



Santa Cruz County Syringe Services Program Advisory Commission

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 06, 2021
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Damon Bruder (3rd District), Eric Sturm (4th District), Sharon DeJong (5th District),
Patty King (At Large)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: (1st District), (At Large), Jim Hart (2nd District)
STAFF: Jennifer Herrera (Chief of Public Health), , Rahshan Williams (Program
Coordinator), Crystal Garcia (Administrative Aide), Aimen Al-Refai (IT Application
Development and Support Analyst III)
GUESTS: 831-429-6391 (Guest), 831-239-3908 (Guest), DF (Guest),
David J. Terrazas (Guest)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

Meeting convened at 6:01PM.

2. Review and Approve February 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Patty K.
- Seconded by Damon B.

Patty K. - Yay, Damon B. - Yay, Eric S. - Yay, Sharon D. – Yay

3. Program Updates

Syringe Services Program exchange update from Rahshan W.

- a) Patty K. – What is time frame to enter into detox?
 - i. Rahshan W. – Based on availability. Best way to approach is connecting provider with participant.
- b) Damon B. – Has testing for Hep C or HIV testing resumed? Is there a timeline for when these services will become available?
 - i. Rahshan W. – Testing has not started at this time but is topic of discussion
 - ii. Jen H. – Setting up infrastructure to start but no set start date
- c) Damon B. – Is SSP offering vaccinations to public?
 - i. Jen H. – Not at this time but we do provide outsourcing to partners

4. Review Mandates or Directives

- a) Direct HSA to return in June 2020 with recommendations to improve syringe litter reporting and response through a centralized system

5. Presentations

- a) Syringe Litter Reporting
 - i. SSP Reporting Data through MySantaCruzPlatform presentation from Aimen Al-Refai
 - a) Patty K. - Whatever platform is used should include a marketing platform and verification this is a helpful/useful tool would be useful feedback
 - b) Damon B. – Would be helpful if app is as simple as possible but any reporting is a great idea. Also agree marketing is important
 - c) Sharon – App/reporting would be great tool to have

6. Difference between 1:1 Exchange vs. Needs Based Exchange

Syringe Services Program exchange difference between unlimited one-for-one exchange versus unlimited needs based distribution explained by Rahshan W.

- i. Damon B. - Concerned with where syringes found around community are emanating from

7. Overview of Syringe Collection Procedures

To be discussed in future meetings

8. Public Comment:

3 minutes per speaker: raise hand or speak up or use chat function

- a) David J. Terrazas (Guest) question via Microsoft Teams chat – Could clarification be given around what County action took place on or about February 2019? Was that when the County first implemented the one for one exchange?
 - a. Jen H. – Not an exact date but sometime in Spring 2019 is when the policies and procedures manual was formally adjusted to reflect implantation of one-for-one exchange

A. New Business/Action Items

1. Recommendation on Syringe Litter directive
 - a. Jen H. to reach out and invite Public Works to future SSPAC meeting
2. Non-virtual tour of SSP after March 1st
 - a. Damon B. & Sharon – Expressed interest in being included when tour is able to be scheduled
3. **Topics for Future Meetings & Action Items**
 - a. Welcome of new commissioners
 - b. Review of commission and election of officers in May meeting
 - c. Presentation on FY 21-23 County Operational Plan – Sven Stafford

B. Adjournment

Motioned to adjourn by Patty K., Seconded by Damon B.

- a) **Motion to adjourn passed**
- b) Meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM