

Homeless Services Provider Call 1/14/2021 – Notes

- Welcome - Jessica
- Information and Updates:
 - Public Health Update - Matt
 - In the midst of the COVID surge that we have been trying to avoid
 - In the US almost 400,000 have died in the US
 - In CA 91 cases among 100,000 persons
 - ICU capacity statewide is 0% capacity
 - Really about the staffing available to support the ICU beds
 - The Bay Area ICU capacity is 4.7%
 - 11,300 reported confirmed cases in Santa Cruz County since epidemic began
 - 2,100 active cases in Santa Cruz County
 - 110 deaths in Santa Cruz County – vast majority are elderly population and especially folks in skilled nursing facilities
 - Homeless community
 - Seeing more cases both sheltered and unsheltered
 - Still seeing fairly low numbers
 - Our efforts to disperse persons within shelters and outdoor support has really helped keep people safe
 - Shelter and service providers have done a great job of working with staff and clients who have symptoms
 - It has made a difference!!!!!!
 - Early warning system approach has served us well
 - Vaccines
 - 2 approved vaccines in the US
 - Pfizer vaccine requires significant storage requirements
 - Moderna – can be stored in more reasonable settings
 - Both vaccines require 2 shots
 - First does primes your immune system; second shot really has the impact
 - Federal government did some prioritization, but gave flexibility to States
 - Phase 1 (current phase) –

- protecting staff and residents in residential care facilities for elderly people
 - medical infrastructure – persons working in ICUs and hospitals and person giving the vaccines
 - Includes dentists (will be able to give out vaccines)
 - A lot of planning needed to really start rolling out the vaccines
 - Phase 2 –
 - Persons age 65+, homeless population, persons incarcerated
 - It will really depend on how many and how quickly we get the vaccines out
 - Start talking with people about getting the vaccine
 - If we are going to get out of this pandemic, we will need a significant of persons in the community getting the vaccine
 - Vaccine does a good job of preventing illness and death
- Outreach to unsheltered persons/HOSS+ – Joey
 - Outreach –
 - HPHP continues to do outreach in South County in partnership with other agencies
 - HPHP continues outreach in San Lorenzo park several times a week
 - Other outreach continues in a variety of locations
 - If you are looking for someone reach out to HPHP
 - Vaccines –
 - Developing outreach and prioritization protocols
 - Creating lists of people for when there are more vaccines available
 - Shelter staff will be prioritized above the general population
 - Create staff and resident rosters
 - Rosters –
 - Name, DOB
 - Updated contact information
 - Work with teams to create groups of ten based on their exposure lists

- Create lists of who have most exposure
 - Direct service providers first
 - Admin last
 - Vaccines come in doses of ten
 - Moderna shots must be given 28 days apart
 - Make sure folks will be able to meet these timeline
 - Can't have any other vaccines at the same time
 - Can't be COVID positive at the time you get the vaccine
 - Try to not have all staff get the vaccines at the same time
 - HPHP will likely be going out to the shelters
 - Trying to have volunteers to have weekend vaccine clinics
- Isolation/Quarantine Shelter (motel) Update – Monica
 - Of the 6 hotels, we have 164 rooms occupied by 220 individuals.
 - We have still not reopened new referrals since we closed about a month ago.
 - Currently planning guest and staff vaccination implementation with public health .
 - Assessing guests to help with a new housing-wave effort. Piloted one hotel already and planning to roll out to the others soon.
 - Thanks to all of our partners for their continued support and commitment to helping our guests.
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- Supporting existing shelters update – Brooke
 - Shelters have very rapidly provided their staff and client rosters
 - If you have any questions contact Brooke
 - Think about subprioritization of staff
 - Will go over this at next week's workgroup
 - Think about those staff that have the most direct contact with staff
 - Will brainstorm and work through things as we roll out
 - Making progress in prioritizing folks who are referred to the shelter system
 - Referral specialists working diligently to place people
 - Next shelter meeting next Wednesday
 - Will provide additional information
- Expanded Shelter update – Jen
 - Doing lots of health checks

- Making sure staff are testing and quarantining as needed
 - Very few positive cases – dealt with quickly and effectively!
 - Some reorganization at Watsonville Vets hall so that more people can be served
 - Also, new manager – Gustavo
- Golflands - Adam
- TAY shelter update –Toby
 - Encouraging folks to sign up for vaccines
 - Training new staff
 - Lots of trailer maintenance
- Q & A – Jessica/all
 - Roster question – do we need to continue to provide medical provider
 - Template was sent out; contact Brooke with questions
 - No need for medical provider name
 - Vaccines –
 - They will come from a number of different paths – take whatever path gets to you first
 - One path is through medical providers; if client gets a vaccine offer through their medical provider they should get it and not wait for the vaccines to roll out to the shelters
- Next call will tentatively be Thursday, January 21st, 2021 at 10:00 am; details are forthcoming