Healthy Sacramento Coalition Steering Committee Meeting – May 7, 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, June 4, 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 April 2, 2020 Steering Committee meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved.

May 2020 General Coalition Meeting Planning
The HSC General Coalition meeting is currently scheduled for May 19. Because of this short turnaround, HSC Steering Committee members first discussed the following:

Does the Steering Committee still want to move forward with a general coalition meeting this month?

- Option 1: Move forward with the May 19 general coalition and create agenda.
- Option 2: Postpone meeting. Gather and finalize discussion topics and agenda items.
- Option 3: Cancel May coalition meeting and reconvene for the September meeting.

Steering Committee members felt that September was too far away, but agreed to postpone the General Coalition meeting until June 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and host a virtual meeting. This would allow time for Steering Committee members to invite speakers and plan agenda items.

Steering Committee members then discussed various options for the next HSC Coalition meeting including having a conversation with Chambers of Commerce around their COVID-19 response and lifting up community voices around their experiences with COVID-19.

Additional topics discussed include:
- The relief efforts and how the environment is insulated right now. Are there projections on how this pandemic will affect city revenues and gentrification? What are the unintended consequences from the pandemic?
- There are conversations around the inequities during the pandemic.
  - There is the $89 million stimulus funding from the federal government.
  - In what ways can the dollars be pushed to the impacted communities and be used for what it is intended for? How can small businesses, local owners and the overall community benefit?
• Suggestion to reach out to small businesses and see how to provide a space to ask about their experiences in the current environment.
  o How to obtain the data of people who filed for unemployment? When sales tax drops, the revenue for the city also drops.
  o How can small/medium-sized business be supported to keep employees on the payroll?
• Suggestion to invite various Chambers of Commerce to speak at the coalition meeting and have a conversation on how the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County can improve the odds so small business owners can keep their doors open during this trying time. Specifically, because small and medium-sized businesses are economic engines that can reduce racialized health disparities, the hope is to have the right people in place to engage in a vibrant and informative discussion on what city and county leaders can do to help people of color-owned businesses remain open for business.
• Radically Re-Imagining
  o The COVID-19 pandemic should not be seen as a pause, but rather as a portal to re-emerge at the other side. It is a unique opportunity to re-shape the way people view things and work.
• Suggestion to have weekly check-in meetings to get the meeting planned
  o Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. leading up to the coalition meeting
• Agreed Agenda Topics
  o Conversation with Chambers of Commerce
  o Lifting up community voice on their COVID-19 experiences
  o Next steps and appreciation
• Steering Committee members will reach out to the separate chambers of commerce.
  o Lynn Berkeley-Baskin – Sacramento Black Chamber, CA Black Chamber
  o Connie Chan Robinson – API Chamber
  o Arthur Hernandez – Hispanic Chamber
  o Tim Choi – Nathan Ulsh, Franklin Blvd Business Association (for additional suggestions)
• Once speakers are confirmed, an e-blast will be sent to the general coalition to invite them.

HSC Next Steps
Updates
• Steering Committee membership – no updates

General Next Steps for June 2020
• Steering Committee members will meet weekly to finalize the coalition meeting agenda.
• Steering Committee will reach out to speakers.

Next HSC General Coalition meeting date: June 16, 2020 (tentative)