

**Sacramento County
Public Health Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2025 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Meeting Location

3400 3rd Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817

Facilitator: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Opened: 4:05 PM

Category	Name	Attendance
Community Member	Sonal Patel	
Community Member	Chase Smith	Yes
Community Member	Bekalu Amare	Yes
Public Health/Health	Rachel Weinreb	Yes
Community Member	Nia Jones	Yes
Community Member	Stacy Anderson	Yes
Community Member	Ellen Shank	Excused
Community Member	Samantha Rapp	Excused
Youth Member	Michael Lee-Chang	Yes
County Staff	Nick Mori	
County Staff	Ivan Mendoza-Manzoi	Yes
County Staff	Lori Miller	Yes
County Staff	Andrew Mendonsa	
County Staff	Tim Lutz	
County Staff	Michelle Besse	Yes
County Staff	Dr. Olivia Kasirye (Ex-officio)	Yes
County Staff	Noel Vargas (Ex-officio)	Excused

Guests: Melinda Avey, Nikos Technopoulos, Nikita Noel, Jennie, Amanda

Review of Minutes: The September minutes were approved unanimously (Motion: Amare, Second: Anderson).

HIV Health Services Planning Council Appointments: PHAB members approved reappointments and new appointments to the HIV Health Services Planning Council (Motion: Weinreb, Second: Smith)

- **Covered California and Impact of H.R.1 bill**

- Approximately 660,000 Covered California enrollees will be uninsured because of changes brought about by the passage of the H.R.1 bill in Congress. DACA recipients will not be eligible to enroll in Covered California healthcare plans. Additionally, Advanced Premium tax credits, which provided financial assistance for low and middle-income families, will expire. This will lead to increased insurance premiums for families.
- The shrinking pool of individuals who purchase insurance plans through Covered California will also lead to sharp increases in insurance premiums.

- **Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (SUPT) Updates**

- The centralized placement pool can now place residents in residential treatment, withdrawal management, or detox centers within ten days.
- A new residential treatment facility, Paradise Oaks, is operational in the County. This facility serves boys aged 12-18 years old.
- The County is expanding SUPT support services in the Hmong and Mien communities, schools, and the older adult population.
- The Safer Sacramento program received recognition for its social media campaigns, which inform residents about substance use and provide training programs for mental health.
- Data from the coroner's office show that fentanyl overdose deaths declined by 27% in Sacramento County.

- **Adult Correctional Health Updates**

- Adult Correctional Health is preparing to implement the CalAIM program, which aims to ensure continuity of care for clients before and after their release from prison. The program includes pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment and facilitates a smooth transition to community-based health services.
- To support and guide the implementation of CalAIM, ACH has contracted a consultant who will provide the necessary tools and direction to ensure the program launches in October 2026.

- In 2024, the County received Prop 47 funding, which will be used to provide pre-release and post-release support for individuals involved in the justice system. These services include access to shelter, social service linkages, mental health support, and substance use treatment and prevention. The County has partnered with Exodus Projects, a care coordination contractor, to deliver these services to individuals released from jail. Over 700 former incarcerated individuals have been screened through the program funded by Proposition 47, with 198 individuals successfully enrolled in its programs.
- **SNAP Benefits**
 - The County worked with food banks, food distributors, and partners from the Edible Food Recovery Program to coordinate a response to the freezing of SNAP benefits. SNAP benefits have since been renewed.
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