County and staff stated that they are not run by County and they have a Doctor on staff who provides consults.

7. Focus Area Updates:

7.1 Update from Community Engagement Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

No updates at this time.

8. New Business/Action Item:

8.1 Board of Supervisors Feedback on Emeline Exchange relocation

Commissioners were not able to connect with their respective Supervisors to discuss their request or purpose to relocate the Emeline Exchange. Commissioners will reach out to their Supervisors in the next few weeks and ask about their thoughts of a Mobile Unit and if they have other ideas and will report back next meeting. Chair Bruder requested to have staff to provide data which includes the cost to operate a mobile unit with staff and expenses. HSA Director, Monica Morales, provided insight about the SSP relocation request from the Board. The Board would like to have the community needs met by looking at other programs in the state and if the on-site is the best approach or if there are other ways to meet the community needs.

Motion to direct Program Staff to collect data and numbers to look at alternatives for the Emeline Campus

Motion/Second: Sturm/Plumb

Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Discuss Resource Planner IV invitation to future meeting.

Program staff will connect with Resource Planner IV and invite to March meeting for a short presentation and overview of their job and how it specifically relates to the the Syringe Services Program.

Motion to invite Resource Planner IV to March Meeting for short presentation.

Motion/Second: Sturm/Plumb

Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Follow up on Monterey County Mobile Unit Visit

King not in attendance and unable to provide an update about the site visit to the Action Support Network (ASN) Mobile unit in December.

Commissioners in attendance would like to hear more about this visit. Chair Bruder would like to table this item to February meeting,

Motion to move this item to February Meeting

Motion/Second: Plumb/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Topics for Future Meetings/Action Items:

9.1 Follow up on Monterey County mobile visit.

9.2 Discuss what each Commissioner learned from Supervisor concerning moving Emeline Exchange

9.3 Discuss numbers and expenses about running a mobile unit.

9.4 Update SSP website with more current reports

10. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

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