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:     Rahshane 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**
   (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)*