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!

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?

- Next call will be Thursday, December 17th at 10:00 am