

## **April Health and Human Services Coordinating Council Member Advisory Updates**

### **Behavioral Health Commission (BHC)**

The commission reviews and evaluates the community's public behavioral health needs, services and facilities where mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services are being provided.

#### Key Updates

- Held a Public Hearing on BHSA 3-year plan at March Meeting
- BHC Retreat planned for April.
- Subcommittees are building work plans.

#### Community Engagement Opportunities.

- HHSCC members are always welcome at BHC general and subcommittee meetings. Committees include Adult Treatment and Prevention, Youth Treatment and Prevention and Crisis-Justice Involved Continuum.

#### Opportunities for HHSCC to provide input

- All input our member advisory boards have on mental health and/ or substance use related concerns among their constituencies is welcomed. You are critical in helping us understand the needs in our community.

### **Adult and Aging Commission (AAC)**

The Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission is made up of volunteers who track aging trends, monitor services, and listen to input from service providers and the public. The Commission was created to report to the County Board of Supervisors about resources and needs concerning older adults and people living with disability, their families and support networks.

#### Key Updates

- From 2/25/26 - Chris Costa, Sacramento County Counsel provided Brown Act training.
- AAC's Ad Hoc Committees now identified as standing committees due to ongoing work for 1 year and to keep in line with the Brown Act.
- Pam Miller from Agency on Aging Area 4 retired February 28, 2026, Will Tift is the current interim.
- Aging Resources Exchange had virtual presentations in February and March. Meaghan Ethridge presented on 2-1-1 services, and Christina Irizarry presented in March on Community Wellness Response Team.

#### Community Engagement Opportunities

- PEARLS letter of support submitted to Board of Supervisors. 5 over 50 Volunteer Awards event scheduled for May 19th at BOD chambers.

## **Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**

### Key Updates

- Women's History Month in March
  - a. Held the 2nd Sacramento County Women & Girls Festival March 7, 2026 with over 70 organizations participating and a crowd of about 800 people.
  - b. Partnered with the Sacramento History Museum on a local women's history exhibit, open through April 11th
- Educating ourselves on housing and homelessness issues pertaining to women and families, particularly older women. We will hear from Sac Steps Forward at our April meeting and the county in May.
- There will a presentation from a representative from Sacramento Steps Forward and Emily Halcon in May.

### Opportunities for HHSCC to provide input

- How we can support older women at risk of becoming unhoused and women who are unhoused.
- There will be presentation from Sacramento Steps Forward

## **Children's Coalition**

The Children's Coalition is a Sacramento County Board of Supervisors appointed advisory body on matters relating to needs of children, youth and families.

### Key Updates

- SCCC executives just started ongoing talks with other representatives about reorganizing and possibly realigning with another entity. There are many questions and our whole coalition will be involved in a discussion this Monday, April 13 beginning at 4pm.

## **Disability Advisory Commission**

The Disability Advisory Commission (DAC) advises the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on issues pertaining to the disability community and County compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations.

### Key Updates

- The Sacramento County Public Health conduct a Hospital Preparedness Program exercise to ensure that the healthcare system can maintain operations during disasters on Tuesday, May 5. DAC members were encouraged to participate in the exercise.
- Members reviewed the draft Officer Nominations procedures and the executive committee will meet prior to the April 7 DAC meeting to select a Nominations Committee Chair.

- Dustin Knott shared information he learned while doing research about service and emotional support animals, in preparation for the subcommittee to review a revised draft policy.

### **Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)**

The purpose of this Board is to serve as advisory body to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on matters relating to local public health planning and policy issues.

#### **Key Updates**

- The last Public Health Advisory Board focused on the measles outbreak in Sacramento