

Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Governing Board



WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

11:00-12:30PM

**BOARD MEMBER & PUBLIC
ATTENDEE INTRODUCTION**



Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Governing Board



ACTION ITEM:
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL
FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

WENDEL BRUNNER, HCH BOARD CHAIR

ATTACHMENTS: FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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STANDING ITEM:
**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT/
ASSURANCE & PROGRAM
PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

LINAE YOUNG

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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

*UPDATE OF STRATEGIC PLAN PROJECTS
AND TIMELINE*

LINAE YOUNG

Accomplishments February - Present



1. Elderly Homeless Database Report (Complete)

1. Initial analysis of common diagnoses about HCH elderly population
2. Next steps: work with CCHS Business Intelligence team to build an automated report for ongoing reporting and share with HCH Board

2. Homeless Mortality Report (Complete)

1. Next steps: Share findings with HCH Board

3. Identify, prioritize, and plan trainings for Board development (In Progress)

1. Next Steps: Identify future Governing Board meetings to deliver Trauma Informed Care Training; waiting response from other County HCH Boards for training recommendations

Delayed/Cancelled Projects



1. **Pilot East County services and monitor productivity by 07/2020 (Delayed)**
 - New target end date: TBD (SIP is lifted and can resume Mobile Clinics)
2. **Use elderly homeless database report to identify concerns/gaps in services by 06/2020 (Delayed)**
 - New target end date: TBD
3. **Present elderly homeless summary data and recommendations to Council on Homelessness (Delayed)**
 - New target end date: 12/2020
4. **Identify sub-populations with higher needs by 07/2020**
 - New target end date: TBD
5. **Develop a capital plan by 04/2020 (Delayed)**
 - New target end date: 04/2021
6. **Collect existing needs assessments from within the last 5 years among HCH partners by 3/2020 (Delayed)**
 - New target date end: TBD
7. **Review homeless population within CCHS data warehouse and identify what services homeless clients are accessing by 07/2020 (Delayed)**
 - New target date end: TBD

Focus Next Quarter (Delayed)



1. Develop cultural humility curriculum and provide ongoing training for all staff by 08/2020

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SLIDING FEE SCALE
2019/2020 FEDERAL POVERTY LINE

RACHAEL BIRCH, PD



FPL Guidelines with Sliding Fee Schedule

2019/2020 FEDERAL HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES [48 States]

		Monthly Income Thresholds by Sliding Fee and Discount Pay Class and Percent Poverty (At or Below FPL%)			
Poverty Level		100%	133%	150%	200%
		Sliding Fee Discount			
Family Size	Annual Income	No Fee	\$35	\$45	\$55
1	\$12,760	\$1,063	\$1,414	\$1,595	\$2,126
2	\$17,240	\$1,437	\$1,911	\$2,156	\$2,874
3	\$21,720	\$1,810	\$2,407	\$2,715	\$3,620
4	\$26,200	\$2,183	\$2,903	\$3,275	\$4,366
5	\$30,680	\$2,557	\$3,401	\$3,836	\$5,114
6	\$35,160	\$2,930	\$3,897	\$4,395	\$5,860
7	\$39,640	\$3,303	\$4,393	\$4,955	\$6,606
8	\$44,120	\$3,677	\$4,890	\$5,516	\$7,354
For each additional person add,	\$4,480	NO ASSET TEST REQUIRED			

Reference: Federal Register, January 14, 2020

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/17/2020-00858/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>

SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE BY INCOME RANGE (0-200%)

* Includes Emergency, Inpatient, Outpatient, Specialty and Dental Services

Contra Costa County Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program: Sliding Scale Discount Policy and Procedures for Services Covered by the HCH Scope of Project

I. PURPOSE

To describe the process to minimize financial barriers and the benefit plans that will be utilized when documented and undocumented homeless individuals receive care in sites included in the Contra Costa County Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program's approved Scope of Project.

II. REFERENCES

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Section 330 Requirements of the PHA Act

III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Financial Counseling, Patient Accounting and Registration

IV. POLICY and PROCEDURE

A. Notification

1. Signage in both English and Spanish will be posted in registration areas of the hospital and outpatient health centers inform patients how to apply for a discount for medical services. All printed and electronic information about the HCH program will include a description of eligibility for the discount program in both English and Spanish and at appropriate literacy levels for the health center's target population.

B. Screening/Eligibility for Coverage and Sliding Fee Scale Program

1. Patients who are new to the Contra Costa County Health System (CCHS) system of care will be screened by the Registration staff using the Homeless Questionnaire (See attachment A). This questionnaire will allow the HCH Program to identify if a patient is homeless or at risk for homelessness. The patient will not be required to provide specific verifications regarding the patient's homeless status; therefore, the patient's self-attestation will be accepted. Patients will be screened for homelessness and for eligibility to the sliding fee program at least annually and will be asked at each visit if there is a change in status.

2. Financial Counselors will interview the patient to determine if the patient is eligible for health care coverage, which includes, PRUCOL in the event the patient is undocumented, Medi-Cal, restricted or emergency Medi-Cal, Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Programs and Long Term Care/Kidney Dialysis. Additionally, patients will be screened to determine if they are eligible for insurance through Covered California or the Basic Health Care Program.

3. In addition to screening for the programs listed above, a Financial Counselor will determine if the patient meets the family size and income criteria to qualify for the Sliding Fee Scale Program. Eligibility will be based on the number of members in the household, which includes the tax filer, the spouse, if applicable, and tax dependents; and the gross monthly/annual income of all household members who are required to file a tax return. Gross income is defined using the IRS definition of income reported on line 22 of Form 1040. No asset test is required. Income must be documented as with the sources noted on the application form or with a signed letter of attestation. Patients may be required to pay a discounted rate for services based upon where

HCH Program & Community Updates



- COVID-19 and Shelter-in-place Updates
- Any Additions?

Future Items to Discuss



1. Elderly Report Review
2. Mortality Report Review
3. Tour of new Medical Outreach Bus (Delayed)

HCH Co-Applicant Governing Board



Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

11:00 – 12:30pm

TBD

