Healthy Sacramento Coalition Steering Committee Meeting – March 17, 2020

Summary 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._

Next Steering Committee meeting date: Thursday, April 2, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Zoom)

Welcome and Review of Steering Committee meeting and General Coalition meeting notes
The HSC Steering Committee reviewed the [January 9, 2020 Steering Committee meeting minutes](#) and the [February 18, 2020 General Coalition meeting minutes](#). Minutes were approved.

Sierra Health Foundation Updates
- The Conference Center is closed until further notice.
- The next Steering Committee meeting will be through the Zoom platform on Thursday, April 2.

February 2020 General Coalition Meeting Debrief
- The Steering Committee believed the meeting went well, despite the difficulties in planning it.
- There was a low turnout of approximately 20 people. However, the coalition members were active in their discussions and had good conversations.

HSC Steering Committee Discussion
- Is it possible to move the general coalition meetings to Fridays? People may have more flexibility on Friday. Comments:
  - There was concern about moving the meeting to Fridays, as holidays often are right after Fridays. People might want to start an early weekend instead of staying for a meeting.
  - The previous coalition meetings were on Wednesdays. However, the February meeting was set on a Tuesday (right after a holiday) because that was the only availability for the Conference Center.
  - Should we have conversations about moving the general coalition meetings to be virtual?
  - Sierra Health Foundation has webinar capacity up to 1,000 people through the Zoom platform.
  - Participants will be in listening mode. For Q&A, the questions will be through chat.
  - Someone can monitor the chat for the questions and then have presenters answer.
  - It can be a challenge to have people mute and unmute themselves if participants talk.
• Virtual Agendas and Response to COVID-19
  o A lot can be done to support an online agenda.
  o On April 2, the Steering Committee members can brainstorm potential webinars and topics.
  o It is a transition time right now, so should we be wary of planning events?
  o We want the HSC to be relevant to the participants. The topics need to be relevant to the coalition members. How can the HSC make the lives of the members productive within the climate of COVID-19?
  o Can the HSC craft something to clarify the responses to COVID-19?
  o This is an opportunity to take a look at it and place health care in a racial equity lens.
  o There are layers of impact that lower-income communities are feeling compared to others.
  o There are movements where people are advocating to decision makers for relief right now.
  o How can we inform people?
  o The policy for restaurants (Economic Relief Fund) may have been expanded to small businesses.
  o Small churches may go under if they close their doors. Some entities rely on week-to-week income. There are everyday impacts.
  o Reinforces the challenges that come with the responses to COVID-19.
  o Suggestion to compile resources/funding opportunities and share them with the community in an effective way through the coalition for racial equity. Arthur Hernandez will start it.
  o Reach out to small churches and 501c3s that are impacted.
  o Can everyone commit to developing a Google Document about the barriers for communities and the possible opportunities for the community?
  o Some districts are more thoughtful than others in their approaches in assisting the community.
  o Use existing resources to continue the assistance.
  o How is COVID-19 affecting the safety net?
  o How relevant are the opportunities for the safety net access?

Other Discussion Topics
• If the Healthy Sacramento Coalition and Sierra Health Foundation want to have a webinar in response to COVID-19 impact, a Steering Committee member suggested to have the topic of funding opportunities.
• Maybe the letter to electeds and policymakers may look different than what it was first intended in response to the virus.
• Is there something to be said about involving our coalition members in the bigger conversations on what is taking place? Creating space and opportunities to share the opportunities and highlights of what is happening in the community in response to some of the issues and concerns.
• How can we engage our members? Through a questionnaire? Through Zoom meetings?
• Suggestion to have focus groups come together before the meeting in May.
• What the City of Sacramento is doing is nice, but it is not enough. When we think about who needs assistance, it can mean different things for different people.
• We need to develop a platform to assist those in poverty. Connect people directly to the source using links and contacts.
HSC Next Steps
- Lynn Berkeley-Baskin will create a shared Google Document for Steering Committee members to edit and add resources, barriers, opportunities.
- Suggestion of having a webinar to share the resources as they become available.

Next Steps
- Updates
  - Steering Committee membership

General Next Steps for March 2020
- Steering Committee members will continue to gather COVID-19 resources and funding opportunities to share with general coalition members.

Next HSC General Coalition meeting date: May 2020