

MEETING MINUTES



General Meeting

April 16, 2021

1:00pm-3:00pm

Via Zoom

Attendees: 58 individuals joined the meeting

Watch meeting recording here: <https://youtu.be/oAod9IhmuSQ>

Welcome and Introductions

Julie LeFils, KFPF Office Administrator

- 2021 Got Needs Survey
 - The 2021 Community Needs Assessment (Got Needs?) that YOU helped create is LIVE at gotneedskingscounty.com! This county-wide, perception-based survey is our community TOOL to hearing the voices of Kings County - particularly our most vulnerable populations. **We need your help!** We will be collecting surveys until **April 23rd!** Check out the data from 2017 and 2019 [here!](#) Help us by sharing this [via social media](#) both personally and professionally, printing the survey and distributing it to clients at your location, and taking the survey yourself!! If you are able to collect surveys in paper-format, simply contact Karina (karina@kfpf.org) to arrange pick-up/drop-off once they are complete. You can also find all Got Needs Survey information on our website [here](#). THANK YOU!!
- Social Media Marketing Class & one-on-ones
 - For those who may not have been able to attend, we have uploaded the [video](#) and [presentation slides](#) for you to view. If you're interested in receiving personalized one-on-one assistance learning social media marketing tools with KFPF staff, please be sure to watch the training, view the slides, and fill out the [Pre-One-on-One survey](#). After completing the survey, email cameron@kfpf.org so that you can get your one-on-one scheduled!
 - To view last year's class: https://youtu.be/5BgsnBTY_no
- Public Health Update
 - There is a pause on the Jansen vaccine. Providers are not restricted from using it and can use their discretion but for the time being, until a further review is conducted, they are recommending a pause. Kings County Health Department has paused all use of Jansen vaccine. There are issues where people can still see appointments available for this vaccine but they are working on fixing that miscommunication. Almost 7 million Jansen vaccines have been administered throughout the US- 6 individuals had severe adverse

reactions. It's not known yet whether these blood clots are attributed to the vaccine. The cases were all women, ages 18-48, with no known cases in CA. Symptoms arose 2 weeks after vaccination. If you have been vaccinated by Jansen within the past 2 weeks, you want to look out for the following symptoms and contact your healthcare provider: severe headache, backache, abdominal pain, shortness of breath, leg swelling, tiny red spots on your skin, new neurological symptoms.

- Mental Health Month
 - Will be promoting mindfulness in May
- ACEs Aware
 - **UPCOMING! Non-Clinical Supplemental Training-**
 - The Kings County Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware Non-Clinical training event is a 2-hour webinar session. It is offered to front office and other staff, and will provide a foundation to integrate a trauma transformed approach to supporting clinical ACEs screening and offer support to respond with trauma informed care, referrals, and resources unique to Kings County. Please join us **TOMORROW, April 16th** for the first non-clinical training event. [Click here](#) to join.
 - **UPCOMING! Network of Care Session-**
 - This is one in a series of monthly interactive Network of Care sessions. Each session will offer opportunities to share practical information to improve coordination and collaboration to mitigate the impact of trauma/ACEs in pediatric and adult populations. Participants will also have the opportunity to amplify their knowledge and gain access to social and community resources. Target Audience: Medi-Cal Providers, social, and community resource providers. Join us on the 3rd Monday of every month from 2pm-3:30pm via Zoom! [Click here](#) to join our next meeting on **April 19th**.
 - **UPCOMING! Clinical Supplemental Training**
 - The Kings County Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware training event is a 2.5-hour webinar session. It is offered to Medi-Cal staff and will provide a foundation to integrate ACEs screening and offer support to respond with trauma informed care, referrals, and resources unique to Kings County. All clinical training sessions will be held from 10am-12:30pm. Within our clinical training, we aim to train Medi-Cal physicians, social workers, case managers, MAs, RNs, NPs, and behavioral health staff. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*TM and ANCC, CBRN, APA, AAPA, and ASWB CE credits. [Click here](#) to join our next training on **April 23rd**
 - **Peer to Peer Session-**
 - This is one in a series of a monthly interactive peer to peer discussions about promising practices, new ideas, challenges, and successes in implementing ACEs screening and developing trauma-informed systems of care. Become a part of your online regional community of care linking providers to community resources and each other. Target Audience: Medi-Cal providers. Join us on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7am-8:10am via Zoom! [Click here](#) to join our next meeting on **May 14th**.
 - For more information on the ACEs Aware grant project, visit acesawarekings.org

- Priority: Put students first
- The best place for students is full time, in-person, 5 days a week
- Started bringing in students beginning in August
- Transition to phase reopening in November when Kings County was in red tier; followed by a surge in December
- Schools in Kings County are currently open
- “Give power to parents”: parents are able to choose between distance learning or returning in person
- As students returned, schools have focused on socio-emotional learning and mental health of their students
- Plans are in motion to extend school year and offer summer school
- Challenges: any school with hybrid model is struggling with social distancing rules
 - Rules changed from 6ft to 3ft
 - *Challenge*: If every school came back, they couldn’t realistically maintain 3ft distance
 - *Challenge*: If you’re within 6ft of a person who tested positive, you have to quarantine for 10 days
- Hanford High is the first school to announce they are planning in-person graduation this year

Question: How will planned summer programs affect the summer meals program? Are the summer programs planned for the entire summer or only for a few weeks?

- Todd can send a schedule with further details if your organization is interested. All programs have different schedules.

Please feel free to contact Todd at todd.barlow@kingscoe.org

Safety Impact

*Phil Esbenshade
District Attorney’s Office*

- National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice survey found:
 - Violent Crimes, more specifically homicides, was 30% higher in 2020 compared to 2019.
 - This number is far below historic highs
 - Domestic violence rates spiked at start of the pandemic
 - No area in Kings County was involved with this survey’s metrics
- March of last year, jury trials were suspended
 - Speedy trials rights mandated by the constitution outlines time periods for when an individual has a right to a trial
 - Court was concerned about social distancing for jury
 - Court trials without a jury continued
- Prosecutors were able to appear remotely on an app called BlueJeans so that everyone could be “present”
- Cappel- online system that allows any prosecutor, law enforcement officer, etc. to access any case as long as they have internet access
- In October, court cleared jury trials and about one a week has been held.
- *Challenge*: because trials have been suspended, there’s quite a backroll.
- Did crime increase during the pandemic? Yes, but due more to systemic issues relating to the pandemic.
 - Price gouging, COVID scams, fraud
 - Started doing presentations and outreach to educate people on these issues

- Some increase in local crime
 - Much greater number of individuals being released from jail or being released sooner
 - Bail relief to misdemeanor felony cases - some people, bail was set at 0
 - The Department of Corrections has been releasing “nonviolent inmates” and has been offering additional credits for time served.
- Has seen slight increase in Domestic Violence cases and Child Abuse cases
 - DV cases: 4% increase
 - Inmates are getting released early and going home and the abuse continues at home
 - Has seen an increase in victims needing services
 - Has seen an increase in anxiety due to cases taking longer to resolve
 - Child abuse cases: 6-7% increase
 - Only cases that are reported but mandated reporters aren’t able to report as much with schools being distance learning
- The state is looking at cutting programs and grants (i.e. Victims of Crime Act-VOCA)
- National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (April 18-24)
 - In-person memorial quote viewing - Thursday April 22nd from 2-7pm @ Hanford First Baptist Church
 - Look out on Facebook for videos and event updates

Question: How can we support policy wise in regards to making our voices heard that we do NOT want these programs and grants cut?

A lot of the funding is decided by OES which has public meetings with public comments at the beginning of the meetings. Sending a letter to your representative, letting your voice be heard- these meetings are all online.

- VOCA is funding that runs Victim Witness program through the DAs office

Please feel free to contact Phil at Philip.esbshade@co.kings.ca.us

Behavioral Impact

*Frank Ruiz
Champions*

- Unfortunately there are not a lot of stats for substance use, especially during COVID since a lot for drug testing done by treatment centers and law enforcement programs (ie. probation and parole) has stopped. Parole hasn’t drug tested individuals on their caseload in a year.
- *General Community Observations:*
 - COVID shutdown a lot of out-patient services temporarily
 - Very few organizations were prepared to do telehealth
 - Took about a month to do transition to online platform
 - Face-to-face meetings was providing a lot of structure and accountability but moving to telehealth services created disconnect
 - A lot of support groups in the community stopped meeting
 - People who were doing sponsorships and relied in engagement lost that service
 - Lack of accountability due to law enforcement agencies not able to drug test for a period of time
 - Instances of individuals being sent to the jail temporary/ using “sobering cells” decreased since only individuals categorized as “most dangerous to the community” were kept in the system

- Individuals used to go through withdrawal symptoms and would then work with Champions after that period whereas now, without that jail option, clients are going to Champions in the middle of their withdrawals
 - See a decrease in referrals because of lack of accountability from law enforcement agencies
 - Emergency department did not see severe increase in # of cases but they did see an increase in addiction medicine services wanted from clients over telehealth
 - Project Roomkey helped individuals who had substance use issues receive services and shelter
- *Champions observations*
 - Had a significant decrease in funding for adult treatments
 - Reduced # of clients seen for services at residential treatment centers
 - In July 2020, waitlist for outpatient program significantly increased (wait time around 4-6months)
 - Shortage of drug counselors
 - For outpatient programs, were unable to do drug testing for a period of time due to close contact liability
 - Will be reopening drug testing and making it mandatory to maintain accountability

Question: When it comes to the outpatient waitlist, what do you see in the future and how can we support you?

Started contracting directly to serve parolees. Able to provide services to individuals with Medi-Cal through funding provided by Behavioral Health. For individuals who may not have Medi-Cal, Champions is looking at working with private insurance and being able to bill to them. Is negotiating a contract with the Human Services Agency to serve their clients.

Question: Do you believe the addition of telehealth to future processes is a positive?

Yes- The funding that allows for outpatient services restricts these services to be given out from their Hanford office. Telehealth has given them a bigger reach in the community. Will continue Telehealth services after the pandemic. Difficulties with telehealth: lack of bandwidth to connect for video calls. Clients can still call over the phone if internet connection doesn't work.

Question: Were any of the houses under Champions closed during the funding cuts?

No- both women and men houses did not close. Last year, began providing a permanent support housing program for chronic homeless individuals in the community.

Roundtable Sharing

- **Living in an Anxious World: COVID-19, Substance Misuse, and the Impact on Families-** As a follow-up from our February 2020 conference, Dr. Chasnoff and two members of NTI Upstream's training faculty, Dr. Christine Schmidt and Dr. Amy Groessl, will examine the effects of isolation and rising anxiety in Central California and its impact on family functioning and, most especially, its effects on service providers as they work to prevent and intervene in child abuse and neglect related to substance abuse in pregnancy and in the family. Please SAVE THE DATE for this virtual conference on **Wednesday May 19th, 2021 from 9am-3pm**. For more information, including the registration link, [click here](#).
- **National Crime Victim's Rights Week-** The Kings County District Attorney Victim Witness Program cordially invites you to the National Crime Victim's Rights Week events. For a full

schedule of events, which includes a message from District Attorney Keith Fagundes, a quilt unveiling, and a quilt display, please view the event flyer [here](#).

- **KCAO Summer Meals Program- WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Looking for volunteers to hand out meals in the community. Please email jumartinez@kcao.org if interested.
- **JTO-** JTO is officially open to the public. The Career Center is open and interview rooms are being used. Follow JTO on Facebook. There are several companies who are hiring. All fliers are on their Facebook page.
- **Kings County Referral Exchange & Unite Us-**
For more information on **Referral Exchange**:
<https://www.kingsunitedway.org/referral-exchange>
For more information on **Unite Us**: (kendra.devejian@uniteus.com)
<https://uniteus.com/>
Register for an upcoming **Unite Us Presentation**:
<https://uniteus.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErc-muqzspHteN6zknN85JFoK3N9nlRPAV>
For more information on **211 Kings County**:
<https://www.211kingscounty.org/>
For 211 fliers or any questions, please email erikal@kingsunitedway.org or lexit@kingsunitedway.org
- **2-1-1 Survey-** We want your feedback regarding your knowledge and usage of 211 Kings County services. Take the survey [here](#).
- **Old Enough to Lead-** On behalf of the REACT team we invite you to join us on **Thursday, April 29th** for a conversation with the Central Valley's young, elected officials who are mobilizing to advocate for healthier and safer communities. [Click here](#) to view the flyer with the meeting registration link, if you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or email Erick Rangel at Erangel@healthcollaborative.org.
- **OVCDC-** If we can assist your agency in any way or if you're interested in having a one-on-one overview on what OVCDC does, please email vhernandez@ovcdc.com
582.5555 X300
Is also looking to expand their building so please let us know if you have information regarding any possible available locations.
- **Hanford Chamber-** Will be bringing back their mixers. First will be **next Tuesday from 5:30-7pm**. This is a platform for business and new businesses to make connections in the community. Mixers will be held outside of the courtyard on the civic lawn. These will be held every Third Tuesday of the month.
- **Human Services Agency-** HSA has officially opened doors but has not advertised since they are still working on a hybrid schedule with staff. Is still encouraging clients or providers to utilize social distancing options (ability to apply online at c4yourself.com and call at their call center at 8774108813). They have a drop off box for items needing to be dropped off. There are phones outside the office available for those who need to call their call center. Applications available outside of the department. Still have Project Roomkey for individuals who are homeless and meet high risk/COVID criteria. Providing WRAP services for physical and mental health and also trying to connect individuals with employment and housing services. HSA is definitely interested in using Unite Us.

Meeting Adjourned

Workgroup Highlights

- **Substance Use Prevention** (First Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00am, via Zoom)

- **HEAL (Healthy Eating/Active Living)** (Second Wednesday, 1:30- 3:00pm, via Zoom)
- **Kings County Mental Health Taskforce** (Fourth Thursday, 9:00-10:30am)
- **ACEs Network of Care: The Power of You** (Third Monday, 2:00-3:30pm, via Zoom)

Want to join one of our workgroups? Email Karina at karina@kfpf.org and she will get you connected! Make sure your team is at the table!