Healthy Sacramento Coalition Meeting  
September 26, 2018  
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
- Overview and review of member network and mapping as related to the HSC policy agenda
- Panel discussion around Measure U
- Community engagement around upcoming housing policies

Welcome and Overview
Arthur Hernandez, MSN-FNP RN, UC Davis Health System, provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda and led introductions. He also reminded everyone that even if we may be an expert in certain areas, there is always room for a beginner’s mind.

HSC Membership Network Survey Analysis
Veronica Beaty, Policy Director, Sacramento Housing Alliance and HSC Co-Chair, and Anna Rosenbaum, Senior Manager, American Cancer Society, gave an overview of HSC membership network survey results. HSC members were invited to complete the survey online and in-person in spring 2018. The analysis showed the extent of the interconnection, relationships between HSC members, and which organizations were working on which policy issues. Please see presentation.

Measure U Panel
Kim Williams, Director, Sacramento Building Healthy Communities, moderated a panel on the proposed Measure U sales tax for educational purposes. Speakers included Mayor Darrell Steinberg, City of Sacramento, and Jim Keddy, Executive Director, Youth Forward. Discussion included conversation around oversight, the racial and health impact, as well as a cost and benefit analysis of the measure. Questions from the audience were also addressed. The panel discussed the historical context of the first Measure U, as well as changes to the current measure to ensure greater community oversight and transparency through an accountability commission composed of a geographically, racially and stakeholder diverse group, as well as a metric to evaluate investments. Panelists acknowledged the regressive reality of the tax and the obligation to return investments to communities that will be most affected by the tax. Due to California law, if a sales tax specifies its planned expenditure, the voting threshold increases from a majority to two-thirds. The current Measure U language does not provide specifics on a spending plan. Racial equity needs to be targeted and intentional for the most vulnerable communities, and it is vital that resources from Measure U are directed by the communities themselves. The HSC will share the racial assessment impact tool with the Mayor’s office as an example of how to measure the racial impact of policies.
Housing Proposition Round-Up

Veronica Beaty, in collaboration with Jovana Fajardo, Sacramento Director, ACCE Institute, led an educational overview of the housing-specific propositions on the November ballot. Homelessness and access to affordable housing are large challenges for the state.

Proposition 1: The $4 billion Veterans and Affordable Housing Act will help build affordable housing for veterans, working families, people with disabilities and Californians experiencing homelessness. This money will also help create jobs and leverage local affordable housing funding.

Proposition 2: No Place Like Home authorizes $2 billion in bonds from the Mental Health Services Act to create housing for those with severe mental health illnesses.


Community Updates, Announcements and Action Opportunities

Connie Chan Robison, Executive Director, Center for Collaborative Planning, opened the discussion to members and participants to share upcoming events, resources, opportunities for collaboration and support, as well as pressing action points. Please contact the HSC Steering Committee for additional information at hsc@sierrahealth.org.

- Potential changes to the Public Charge Rule were discussed.
- Multiple organizations have voter education guides (in multiple languages), and resources for communities to get involved in civic engagement and voter engagement.
- Sac Faces Race/NAACP will take the story circle model to host race and discrimination circles.
- California Innocence Project will be walking to the Governor’s office on October 7 to plead for 12 individuals.
- Remember the Census!
- Sacramento County Coalition for Youth is looking at preventing underage drinking and providing education around the impact of recreational marijuana use among young people. Future Forward Campaign (social media and public service campaign) has community grants available to groups and organizations (including informal groups) to implement prevention programs for youth. Grants up to $10,000, deadline 9/27/18.

Next Steps, Appreciation and Evaluation of Meeting

Stephanie Bray, President and CEO, United Way California Capital Region and HSC Co-Chair, closed the meeting and reminded everyone to complete the evaluation.

Next Coalition Meeting Date – February 20, 2019