

## Homeless Services Provider Call 3/25/2021 – NOTES

- Welcome - Jessica
- Information and Updates:
  - Public Health Update - Matt
    - HPHP has a new mobile van – has a refrigerator to keep vaccines cold
    - More than 15,000 total cases in Santa Cruz County over the length of the pandemic
    - Only ~200 persons currently positive
    - Huge drop in number of persons testing positive
    - County in the red tier – likely will drop to the orange tier next week – will open more opportunities
    - Opened up vaccines for more homeless service providers!!!!
    - Almost 1/3 of the state is at least partially vaccinated
    - Big concern – confirmed that the COVID variance that has caused problems in Europe has been identified in Santa Cruz County
      - The vaccine we use seems very effective against that variance
      - Still need to distance and get vaccinations done!!
  - Outreach to unsheltered persons/Vaccine updates – Joey
    - Mobile clinic at HPHP – working on decal
      - At Watsonville levy – getting vaccines out
      - Will have a schedule
        - Will be working with outreach teams to staff
    - Have been doing vaccines outside and at shelters
    - Outreach has been mostly about talking to people about getting vaccines, also getting people hygiene supplies
      - Have been able to use left over CZU supplies out
      - Will be making orders for supplies in anticipation of expected encampment removal at highway 1/9
    - Using Housing Matters area to provide vaccine clinics
      - Mixture of patients, other persons experiencing homeless
        - Call 454-2800 to make an appointment to get a vaccine – pretty much no wait for the vaccines
          - Walk-ins ok, but appointments much better!



- Helping guests with the referrals
  - Updating HMIS and Smart Path
    - Q & A – Jessica/all
- Next call with be Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:00 am