Summary/Action Minutes

I. Health Care for the Homeless Program 330h Governance: Proposed Ordinance & By-Laws

Attachment

Rebecca Gebhart, Acting Director, Health Care Services Agency presented introductory comments and Dr. Damon Francis, Interim Director and Medical Director, Health Care for the Homeless Program, presented a PowerPoint presentation to present the proposed ordinance and by-laws for the Health Care for the Homeless Program.

On April 19, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved a Corrective Action Plan to comply with the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) governance requirements, including the creation of a “Joint Co-Applicant Board” (JCAB) for the Health Care for the Homeless Program. A working group was established with representatives from the Board of Supervisors, Alameda Health System and the Health Care Services Agency to oversee the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan. County Counsel has drafted an ordinance and initial bylaws to establish the JCAB, to be known as the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission.

Ordinance Key Provisions

- Nine members will be appointed initially by the Board of Supervisors, including one representative from each supervisorial district
- No employees or persons related to employees of the County, AHS, or Health Care for the Homeless contractors shall be appointed to the board
- After initial appointments, the Health Care for the Homeless Commission appoints its own members
- Commission responsibilities are defined by HRSA policy and encompass a wide range of program activities including planning and evaluation, service design, program director selection and dismissal, etc.
- The Board of Supervisors and the AHS Board of Trustees retain authority over fiscal and personnel matters

The Health Care Services Agency requests the Health Committee to support its recommendation to approve the proposed ordinance and initial bylaws for consideration at the June 7, 2016 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Purpose:
- [ ] Report progress
- [ ] Advocacy or Education
- [x] Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
- [ ] Other:

Recommendation from the Health Committee: Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors
II. FY 2016-17 Measure A One-Time Funding Requests: Heart 2 Heart

Attachment

James Nguyen, Measure A Coordinator, Health Care Services Agency and Dr. Janet Berreman, Health Officer City of Berkley, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Heart 2 Heart program.

The Heart 2 Heart program was launched in 2008 and is a place-based strategy to reduce health inequalities in South Berkeley. It was designed to improve the health of residents by addressing the social conditions that lead to poor health. Community partners include residents, community based organizations, faith-based organizations. The program is funded through Alameda County, Sutter Health and Kaiser Community Benefit programs.

The Health Care Services Agency requests the Health Committee to support the allocation of $100,000 in Measure A One-Time funding in FY 2016-2017 to fund the Heart 2 Heart program through LifeLong Medical Care.

Speakers

Gin Hansson, Heart 2 Heart Program Coordinator, commented on the Heart 2 Heart Job and Educational Fair, which was held to assist residents in finding employment. Heart 2 Heart invited local organizations who were hiring and held skill and interview skill workshops with resume assistance.

Portia Stewart, Heart 2 Heart Program client spoke about her positive experiences in the Heart 2 Heart program.

Healthy Homes Services for Seniors & Group Living Facilities Residents

Attachment

James Nguyen, Measure A Coordinator, Health Care Services Agency and Maricela Foster, Director, Health Homes Department, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Health Home Services for Seniors and Group Living Facilities Residents Program.

The Healthy Homes Department proposes a “Fixing to Stay” program and partner with the Public Health Department to conduct one hundred Health and Safety Risk Assessments on seniors’ homes to look for issues such as safety, ventilation, contaminants, pets, water intrusion, cleanliness and maintenance. After the completion of the assessment, a plan of action will be developed to make the necessary modifications to the home.

The Healthy Homes Department proposes a Group Living Facilities Pilot Program to conduct thirty Health and Housing Assessments on residents living in Group Living Facilities in the unincorporated area of Alameda County. The County will coordinate with key partners and residence owners to implement technical advisement plans to address on-going concerns in the facilities and with residents.

The Health Care Services Agency requests the Health Committee to support the allocation of $151,729 in Measure A One-Time funding for the Fixing to Stay Program and $77,608 Measure A funding for the Group Living Facilities Pilot program.

Purpose:
- [ ] Report progress
- [ ] Advocacy or Education
- [x] Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
- [ ] Other:

Recommendation from the Health Committee: Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.
III. Behavioral Health Care Services Update – Mental Health Board Annual Report Recommendations to BHCS

Attachment

Rebecca Gebhart, Acting Director, Health Care Services Agency presented introductory comments and Dr. Karyn Tribble, Acting Director, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Behavioral Health Care Services response to the Mental Health Board Annual Report Recommendations.

On September 28, 2015, the Alameda County Mental Health Board (MHB) presented its fiscal year 2014-15 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors’ Health Committee. It was requested that Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) research the previous five years of MHB Annual Reports to determine what actions were taken by BHCS in response to recommendations from those reports.

The MHB produced annual reports in FY 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15. No annual reports were produced between FY 2006-07 through FY 2011-12. The responses from the Behavioral Health Care Services Agency represents updates to the Mental Health Board for fiscal years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2015/16.

Speakers

Jaseon Outlaw, Chair, Alameda County Mental Health Board, on behalf of the Mental Health Board, acknowledged and thanked the Behavioral Health Care Services Agency for their diligence in responding to the annual report. An area still of concern to the Mental Health Board is the overcrowding at John George Psychiatric Pavilion. In addition the Mental Health Board requests that the media consultant attend a Mental Health Board meeting to discuss reducing stigma.

Ann Schuyler, SEIU Local 1021 representative, represents workers at John George and Highland Hospital. Ms. Schuyler stated that workers at John George Psychiatric Pavilion are deeply concerned about patient and worker safety and conditions due to overcrowding.

Purpose:

☑ Report progress
☐ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

Recommendation from the Health Committee: The Health Committee will follow up with a presentation on the conditions at John George Psychiatric Pavilion at the Health Committee meeting in July 2016. The Health Committee will schedule a Joint Health and Public Protection Committee meeting in September 2016 to discuss Behavioral Health Care Services reentry services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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