



Santa Cruz County Syringe Services Program Advisory Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda In Person Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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Physical Location** 1400 Emeline Ave, Rm #206/207
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Roll Call & Introductions

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Damon Bruder	Commission Chair, 3 rd District	
Sarina King	Commission Vice-Chair, 5 th District	
Eric Sturm	Commissioner, 4 th District	
Steve Plumb	Commissioner, 1 st District	
Evan deSieyes	Commissioner, 2 nd District	

2. Review & Corrections of the Agenda

3. Review & Approval of August 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes

4. Written Correspondence:

5. **Oral Communications:** Any person may address the Commission on additional matters that are not on today's agenda, for a period not to exceed 3 minutes, within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

6. New Business/Action Items

- 6.1 Use name roll call order to vote on action items
- 6.2 Review and discuss the Goals from the SSP Commission Biennial report
- 6.3 Discuss alternate site/locations for SSPAC meetings
- 6.4 Discuss Commission Recruitment and At-large vacancies
- 6.5 Update on the invitation to ASN staff

7. Program Updates

8. Topics for Future Meetings

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting to be held on October 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM

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Summarized from Santa Cruz County Code, Chapter 2.125, Commission objectives include: increase coordination between

agencies, departments, jurisdictions, and other stakeholders and policies related to delivery of services provided by SSP; review pending State and Federal legislation that may impact SSP, consumers and/or providers; stay informed and educated on SSP and related public health strategies; provide a forum for consumers and other parties interested in syringe services to contribute ideas to policy and program development and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding any proposed changes.

Action Item: 3, Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action Required

Recommendation

Approve the August 8, 2023, Syringe Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Suggested Motion

I motion to approve the August 8, 2023, Syringe Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes



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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 8, 2023
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: 1400 Emeline Ave, Bldg. K, Rm 206
PRESENT:

Damon Bruder	Commission Chair, 3 rd District	Present
Sarina King	Commission Vice-Chair, 5 th District	Present
Eric Sturm	Commissioner, 4 th District	Present
Steve Plumb	Commissioner, 1 st District	Present
Evan deSieyes	Commissioner, 2 nd District	Present

STAFF: Rahshan Williams (*Program Coordinator*), Socorro Gutierrez (*Health Services Manager*), Lucero Cosio-Santos (*Administrative Aide*)

- Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions:
Meeting convened at 6:15 PM due to technical difficulties.
Chair Bruder Confirmed attendance.
- Review and Corrections of the Agenda:
- Review and Approval of June 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve June 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: King/Plumb

Aye: All

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

- Written Correspondence: none
- Oral Communications: none
- New Business/Action Items:
 - 6.1 Discuss implementing a name role call vote order for future meetings.
Commissioners agree to have this role call system as it is part of the process.
Will put on the agenda for next month's meeting and vote to implement.

6.2 The future of the community Engagement Ad-hoc subcommittee. Currently no public attendance. Disband meeting and bring back to the agenda in the future.

Motion to disband meeting and bring back to the agenda as needed.

Motion/Second: King/Plumb

Aye: All

No: None

Motion passed unanimously

6.3 Discuss alternate site/locations for SSPAC meetings

Conversation on finding alternate locations a few times a year for the SSPAC meetings within the County to provide access to public and increase visibility. Some ideas for Watsonville are the Vets Hall and Salvation Army. Look into other locations in the Santa Cruz area.

Motion for program staff to look into alternate site for October meeting in South County

Motion/Second: Sturm/King

Aye: All

No: None

Motion passed unanimously

6.4 Discuss Commission recruitment

Discussion on how to increase interest to fill the two at large vacancies. Some ideas mentioned are to ask the Board for support, spread the word amongst peers and neighbors. Talk to friends and co-workers. Commissioner asking program staff to investigate the process for at large vacancies and provide an update next meeting.

6.5 Update on the invitation to ASN staff

Rahshan reported that he sent an email to Access Support Network (ASN) leadership and notified them of our scheduled meeting dates and times. He has not heard back and will follow up again and report back if contact has been made. Commissioner King suggest that a visit to their program can be an option as well.

7. Program Updates:

7.1 Rahshan Williams presented power point slides and discussed that the First Mobile Exchange shifts have been pushed back to late August. There are 8 kiosks in service and exchange hours will be posted on the kiosks. Williams presented data on syringe litter collected from January 2021- June 2022 and June 2022- June 2023. The data shows the trend of litter in different areas. The Extra Help Mental Health Client Specialist is working on follow-up, outreach activities and SUD treatment navigation. August is Overdose Awareness Month.

8. Topic for Future Meetings:

8.1 Review and address SSP Commission Goals and Objectives set in the Biennial Report.

8.2 Report back on the Mobile Exchange

9. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second: King/Sturm

Aye: All

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Submitted by Lucero Cosio-Santos (*Administrative Aide*)

Item #6.1- Review and Discuss the Goals from the SSP Commission Biennial Report

COMMISSION GOALS

1. Invite a new guest speaker or community group to Commission meetings (quarterly) to help inform us about their program areas, share information, give focused insights into their accomplishments, and explore opportunities for partnership.
2. Consider alternate Commission meeting sites, including north, mid, and south county locations, including two meetings per year outdoors to help meet clients where they are, and encourage meeting input, collaboration, and participation.
3. Add a standing meeting agenda item for Federal or State [SSP] legislative updates. Commissioners and staff alike will contribute findings.
4. Re-structure meeting minutes in a way that captures data for easier compilation of the next biennial report in two years.
5. Consider adjusting Commission meeting schedule from monthly, to ten times a year with July and December off.
6. Fill all vacant commission seats.



Public Health

County of Santa Cruz Syringe Services Program (SSP) Advisory Commission Program Updates

September 12, 2023

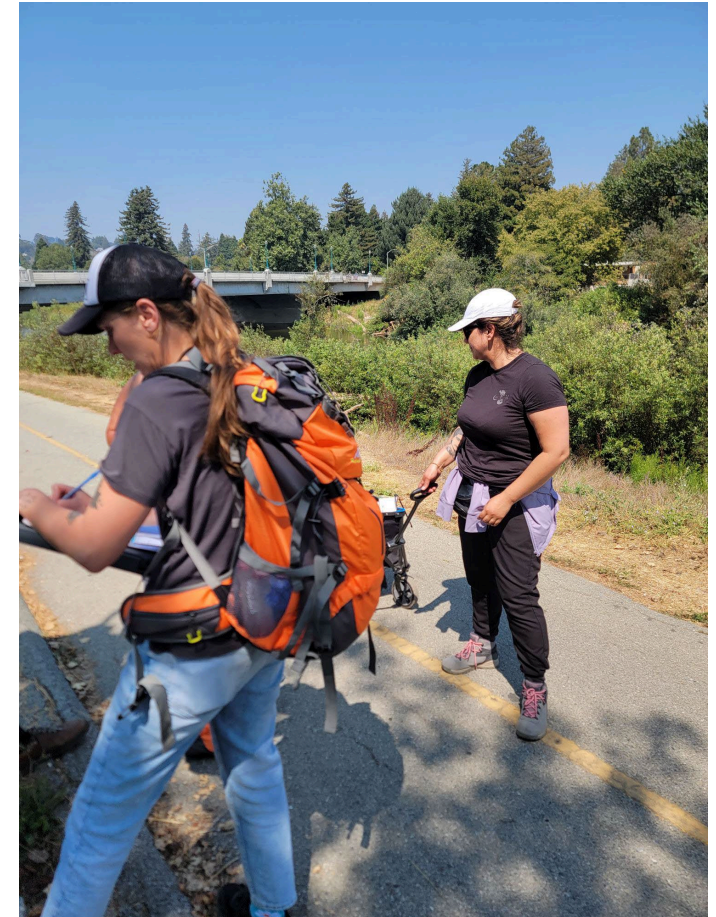
Hybrid Model Launch

Objectives:

- Increase Encounters
- Reach new Participants
- Connect to resources and treatment
- Increase syringe collection and distribution
- Reduce fixed site hours

Santa Cruz Mobile Exchange

First shift 8/30/23



Santa Cruz Mobile Exchange

Strategies and Solutions:

- Delayed first date of exchange while we continued communication and addressed questions from city of S.C. partners
- Conducting exchange with backpack and wagon
- Encroachment permit and congregation concerns
- Weekly communications on planned exchange locations and shift observations

Santa Cruz Mobile Exchange

Locations:

- Coral St. near HPHP and Housing Matters, Neighborhoods near Natural Bridges , River walk near Dragan Arch Memorial

Initial observations:

- 2 shifts (8/30/23 and 9/06/23)
- 56 encounters
- 45 new participants
- Reconnecting and making connections for referrals and persons who have not accessed program in years
- Low syringe collection and distribution

Watsonville Mobile Exchange

First shift 8/17/23



Watsonville Mobile Exchange

Strategies and Solutions:

- Integrating exchange services into established multi-agency outreach venue
- Conducting exchange from table
- Cleaning lot post shift
- Working to maintain communication with community and city partners

Watsonville Mobile Exchange

Location:

- River Park

Initial observations:

- 4 shifts (8/17/23, 8/24/23, 8/31/23 and 9/7/23)
- 77 encounters
- 48 new participants
- Breaking through stigma
- Low syringe collection and distribution

Next Steps

Shift Reduction at Fixed Sites:

- Last Wednesday shift on the Emeline Campus will be 9/20/23
- Last Thursday shift at Watsonville Health Center will be 9/14/23

Tracking Participant Engagement:

- Participants who stop using fixed site exchanges when shifts are reduced

Thank You

