



Healthy Sacramento Coalition Meeting

May 22, 2019

Meeting Notes

The Vision of the Healthy Sacramento Coalition (HSC) is to eliminate Inequities in Sacramento through Advocacy and Convening of Resources. With a mission to eliminate racialized health inequities in Sacramento through movements that advance policy and system change resulting in neighborhood impact.

Meeting Objectives

- Discussion on mental health and community development
- Update on Measure U
- Update on housing in Sacramento

Welcome and Overview

Lynn Berkley-Baskin, SacNAACP Education Chair/Jewish Community Relations Outreach Chair, provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda and led introductions.

Presentation on the Connection Between Mental Health and Community Development

Leilani Barnett, Regional Manager, Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, gave an in-depth presentation on "Working Together to Improve Mental Health," looking at the link between mental health and community development. There was group discussion and creative thinking on how members can maximize the HSC to address mental health in the greater Sacramento region. [See the presentation.](#)

Update on Measure U

Dr. Flojaune Cofer, Research and State Policy Manager, Public Health Advocates and Chair of Measure U Advisory Committee, provided a brief update on the current status of the Measure U Committee. She recommended attending the next Measure U meetings as well as engaging with the Investment Committee established by the City Manager's office. The aim of the Measure U Committee is to ensure that the dollars coming in from the Measure U tax are spent to address the most pressing needs in the community, which many see as housing at this time.

Sacramento Housing in Crisis

Veronica Beaty, Policy Director, Sacramento Housing Alliance; Laurance Lee, Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Northern California; and Dr. Flojaune Cofer, Research and State Policy Manager, Public Health Advocates and Chair of Measure U Advisory Committee, each gave a brief overview of the current housing crisis in Sacramento.

- Dr. Flojaune Cofer encouraged community partners to attend the June 12 Measure U Committee meeting and put forth proposals around housing and to speak up in terms of how the community wants Measure U dollars spent, both for the short and long term.
- Laurance Lee provided a brief history, overview and reflection of the Stockton Boulevard homeless encampment that was recently disbanded with no plan in place for the residents of that county lot. Due to the shortage of affordable housing and shelter beds, many of these residents were left out on the street with nowhere to go.

- Veronica Beaty gave a brief overview of what we know about the Sacramento housing crisis and the most recent data, as well as some proposed solutions. [See the presentation.](#)

Group Breakout Discussion on Housing

Coalition members participated in a group breakout activity focused on each of the Sacramento neighborhoods and they engaged in conversation about what the HSC can do collectively. Geographically arranged table groups replied to three specific questions:

- What housing protection would make you, your clients and community feel more secure?
 - Education – reduce stigma of homelessness so they feel comfortable coming to receive services
 - Golden rule behavior – afford youth the benefit of the doubt
 - Lower rents – rent control
 - Programs that help people purchase homes and stay in those homes
 - New multi-family housing for diverse households
 - Security in housing. Policy – not be able to displace people
 - State policies
 - Rent control, just cause evictions
 - Pay attention to and expand services (for youth, reentry population, juvenile and foster)
 - Provide properties on city/county lands – 100-bed shelters, transitional housing
- What do you want to see our city council do to solve the housing crisis?
 - Advocate for youth and against homelessness in spaces where they (we) have no voice
 - City council needs to take action on shelter sites
 - Policies imposed on builders to create lower-cost housing
 - Resurrect inclusionary housing and also get approved housing projects into construction mode
 - Find places for shelters in a way that doesn't overburden communities already struggling with lack of investment
- What are you willing to do as part of the HSC to make sure that Sacramento moves forward to more stable housing?
 - Educate, advocate, encourage new partnerships
 - Assist with communications and messaging
 - Host convenings
 - Support policies and leaders advocating for housing
 - Come together with one voice
 - Advocate for new affordable housing – SHA make concrete Measure U proposal for all and get HSC organizations to sign on
 - All show up at state, county, city hall
 - Create subcommittees?

Community Updates, Announcements and Action Opportunities

Arthur Hernandez, MSN-FNP RN, UC Davis Health System, CommuniCare, shared the Mighty Network online platform as an optional way of sharing resources and information for Coalition members (<https://health-sacramento-coalition.mn.co/>). Please contact the HSC Steering Committee for additional information at hsc@sierrahealth.org.

Next Steps, Appreciation and Evaluation of Meeting

Lynne Berkley-Baskin closed the meeting and reminded everyone to complete the evaluation.

Next Coalition Meeting Date – September 18, 2019