Healthy Sacramento Coalition Meeting
February 26, 2014
Meeting Summary

Meeting Outcomes:
- To inform and engage coalition members regarding future direction of HSC
- Members will hear about the results from member survey and explore use of data for work of coalition moving forward
- Members will learn about the mapping resource for HSC on HealthyCity website

Welcome and Overview
Ramona Mosley, Health Education Council, welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the day’s agenda.

CTG Update and Future Direction of HSC
Robert Phillips, Sierra Health Foundation Director of Health Programs, provided a high level update on the Community Transformation Grant (CTG). In the omnibus budget adopted in January and signed by the President of the United States the CTG budget was cut and the CDC will not receive any future appropriations for 2014-2015. However, the Prevention Fund programs, most of which are housed in CDC, were fully funded for next year. Prevention Funds will not be diverted; however, the CTG program in particular was a negotiating point in the budget. A new program was created: Community Prevention Grants Program, an $80 million program in which funds will have to be issued by September 2014. CDC has suggested some CTG grantees are well positioned to compete for these resources. Also, the chronic disease program (obesity and heart program) received increased funding, and the REACH program was restored (which deals with disparities). All these new efforts have to be funded by September of this year. Details are forthcoming about these funding opportunities.

Robert provided context for what the coalition will do next. Because the coalition has made a great deal of progress, has an infrastructure, and is doing work, the priority for the coalition will be to figure out how to sustain what the Healthy Sacramento Coalition is. Additionally, once the coalition is not under the framework of a grant program (CTG funding) there will be far greater flexibility to include and incorporate things that we initially excluded per CDC requirements and criteria. Moving forward, the coalition will have the ability to include those things that are most important (and were previously taken out) and still position itself to be competitive.

Due to the significant amount of loss of CTG resources in California there are many organizations that are involved in discussions to determine how to mitigate the impact. There are many ongoing conversations to keep the capacity and maintain infrastructure that has been built.

The Steering Committee will bring forth ideas and recommendations on how to move the coalition forward over the next five months. All funds will have to be expended by September 29, 2014. However, the work of the pilot projects will receive a no-cost extension to complete the work within a twelve month period.
C: The HEAL Workgroup’s passion is strong and members care enough to want to advocate and stand up for what the coalition is doing.

Coalition members can demonstrate their commitment to the Healthy Sacramento Coalition by continuing to work together and figure out the future of the coalition and not stopping the work. Members are continuing to participate and attend meetings. Workgroups should continue their work. The social and emotional wellness and healthy and safe neighborhoods focus areas will be brought back into the coalition’s conversations and the workgroup may want to find a way to incorporate these into each respective workgroup or create separate workgroups to address these areas.

Steering Committee Update
Connie Chan-Robison, vice-chair, provided a high level update on the Steering Committee. She thanked everyone present and reminded the group that their attendance is important to advancing the work of the coalition. The Steering Committee was informed about the changes to the CTG a few weeks prior and despite the loss of funding, the committee is ready to move forward with commitment. The committee will continue to manage the process of moving the coalition forward.

HSC Member Survey Results
Leslie Cooksy, Sierra Health Foundation Evaluation Director, reviewed the results of the 2012-2013 member survey. The purpose of the survey was to learn about the experience of the coalition members, inform decisions about coalition operations, establish a baseline for future evaluation efforts, and contribute to the report to the CDC. For more information, refer to presentation titled: Year 2 Member Survey Presentation online at http://www.sierrahealth.org/hsc/2014-meeting-materials.

Workgroup Reports: For more information on the Steering Committee and each of the workgroups visit http://www.sierrahealth.org/hsc/2013-2014-workgroups

Tobacco-Free Living Update: Myrna Rivas, chair, provided a brief update on the progress of the workgroup. Myrna echoed the remarks from Robert and Connie about the continued level of commitment from everyone to move forward, including the workgroups continued commitment as well. In light of the recent news about the CTG loss of funding, the workgroup would like to take the time to reconvene and review the draft RFP they had developed.

Healthy Eating Active Living Update: Mary Helen Doherty, chair, provided an update on the workgroup. The workgroup will be planning to issue two RFPs up to $50,000, one for healthy beverages and one for joint-use agreements. Any organization that is competitive for funding should be in a current state of readiness to implement the pilot project. The criteria and eligibility will focus on this in the RFP. The workgroup also wants to raise the connection of healthy beverages with spaces to play. During the next workgroup meeting, there will be two breakout sessions focused on each of the RFPs. Those who are interested in applying should not attend to avoid any conflict of interest.

Community and Clinical Health Workgroup Update: Ramona provided an update on the workgroup. This workgroup will meet in April to further discuss how to best engage with the Right Care Initiative.

Learning Opportunity
Fatima Malik, Sierra Health Foundation Program Assistant, presented the Healthy Sacramento Coalition group page on the Advancement Project’s HealthyCity website. This information on the website is derived from the
Community Health Needs Assessment. She provided a brief snapshot of the information and data that is available to the coalition and to the public at large.

During the next coalition meeting and in the future, additional training opportunities will be provided for coalition members to explore the data and become familiar with the potential and functionalities of the maps. One disclaimer is that there are limitations to the data; some of the data are estimates and are difficult to map. The group page is a good location to curate and share information with coalition members.

To become a member of the group page email your request to: hsc@sierrahealth.org

The coalition received a walk-through on how to find the group page; http://www.healthycity.org/group/healthy_sacramento_coalition

Next Meeting
Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration is required. Visit the Healthy Sacramento Coalition web page at www.sierrahealth.org/healthysacramento and register today.