

Homeless Services Provider Call 4/22/2021 – NOTES

- Welcome - Jessica
- Information and Updates:
 - Public Health Update - Matt
 - COVID numbers are looking really good
 - In single digits on most days
 - 203 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic
 - A rare thing in Santa Cruz County when people die from COVID now
 - Doing really good job distributing vaccines equitably
 - No significant outbreaks in the homeless community
 - Small numbers of persons experiencing homelessness testing positive
 - Speculation that the county will move to the yellow tier next week
 - Outdoors still better
 - Mask in public spaces
 - Still need to distance
 - Still don't have vaccine's for children under 16
 - COVID variance tends to spread more among children then types we have seen in the past
 - Hoping by summer that we will have vaccines for younger children
 - Clinics out of local high schools
 - Outreach to unsheltered persons/Vaccine updates – Joey
 - HPHP at levy in Watsonville with vaccines with CAB and Salud
 - Lots of medical outreach in Santa Cruz city
 - Persons at San Lorenzo are going to be moved to the Benchlands at a temporary encampment
 - HPHP trying to bring vaccines out into the field
 - Hoping to bring Johnson and Johnson back out in the field soon
 - Starting next week, working with Food Bank to incorporate food insecurity questions into outreach
 - Trying to get more partners out into the field
 - Working with Harm Reduction Coalition

- Working on developing a consistent schedule with the new medical van
- Isolation/Quarantine Shelter (motel) Update – Monica
 - Still going strong at all 6 motels
 - Filling the hotels with the help of the referral specialists
 - 27 more rooms to fill at the IQV motels
- Expanded Shelter update – Jen
 - Meeting with Housing Matters team at the Vets Hall regarding case management
 - Lots of Vets Hall staff have moved over to the IQV motel
 - Fewer people
 - Trying to work on getting folks services, assessments, etc.
- TAY shelter update –Meg/Toby/Heather
 - Helping participants with housing referrals
- Q & A – Jessica/all
 - Can a vaccinated person spread the virus?
 - The risk is much lower. As more people get vaccinated, we will hopefully get to the point in which transmission is very low.
 - In public settings there is more unknown regarding persons vaccine status
 - CDC has not relaxed guidance regarding shelter requirements
- Next call with be Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 10:00 am