

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER COMMISSION AGENDA

5:30 p.m., July 12th, 2021

Meeting being held virtually only

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SUDC MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen McMahon-Sepulveda, Jackie Heath, Susie O’Hara, Christine Berge, Jozee Roberto

SUDC MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jim Anderson

COUNTY STAFF: Casey Swank, Anthony Jordan

AGENCY REPS: Erin Mclaughlin, William Norteye, Teresa Orth

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS:

2.0 CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

3.0 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 10th, 2021

4.1 Corrections needed

4.2 Christine excused

4.3 Table approval of minutes

5.0 PROVIDER REPORTS

5.1 Encompass - Deferred Judgement – no one present from program

5.2 Encompass – North and South Outpatient

5.3 Encompass – Si Se Puede

5.4 Encompass – Santa Cruz Residential

Encompass provided an overview of their services, overview of their principles and what has changed since the launch of DMC-ODS services. Provide evidence practices such as the Matrix model, Seeking Safety, and Motivational Interviewing. Included summary of Residential, Outpatient and MAT services. Serve approximately 360 clients in residential annually. Some of their challenges in FY19-20 include: COVID-19 response and management, staff recruitment and retention, did not make productivity challenges due to COVID. Reviewed client satisfaction surveyed. Overall results outpatient surveys are 94-100% satisfaction across multiple domains. Overall results for residential services were 94%-99% satisfied.

Encompass asked for SUDC support in terms of funding support for housing and MAT. Encompass also asked for ideas around staff retention.

Colleen asked Susie for feedback regarding support for homeless persons. Response was that housing is a challenge. SLE’s and permanent supportive housing are in short supply but always worth the pursuit. Encompass has long standing relationship with Housing Matters.

Susie: Potential agenda item to invite workforce investment board to see if they are integrating their work with community-based programs. Regarding housing Susie thinks it would be great to invite Housing for Health Director, Rob Ratner to discuss integration with our systems of care and housing response.

Josee asked if Encompass accessed in rental assistance related grants for housing support. Response from Encompass was that we didn’t use rental assistance related grants but did utilize hotel voucher program.

Jozee: ideas/questions: Have you thought about offering detox/withdrawal management beds?

Erin: Encompass has been discussing it, the financial aspects is an important part as well as staffing.

Will: Discussions are as far as things have gotten

Jozee – very strong need in the community, can't say for sure but funding may be available.

Jozee has been thinking about the need for transportation that could run in parallel with housing support. Thinking the benefits of a program for vehicle donation that people transitioning who are in need of a car. Very empowering to have a vehicle and can help with motivation.

Christine: Did Encompass apply for an FEMA related assistance?

Erin: Did not apply for FEMA but did access CARE funding to support programs.

Susie – as we hopefully transition out of the most severe aspects of the pandemic, it's come to her attention that vaccination rates in homeless camps are really low. What are requirements at Encompass in terms of vaccine?

Encompass response that vaccination percentages are really high amongst staff. As clients enter their program, they are offered the vaccination and support getting them connected.

Susie offered to connect Encompass with HPHP staff to see how they can help with vaccinations.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Report of Chairperson – nothing to report.

6.2 Commissioner Reports

Jackie – nothing to report. Has a question about Recovery Month Event, awards presentation.

Colleen – asked Casey and Anthony to follow-up to see what the county can do along with providers. There are a lot of moving parts and we should start planning now. Intention of event is to support people in every stage of recovery. Honor one person in the recovery community as far as people who celebrate clients. National Overdose Day is also coming up.

Susie – Don't realistically see a live event happening this September, suggest we should make a decision.

Suggested we do something similar to last year. We won't meet as a commission until September 13th. Things to do: send out nomination form, invitation. Josie, Jackie and Colleen are going to follow-up.

Susie – nothing to report

Christine – September will likely be the last virtual meeting we can have then we will have to meet in person again. September 13th will be last virtual meeting unless something changes.

Jozee – met with Manu's assistant. They discussed detox being an issue. Kristina had discussed Betsy Riker, Casey provided update about communication. Casey has reached out and they haven't been able to connect. Betsy will be out of town 7/12 and we'll follow-up when she is back in town.

6.3 HSA Substance Use Disorder Updates

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Continue to discuss contacting county SUDS so we can get more clear information about strategic plan: formed a subcommittee (Jozee, Christine, Susie) to address it but they tabled it for the moment.

7.2 CORE investments presentation – Susie tasked with inviting presenters for September meeting.

8.0 NEW AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

September 13th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. will be held virtually again. Last virtual meeting

Casey to meet with Christine to amend last meeting minutes from 5.10.21.

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