



## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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### **HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP (HSAG) August 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** August 20, 2025

**TIME:** Scheduled 1 pm – 3 pm

**PLACE:** Virtual via Microsoft Teams

#### **HSAG Members Present**

- Betsy Clark
- Denise Hitzeman
- Serg Kagno
- Stephen Gray

#### **Human Services Staff Present**

- Randy Morris, HSD Director
- Adam Spickler, HSD Senior Analyst
- Heather Viola, HSD Executive Secretary

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

#### **2. Director's Report**

- **Federal Landscape:** Review of timeline and impacts resulting from the passage of H.R. 1, with safety net cuts to Medicaid and SNAP:
  - ✓ Review of impacts of SNAP cuts on clients (direct benefits) as well as administrative costs of providing benefits assistance.
  - ✓ Review of impacts of Medicaid cuts on client direct benefits as well as administrative benefits assistance costs; impacts of new work requirements; potential risk of Medicaid waivers being lost; loss of funding to states who provide benefits to immigrants.
- **State Landscape**
  - ✓ Governor's focus has shifted to redistricting, away from HR1
  - ✓ Likely the January budget release will show more specifics, unlikely we will see HR1 compliance considerations prior to January 2026

- **County Landscape**

- ✓ Remodel coming soon, September 30 BOS meeting will be in Watsonville
- ✓ CEO will bring adopted budget to BOS by September 30, we will not need to amend the FY 2025-26 budget at this time
- ✓ HSD is helping co-present on federal impacts to County safety net services and HR1 on September 30
- ✓ H4H will be providing an annual report on September 30 to the BOS, including notable progress on homelessness with specific and steep challenges ahead

- **Status update on HSAG membership**

- ✓ The HSAG reviewed bylaws for attendance issues, noting that participation and engagement on all County advisory commissions and committees is low.
- ✓ HSAG members then discussed participation decline and strategies for how best to engage new people to apply for the HSAG.

**3. Advisory topics of interest for round table discussion**

- No discussion

**4. Potential public engagement opportunities**

- No discussion

**Next meeting:** October 15, 2025, at 1 pm, 500 Westridge Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076