



Public Health Advisory Board – Nurse-Family Partnership® Subcommittee

Agenda - Regular Meeting

Date: August 5th, 2022

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Community Conference Room, Shasta County Public Health, 2660 Breslauer Way, Redding, CA

Item 1: Call to Order

Kristen Shearer called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

Members in Attendance (six): Laura Dougan (PHAB Representative), Liz Poole (First 5 Shasta), Karen Gryszan (Shasta Community Maternity Center), Sue Morehouse (Community Faith), Chelsey Chappelle (Probation), Cindy Vogt (CHYBA)

Members not in attendance (two): Katie Taylor (Planned Parenthood), Celia Snell (Shasta Community Maternity Center)

Facilitator: Kristen Shearer (Shasta County HHSA)

Note Taker: Clarissa Wentworth (Shasta County HHSA)

HHSA Staff Present: Christopher Buhler, Nayan Jesrani, Amy Hawes, Michelle Smith

Guests: April Matthews (SCOE)

Item 2: Welcome/Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Item 3: Public Comment Period

No public comment was given.

Item 4: Action: Approve minutes from April 2022

A quorum was present to approve the minutes from the April 1st, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Member Liz Poole, seconded by Member Cindy Vogt, made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1st, 2022, meeting. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Item 5: Client Success Stories: Nurse Home Visitor (45 minutes)

Two NFP clients, accompanied and assisted by their nurse home visitor, spoke about their experiences as NFP clients and how the program benefited them.

After the presentations, Member Sue Morehouse asks if there is any follow-up for moms who might need support after they graduate. NFP nurse Michelle Smith said that NFP nurses assess their client needs at 18 months and see if the clients will need to transition any care to other organizations.

Item 6: CalWORKs Home Visiting Program (HVP) Update: Chris Buhler (10 minutes)

Chris Buhler shared that they are serving the same number of CalWORKS HVP clients as in the past: about 10 people. He is seeing struggles with referrals; they have had less than 10 so far this year. Additionally, many of those referrals had to be referred out to other agencies because the client did not meet NFP criteria. He is hoping to see an uptick with the new guidelines that went into effect July 1st. Previously, a client was not eligible for the CalWORKS HVP program until the second trimester and now they will be able to join at any point in their pregnancy. Year to date they have averaged about 7 families that they've assisted month to month to month. Clients are eligible for \$500 in material goods to help with newborns. On average they spend about \$115 per client. There is talk that this amount could increase from \$500 to \$1000. Nayan Jesrani mentioned that they just got granted funding for 2 more years with a caseload of 25 for HVP. Chris Buhler mentioned that they plan on doing a HVP roadshow to explain eligibility criteria and changes to different organizations to increase referrals.

Item 7: Updates from members:

Guest April Matthews shared that on August 31st Help Me Grow is doing an in-person Connection Café. She also mentioned that SCOE allows families at risk for abuse, neglect, or homelessness to enter quicker into the childcare program.

Member Liz Poole shared that First 5 Shasta received funding to promote home visiting in the county. They are currently creating home visiting marketing materials and plan to print and distribute them. There is also funding for trainings, and they are working on providing a Nurturing Fathers training in November. She mentioned that they have begun a new fiscal year and that there are new grants available on the First 5 Shasta website.

Member Chelsey Chappelle requested for Probation to be included on the CalWORKS HVP roadshow. She mentioned that as of July 1st the Juvenile Center has transitioned to Shasta Community Health Center as their health care provider for the youth that they serve. This has helped with continuity of care for the families. Member Laura Dougan mentioned that when a local non-profit is providing care, they care more about the patient. They are already seeing that the kids are more connected and trusting of the SCHC staff.

Chris Buhler mentioned that as of May 1st, clients are now eligible for up to 60 months of aid from CalWORKS. The expanded subsidized employment program has also increased wage reimbursement from \$15 to now \$20 dollars an hour.

Member Laura Dougan mentioned that SCHC is breaking ground on the creation of their new Mother, Children, and Babies Center. This center will allow them to provide services they were previously not able to offer such as an OBGYN and birth control.

Member Cindy Vogt mentioned that CHYBA received a community school grant to develop a coordination of services team. They meet twice a month in-person, and it provides a centralized referral network for their youth. It is open to the public and all their partners. If anyone is interested in attending, reach out to Cindy.

Item 8: Confirm Next Meeting Date: October 7th, 2022, at 10:30am – 12:00pm

Item 9: Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned 11:34 am.