

Homeless Services Provider Call 2/25/2021 – Notes

- Welcome - Jessica
- Information and Updates:
 - Public Health Update - Matt
 - 1-year anniversary of implementing emergency command structure in Santa Cruz re: COVID
 - Probably first time used for such a long ongoing disaster
 - In US, over 500,000 COVID-19 related deaths
 - Probably underreported
 - Santa Cruz County is in a period of significant and sustained decreases of COVID cases
 - Back to May/June levels when surge started
 - If Santa Cruz follows other areas, likely see another wave in May
 - Focusing vaccines on most vulnerable folks so that they are protected if/when the next wave hits
 - 3rd vaccine will likely be approved this weekend
 - Only requires one shot
 - Doesn't require the same cold storage
 - Small surges in the homeless community
 - Working with persons that test positive to get them to the isolation/quarantine motel
 - HPHP increasing surveillance testing at associated areas
 - Outreach to unsheltered persons/Vaccine updates – Joey
 - HPHP got approval to start vaccinating people experiencing homelessness if under 65 or have medical issues or barriers to care
 - I.e. everyone experiencing homelessness will likely meet the eligibility requirements
 - HPHP pulling reports to identify people with specific conditions
 - Doing outreach to get folks vaccines
 - If someone is homeless or previously homeless, likely eligible
 - Call HPHP's clinic at 831-454-2080 to schedule an appointment
 - By appointment so that HPHP knows how many vaccines to request, scheduling first and second appointments

- Clinic is scheduling vaccinations on Tuesday/Thursday mornings – still waiting to get booked up
 - If need more spaces will open additional clinic times
 - HPHP is working with shelters to get the vaccine out to the field if there are transportation issues
 - Shelters should talk with residents re: interest in vaccinations
 - HPHP can talk with persons as well
 - Waiting to hear if HPHP can vaccinate shelter workers
 - Have been advocating for vaccinating shelter workers
 - Hoping to get approval soon
 - Some shelter workers have gotten on standby list – working with HSD on this
 - Call/e-mail Joey if you think you might be eligible under Phase 1A 359-0536 or joey.crottogini@santacruzcounty.us
 - Outbreak on highway 1 and 9
 - City of Santa Cruz will be cleaning up encampment
 - People will be getting 72 notice likely in March to vacate
 - Trying to get first and second dose vaccines to the folks staying there before they must move
 - Working with Food not Bombs to coordinate a vaccine effort at San Lorenzo park
 - Shooting for vaccines there next Thursday at 10:30
 - Coordinating a “vaccine ambassador” on the ground to advocate and coordinate
- Isolation/Quarantine Shelter (motel) Update – Monica
 - No report
 - Supporting existing shelters update – Brooke
 - Shelters –
 - Brooke sent out an e-mail with the vaccine clinic flyer from HPHP and information on the shelter cleaning agents that County provides
 - Please do your HMIS entries and exits
 - Go to the open office hours with Bitfocus
 - Request coming to identify staff in charge of updating daily census

- Will be a change regarding who to make requests for masks to
 - Referral system
 - Referral Specialists still moving along
 - Still triaging information beyond just the shelter information
 - Providing them with additional information and resources
 - Piloting using them as a “front door”
 - Doing a great job
 - Expanded Shelter update – Jen
 - Recent staff changes
 - New site manager coming in Santa Cruz starting next week
 - Working on updating HMIS
 - Make sure everyone is using the correct intake form!
 - Making sure everyone has a peaceful quite place to stay
 - Golflands – Adam
 - A couple of windstorms – knocked down tents...
 - Bringing in new participants soon – getting ready!
 - Getting HMIS data updated
 - Everyone has been happy and healthy!
 - Small COVID scare, but taken care of
 - Some staff changes due to people hitting their maximum hours
 - TAY shelter update –Meg/Toby/Heather
 - Doing well – took a hit last night from the storm
 - Making sure site remains fantastic place for the youth
 - Youth are continuing to get housing referrals
 - Q & A – Jessica/all
- Call will be the 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00 am. Next call with be Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:00 am