Healthy Sacramento Coalition Steering Committee Meeting – April 2, 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, May 7, 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 March 17, 2020 Steering Committee meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved.

- Notes looked good, but have clarifying questions.
- We can strike “Campaign” and just have it as “Next Steps.”
- Reword – “The HSC Steering Committee members will continue to gather resources and funding opportunities to share to general coalition members in regards to COVID-19.”

Sierra Health Foundation Updates
- The Conference Center is closed until further notice.
- Sierra Health Foundation has launched response funds for COVID-19 in three areas: Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley and Northern California.

May 2020 General Coalition Meeting Planning
- Google Spreadsheet with Resources
  - Currently the Google Document has many resources; however, it needs to be organized into concrete resources and what is obtainable.
    - Suggestion to format document into buckets of information
  - Steering Committee members do not want to duplicate information and resources already found elsewhere.
  - The current resources are more involved with small businesses. The links found on the document are live.
  - Steering Committee members believe the document should remain a live document that continues to be updated since things are rapidly changing.
- Where is the space where people can talk about equity and COVID-19? A space where people can imagine what post-COVID-19 will look like?
- To be intentional about the policies. To look at the sectors and social determinants. What is the health equity lens?

- Steering Committee members discussed the differences in impact for the nonprofit sectors and the public and private sectors.

- There is an equity question in play.
  - Example: For Black and Brown businesses, in order to be eligible for loans/relief funds, they are required to employ at least 25 people.

- Now policies are passed; how is the city implementing the policies?
  - It will be difficult to shift direction to COVID-19. However, what the HSC should still focus on are the policies that were successfully passed.
    - Equity is what the HSC is still striving for.

- There are winners and losers in financial bail-outs.
  - People do not want to hear more depressing news right now.

- Suggestion to draft a letter to government, city officials and elected officials:
  - Who in the HSC is drafting the letter?
  - People were for it and agreed to share their criteria during the February coalition meeting.

- Where is everyone getting their information?
  - Public health institutions will generate their own information. Is there a way to fact check information distributed?
  - A lot of people are putting resources into the situation right now.

- The California Budget Center
  - CA Health Report: “Coronavirus in Communities of Color” points out the inequities.

**HSC Steering Committee Discussion**

- How can we share what we have currently have in the Google Document?
  - Living document
  - Share it as a link through an e-blast.

- COVID-19 Resources: [https://ajed.assembly.ca.gov/content/covid-19-resources](https://ajed.assembly.ca.gov/content/covid-19-resources)
  - The HSC does not want to duplicate the places where things are being shared.

- Where can the HSC add to the strategic value?
  - Where can the HSC use its voice for better value? The programs that are being brought up?
  - Who are the recipients for the initial loans?
  - Work with the City, these are some opportunities to use the criteria?
    - Stimulus funding is one of many that are going to come. Trickle down directly to consumers and will eventually spread out to other areas.
    - What does equity look like? How would the criteria help those who need it? Everyone is being disproportionately impacted.

- We do have something to show us what is happening.
  - Example is housing. Home ownership has not bounced back.

- The communities that are marginalized will continue to be marginalized because they are out of the wealth and economic growth.

- To use a critical analysis of the COVID-19 response.
• Focus is on the medical side. No mention of the economic down from the situation.
• There is a lack of cultural competency in the federal government.
  o The responses are usually through a “white” lens. However, America is diverse and not all communities are as compliant due to their own understanding of the situation.
  o People are hurt because they are in spaces being shut down. How to get their businesses afloat.
  o How to have livelihood and stay in quarantine?
  o What part of advocacy will arise?
  o How can the HSC help people understand the grave situation?
• Interested to see the letter to the governor.
• Potentially at the May 19 meeting:
  o Shorter meeting due to it being through Zoom platform.
  o Show the draft letter to the general group.
  o Is there an ability to get it done faster?
  o HSC Steering Committee members draft the letter and SHF will send out the draft e-mail as an e-blast to the members.
• For the most part, people in the Capital are working various hours?

Other Discussion Topics
• Unforeseen loss
  o Are we telling people to take loans that are not forgivable?
• A loan does not be used up to one year.

HSC Next Steps
Updates
• Steering Committee membership

General Next Steps for April 2020

Next HSC General Coalition meeting date: May 19, 2020