

## Homeless Services Provider Call 12/3/20 – Agenda

- Welcome - Jessica
- Information and Updates:
  - Public Health Update - Matt
    - Significant surge of cases in CA
      - Concern that the Thanksgiving holiday will act as an accelerant
      - Virtually the entire state, including Santa Cruz, is in the “purple” tier (highest/worst tier)
      - Positivity rate has increased significantly over the last couple of weeks
      - Number of cases reported is thought to be low – many people not tested are COVID+
    - ¼ of cases in Santa Cruz are active cases
      - Hospitals are seeing many more cases
        - Haven’t exceeded capacity; alarming because the numbers tend to increase
    - CDC changed guidance on quarantine
      - Shortened to 10 days (in some cases 7 days)
      - Santa Cruz County is waiting for the State of California makes a decision before changing local guidance
        - People are still expected to quarantine for 14 days in Santa Cruz County
    - Governor likely to announce today a more restrictive shelter in place
      - Trigger will likely be available ICU beds
      - Will need to think about what this means for some of our operations
    - Dealing with a number of outbreaks in Santa Cruz County
      - Skilled nursing facilities – often house most vulnerable persons
      - Jail – staff infections
    - Testing capacity at Ramsey capacity has increased
      - Accommodate walk-ins
      - If can’t register online might be worth walking in
    - Twin Lakes Church – doing testing 2 days a week
      - Easy to register online
    - County has identified another testing site in North County

- Hope to get up and running this week
    - Salud is using rapid tests for symptomatic patients
    - Janus is testing at their own facilities
  - Outreach to unsheltered persons/HOSS+ – Joey
    - Using multiplier number – ~7,000 COVID+
    - HPHP and clinics looking at different methods of testing
      - Looking at interior nasal swab – individuals can do it with medical assistant supervision
    - Rapid tests – can get results within 15 minutes
      - Doing some data analysis to see how good the rapid tests are
    - Looking to implement with COVID 19 strike team to try to identify positive cases
    - Trying to get more supplies
    - Outreach
      - Brought on another medical providers
      - Ramping up street medicine program
        - Looking to launch mobile health unit in mid-february
        - Looking at potential locations
      - Continue to go out to the benchlands site, hoping to do more at “golflands”
      - Hoping to get Doctor going out to levy
      - Street medicine
        - Led by nurses
        - Medical doctors will be available on call
        - Asking for additional budget for staffing!!!!
        - Working with great organizations to do outreach!!!
      - Bringing on medical benefits representative
        - Will be able to get going benefits applications
        - Will be out in the field on a consistent basis
- Isolation/Quarantine Shelter (motel) Update – Monica
  - Seeing an increase in people
  - As of this morning 26 guests
    - 20 on Monday
    - Keeps increasing

- Motel for Persons Vulnerable to COVID Update –Jen
  - Monica is transitioning back to overseeing all of the motels
  - Looking at staffing models, bringing on new people
  - Significant maintenance/plumbing issues at one hotel – requiring people to be moved around
  - Working on getting canopies so that guests have areas to go outside when raining
  - Mental Health specialists working with guests at all of the sites – group and individual
- Supporting existing shelters update – Brooke
  - Yesterday Matt provided a training overview on how to manage illness of staff
  - Questions/request – contact Brooke!
- Expanded Shelter update – Tom
  - Capacity has been pretty steady with few vacancies
  - Staff or volunteers at any shelter – be careful and conscious of being safe and respecting SIP – impacts other people
  - Watsonville – getting involved with city and neighbors
- Benchlands - Adam
- TAY shelter update – Meg
  - 12/14-16 – moving trailers to Cabrillo!
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- Q & A – Jessica/all
  - Sylvia
    - Thank you to everyone!!!!
    - Podiatrist?
      - HPHP refers people to Foot Clinic of Santa Cruz County
      - Has a podiatry chair
      - Will be expanding podiatry offerings with new mobile clinic
      - Local Doctor without Borders might be worth reaching out – “suitcase clinics”
    - Antiseptic sprays?
    - Expanded Thanksgiving dinner – what happened?
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- Next call with be Thursday, December 17th at 10:00 am