Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Angela Chestnut (1st District), Damon Bruder (3rd District), Eric Sturm (4th District), Sharon DeJong (5th District),
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: Jim Hart (2nd District), Patty King (At Large), Les Gardner (At Large)
STAFF: Megan Holland (Public Health Administration Services Manager), Jennifer Herrera (Chief of Public Health), Socorro Gutierrez (Health Services Manager), Rahshan Williams (Program Coordinator), Crystal Garcia (Administrative Aide), Gail Newel (Health Officer)
GUESTS: Jenna Shankman (Guest), Jen (Guest), DF (Guest), 831-325-8562 (Guest), Eric S. (Guest)

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions**
   Meeting convened at 6:08PM.

2. **Review and Approve December 08, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
   - Motion to approve by Damon B.
   - Seconded by Angela C.

3. **Presentations**
   a) Review/Discussion Upcoming Board of Supervisor Requested SSP IV Drug Use – Jennifer Herrera
      i. Copy of presentation to be forwarded
      ii. Question from Angela C. – Regarding secondary users, are efforts from HRC included?
         a) Response from Jen H. – Breakdown is not included
      iii. Question from Angela C. – What does the percentage of referrals to drug treatment data represent?
         a) Response from Jen H. – The data captured is how many successful referrals to drug treatment programs were made. The data does not currently reflect referral process and/or follow-through however, this is a continued priority to begin to track.
iv. Question from Angela C. – Of the 40% who participated whom are homeless, what percentage requested drug treatment referrals?
   a) Response from Jen H. – Did not collect that data

v. Question from Damon B. – Is it possible to ask participants where else, if not only from exchange, they receive their needles from?
   a) Response from Jen H. – This could potentially be explored

vi. Question from Eric S. – With homeless shelters more active since COVID, is outreaching to these shelters taking place?
   a) Response from Jen H. – Outreach services has increased

b) FY21-22 SSP Budget Review - Megan Holland
   i. Copy of presentation to be forwarded and budget to be approved in July
   ii. Question from Sharon D. – The budgeted syringe litter contracts are not County employees?
       a) Response from Megan – Correct. For syringe litter, working with Downtown Streets Team
   iii. Question from Damon B. – What is the purpose of Downtown Streets Team contract?
       a) Response from Rahshan W. – Board directive to have syringe litter contract in place; Downtown Streets Team is contracted to cleanup syringes in hotspots throughout Santa Cruz area. Syringes acquired are not brought to exchange

4. **Syringe Litter At San Lorenzo River Levee**
   a) How/is there a possibility to alleviate syringe litter at San Lorenzo River and what else can be done to help prevent syringe disposal? – Sharon DeJong
   i. Eric S. volunteered to connect with Fish & Wildlife to discuss their potential assistance with syringe litter cleanup
   ii. Damon B. made suggestion to begin brainstorming different opportunities: fundraising, community involvement/engagement etc.

5. **Public Comment:**
   3 minutes per speaker: raise hand or speak up or use chat function
   a) Jen (Guest) – Would like to express her gratitude and emphasize the need for clean needles to continue preventing the transmission of Hepatitis C and/or HIV

6. **New Business/Action Items: Topics for Future Meetings & Action Items**
   a) Setting permanent meeting cycle – second Tuesday of month, third Wednesday, etc.
      i. First Tuesday of each month. Next potential meeting, Tuesday April 6, 2021
   b) Difference between 1:1 Exchange vs. Needs Based Exchange
   c) Overview of Sharps Solutions
   d) Non-virtual tour of SSP after March 1st

7. **Adjournment**
   Motioned to adjourn by Angela C., Seconded by Eric S.
   a) **Motion to adjourn passed**
   b) Meeting was adjourned at 7:38PM

Respectfully submitted by: Crystal Garcia, Administrative Aide