



Santa Cruz County Syringe Services Program Advisory Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2021
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Steve Plumb (1st District), Damon Bruder (3rd District), Eric Sturm (4th District), Patty King (At Large)
EXCUSED: Jim Hart (2nd District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Rahshan Williams (Program Coordinator), Jennifer Herrera (Assistant Health Services Agency (HSA) Director), Nicole Meza (Administrative Aide), Megan Holland (Administrative Services Manager)
GUESTS: Serg Kagno (Executive Director, Recovery Cafe) and 1 member of the public

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

Meeting convened at 6:00PM.

2. Review and Approve August 3, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes

Motion/Second: King/Plumb

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Program Updates

Williams and Herrera provided updates on the Syringe Services Program activities and August monthly data. Participant usage, syringe distribution and collection via the exchange has declined. Kiosk disposal of syringes has increased compared to August 2020 data. Program staff have increased efforts regarding education and referrals. HIV/HCV test target date moved from October to November. Watsonville participant exchange surveys are scheduled for October. Commission discussed SSP program data and outreach methods. Commissioners also discussed the Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC) data and services.

Monthly program data can be found on the SSP website www.santacruzhealth.org/ssp by using the 'Select Report' function.

Presentation slides will be made available.

4. Presentations

Williams presented on International Overdose Awareness Day, (August 31, 2021). (Erroneously listed as National Overdose Awareness Day on the posted agenda). The Harm Reduction Coalition and Safe Rx held a virtual and in-person event at Community Bridges in Watsonville from 4:30-6pm. Williams also presented on Narcan distribution and Narcan training. Narcan is offered at every exchange. Presentation included signs of overdose and dispelled common myths about administering Narcan. The SSP program has distributed nearly 900 doses of Narcan (in both injectable and nasal forms) during 2021. Participants reported 199 overdoses reversed from January through the end of August 2021.

Presentation slides will be made available.

5. Public Comment

6. Continuing Action/Business Items

Motion to pend Public Works follow-up item to the October 3, 2021, Commission meeting

Motion/Second: King/Plumb

Motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business/Action Items

Public engagement item pended to the October 3, 2021, Commission meeting.

8. Topics for Future Meetings & Action Items

Commission will discuss *Assembly Bill 1344, State Department of Public Health: Needle and Syringe Exchange Services* at a future meeting.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion/Second: King/Bruder

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted by Nicole Meza (*Administrative Aide*)