



Monterey County

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Action Minutes Health, Housing & Human Services Committee

Thursday, October 18, 2018

9:00 AM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor, Government Center

Health, Housing, and Human Services Key Objectives:

Reduce regional, socio-economic inequities in health outcomes. Improve health outcomes through health and wellness promotion and access to top quality healthcare.

Advocate for a sufficient allocation of funds from the state and federal governments that will enable the County to carry out its authorized healthcare programs.

NOTE: All agenda titles related to numbered items are live web links. Click on the title to be directed to corresponding Board Report.

<https://monterey.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Luis Alejo, District 1; Supervisor Simon Salinas, District 3; Rosemary Soto, Anita Nachor, Veronica Fernandez, Lana Martinez Davis, CAO Office; Stacy Saetta, Deputy County Counsel; Ezequiel Vega, Alicia Hendricks, Kacey Rodenbush, Rose Moreno, Andy Head, Health Department; Henry Espinosa, Cindy Cassinelli, Annette Gallegos, Jerry Kulper, Lauren Suwansupa, Glorietta Rowland, Nathan Uchtmann, Natividad Medical Center. A complete list of attendees is on file with the Committee Secretary to include outside agency attendees.

Additions and Corrections

There was a correction to Item 2, of the Regular Agenda approval of the 2019 Health and Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Schedule. The name of the committee is now: 2019 Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Action Minutes (1)

Approve July 19, 2018 Health and Human Services Committee Draft Minutes.

Approve July 19, 2018 Health and Human Services Committee Draft Minutes.

Attachments: [7.19.18 DRAFT HHSC MINUTES](#)

ACTION:

The Action Minutes of July 19, 2018 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting were approved as submitted. Supervisor Salinas recommended for approval, Supervisor Alejo Second, approved and submitted.

Regular Agenda

Approve 2019 Health and Human Service Committee Regular Meeting Schedule. (2)

Approve 2019 Health and Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Schedule.

Attachments: [2019 HHSC Meeting Schedule](#)

ACTION:

The 2019 Health and Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Schedule was approved with corrected name of the committee Health, Housing, & Human Services Committee and with the start time be of all meetings changed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Salinas recommended for approval, Supervisor Alejo Second, approved and submitted.

Update on the implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal-Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODC) Waiver-Implementation Plan and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services. (3)

Receive an oral report on the Behavioral Health Bureau's implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal- Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver Implementation Plan and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services.

Presenter: Rose Moreno, Management Analyst III, Behavioral Health

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

ACTION:

Rose Moreno provided a handout: "Monterey County Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder New Waive 2018".

Received an update on the implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal-Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODC) Waiver-Implementation Plan and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services given by Andy Head.

Supervisor Salinas deemed the report accepted and approved.

Update on the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals and sharps and provide direction as appropriate. (4)

Receive an oral report from the Health Department regarding safe disposal of pharmaceuticals and sharps and provide direction as appropriate.

Presenter: Ezequiel Vega, Assistant Director of Health

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

ACTION:

Received an update on the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals and sharps and provide direction as appropriate given by Ezequiel Vega.

Supervisor Salinas recommended and Supervisor Alejo concurred that a staff report that explains how we anticipate SB212 to be implemented in the coming years should be sent to the full Board as a consent item before the end of 2018.

Supervisor Salinas deemed the report accepted and approved.

Update on the Prescribe Safe Initiative regarding initiative efforts and outcomes for the county; and Provide recommendations for funding for safe medication disposal sites in Monterey County. (5)

- a. Receive and accept an oral report from the Prescribe Safe Initiative regarding initiative efforts and outcomes for the county; and
- b. Provide recommendations for funding for safe medication disposal sites in Monterey County.

Presenter: Rose Moreno, Management Analyst III, Behavioral Health

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

ACTION:

(a) Received an update from Dr. Casey Gover and Dr. Reb Close, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

(b) Received an update from Ezequiel Vega informing the Board of Supervisors that in the near future there may be a funding gap between SB212 for safe medication disposal sites in Monterey County. He stated that a staff report will potentially be brought to the Board of Supervisors before the end of the calendar year. The staff report will provide details on the requirements of additional funding.

Supervisor Alejo recommended that a staff report to include the presentation given by Dr. Casey Grover and Dr. Reb Close be sent to the full board by January, 2019.

Supervisor Salinas deemed the presentation had been received.

Supervisor Salinas deemed the report accepted and approved.

Update on the implementation of school-based mental health services. (6)

Receive an oral report from Amie Miller, Psy.D. MFT, Behavioral Health Director, on the Behavioral Health Bureau's implementation of school-based mental health services.
Presenter: Amie Miller, Psy.D. MFT, Behavioral Health Director

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

ACTION:

Received an update on the implementation of school-based mental health services given by Kacey Rodenbush.

Kacey Rodenbush stated that Behavioral Health seeks the Boards approval for a Recommendation for Services to Education Program Position Expansion Needs for FY19-20 at no additional cost to Monterey County. The costs will be covered by Medi-Cal, Schools EL CAP Plans, and Funding from Special Education Federal monies.

Ezequiel Vega stated as long as we have a specific agreement in place with the Monterey County Office of Education and the School Districts we will be reimbursed for our costs. There might be certain risks to the County depending on what happens with the Medi-Cal expansion. Additionally, if the school districts no longer need the staff that the County provided, What happens to the staff?

Supervisor Salinas recommended and Supervisor Salinas concurred to approve the recommendation for Services to Education Program Positions Expansion Needs for FY19-20 at no additional cost to the Monterey County.

Supervisor Salinas deemed the report accepted and approved.

Update on the County efforts and opportunities to strengthen services to individuals experiencing homelessness. (7)

Receive an oral report from the Department of Social Services regarding County efforts and opportunities to strengthen services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Presenters: Glorietta Rowland, Management Analyst II and Lauren Suwansupa, Community Affiliation Manager

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

ACTION:

Lauren Suwansupa provided a handout: "Salinas Winter Warming Shelter Monthly Information Report for September".

Received an update on the County efforts and opportunities to strengthen services to individuals experiencing homelessness given by Lauren Suwansupa.

Supervisor Alejo requested the Salinas Winter Warming Shelter Monthly Information Report for July, August, and end of September be provided to the City of Salinas.

Henry Espinosa stated that Department of Social Services' application the Housing Support program for \$150,000.00 in additional funding was approved bringing the total funded to 1 Million.

Supervisor Alejo requested that the Department of Social Services periodically come to the Board of Supervisors meetings to educate the community on the positive results and the success stories and to provide an explanation about the programs and how the funding is used.

Supervisor Alejo stated that a one-day drop-in center in Chinatown needs to be established. The center can be structured like the Poverello House in Fresno, California. The County can collaborate with the Department of Motor Vehicles and Central Coast Alliance to assist the homeless in replacing their documents, to include birth certificates, driver's license, and Medi-Cal cards This will assist the homeless in regaining their self-sufficiency.

Supervisor Alejo stated there needs to be a plan to assist the chronic homeless who have severe addictions. How will we provide services to that population? What will be the County's strategy to assist the high-needs population?

Supervisor Salinas deemed the report accepted and approved.

Update from the Department of Social Services on outreach efforts to increase enrollment of potentially eligible individuals and families in the declining CalFresh and Medi-Cal public assistance programs. (8)

Receive an oral report from the Department of Social Services on outreach efforts to increase enrollment of potentially eligible individuals and families in the declining CalFresh and Medi-Cal public assistance programs, which have experienced a steady decline in enrollments since 2016.

Presenters: Cindy Cassinelli, Interim Deputy Director and Jerry Kulper, Management Analyst III

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Discontinuance Statistics.pdf](#)

ACTION:

Received an update on the declining caseload that can be attributed to the growing economy or that people are fearful in applying. Clients are afraid if they apply for public assistance that it will result in a negative mark from the Federal Government when they apply for citizenship. Department of Social Services is closely monitoring the situation.

Received an update on outreach efforts to increase enrollment of potentially eligible individuals and families in the declining CALFresh and Medi-Cal public assistance programs given by Cindy Cassinelli and Jerry Kulper.

Supervisor Salinas deemed the report accepted and approved.

Update from the County Administrative Office, Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Office. (9)

Receive an oral report from the County Administrative Office, Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Office.

1. Potential for membership of County officer or employee on board of directors of the Salinas City Center.
2. Summary of actions taken by Board of Supervisors at its October 2, 2018 meeting regarding the purview of the Health and Human Services Committee.
3. Update regarding future organization of County Housing Department.

ACTION:

(1) Received an update from Rosemary Soto potential for membership of County officer or employee on board of directors of the Salinas City Center. Currently, waiting on a response from the City's Governmental Affairs representative Kevin Dayton. We will provide an update at the next Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee meeting on January 2019.

(2) Received an update on actions taken by Board of Supervisors at its October 2, 2018 meeting regarding the purview of the formerly named health and Human Services Committee. The name changed to Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee. In the future, the board reports should reflect the new name given by Rosemary Soto.

(3) Received an update regarding future organization of the County Housing Department. Per Nick Chiulos, he would like to have the Housing Manager hired before discussing the future organization of the County Housing Department given by Rosemary Soto.

Supervisor Salinas deemed the report accepted and approved.

Other Items

No Other Items

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.