

Homeless Services Provider Call 10/8/20 – Agenda

- Welcome - Jessica
- Information and Updates:
 - Public Health Update - Matt
 - Information from HSA dashboard
 - 51,000 persons tested
 - Deaths have significantly increased – large number related to an outbreak at a nursing home
 - Reminder of why we work so hard in congregate shelters to prevent outbreaks
 - Spike has reduced; hospitalizations have come down as well
 - “reproduction” number has dropped to ~1
 - Santa Cruz County has been at the State’s second highest tier
 - Heading down right now – important for opening up new things
 - County is rolling out equity index
 - Shows COVID information by different demographics/locations
 - State will not let us move to a lower tier until COVID is reduced for ALL populations and areas
 - Flu – lower rates of flu in the southern hemisphere; likely due to precautions being taking for COVID
 - People can get COVID and the flu at the same time
 - Outreach to unsheltered persons/HOSS+ – Joey
 - When outreach workers are able to administer flu vaccine, they are administering it
 - Visiting motel sites
 - North County – seeing less people at the HOSS site at Emeline, more effective outreach when mobile; trying to spread out and hit out more places
 - Schedule of outreach changing – not necessarily doing Emeline on Tuesday
 - Will share information when it gets figured out
 - Watsonville outreach schedule the same
 - Trying to bring out COVID tests when doing outreach
 - There has been a decline in testing

- Likely doing everything we can to prevent the flu (masks, social distancing, etc.) but still important to get the flu shot!
 - HPHP is offering flu shots to shelter staff and clients
 - Are doing drive up testing
- Isolation Shelter (motel) Update – Monica
- Supporting existing shelters update – Brooke
 - Low census for empty beds
 - Shelters that are accepting through the referral system – keep sharing your needs with the referral specialists
 - Will be providing more copies of the emergency shelter guidance; make sure all staff have access to and understand the guidance
 - Shelter providers – are encouraged to attend next Wednesday’s shelter meeting
- Expanded Shelter update – Tom
- TAY shelter update – Christine/Shebreh
 - 16 youth
 - Interviewing additional persons on the waitlist, hoping to get new folks in soon
 - Doing minor repairs on trailers
 - Looking for a new temporary site for the trailers
 - Able to support a family to be placed in a trailer on the fairgrounds
- Q & A – Jessica/all
- Next call with be Thursday, October 22 at 10:00 am